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Hong Kong Response Project

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Hong Kong Project Phase 2: A Faithful Journey (Londy Chan)

As the Hong Kong Project comes to the end of its second phase, we thank God for His faithfulness throughout this journey. We are also deeply grateful for the prayers, partnership and encouragement of churches, ministers, volunteers and supporters who have walked alongside us.

Building on the work of Phase 1, Phase 2 shifted its focus from helping Hong Kong newcomers settle in the UK to supporting their long-term integration into local churches and communities. Our hope was not simply that Hong Kong believers would adapt to a new country, but that they would continue to grow as disciples of Christ and become active members of their local churches.



Over the past two years, we continued to strengthen relationships with both Hong Kong communities and Baptist churches across the UK. Across both phases of the Project, 25 newsletters were published, each reaching more than 600 subscribers. We also visited over 35 churches to share about the ministry and organised six Cantonese worship gatherings in Derby, Bristol, Leeds, Wolverhampton, London and Nottingham. These services brought together around 500 people in person, with many more joining online.

Prayer and discipleship became central to our work during Phase 2. We organised 14 online prayer meetings involving around 135 participants, including Hong Kong Christians and local ministers. Four Bible English courses and two discipleship through learning English training programmes were also held. English learning became more than a practical need—it opened the door for Bible study, conversations about faith and the building of new friendships.



Staying connected between events was equally important. Through newsletters and three WhatsApp groups, participants shared prayer requests, ministry resources and practical information. These online communities also enabled people from different parts of the UK to

encourage one another and exchange ideas for ministry.

The Project also responded to issues affecting Hong Kong migrants. When the Immigration White Paper raised concerns about possible changes to the BNO visa route, we worked with

the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) to share information and encourage churches and individuals to respond to the consultation. It was encouraging to see Hong Kong believers and local churches standing together in support of Hong Kongers.

Personal Reflection (Londy Chan)



Looking back, what encourages me most is not the number of activities we organised, but the people I met. Many participants are now more deeply involved in their local churches, serving in different ministries and building relationships across cultures. Some who first joined the Project looking for support have since become deacons, trustees and ministry leaders. Their journeys remind me that discipleship is not only about receiving care—it is about growing to serve others.

Although we did not establish regional Hong Kong hubs in the way we had originally hoped, the experience has given us valuable insights. We learned that sustainable regional networks take time to develop. People first need to settle into their new lives, build relationships and become rooted in their own churches before they are ready to take on wider regional ministry.

For me personally, it has been a privilege to serve in this Project after first benefiting from it myself. Sharing many of the same experiences as other Hong Kong migrants has helped me understand both the challenges and the blessings of settling in a new country. Above all, this journey has reminded me that while we faithfully do our part, it is God who opens doors, changes lives and builds His Church.

As this phase of the Hong Kong Project comes to a close, we give thanks to God for all that He has done. We pray that the relationships built, the leaders raised up and the seeds planted will continue to bear fruit through local churches across the UK. May God continue to use His people to welcome, disciple and serve those He brings into their communities.

Personal Reflection (Sharon Shek)



There are thousands of emotions in my heart as the Hong Kong Response Project comes to an end.

Looking back to the day I was appointed as the Hong Kong Response Project Co-ordinator, I remember the feeling excited, grateful, and deeply privileged to have the opportunity to serve in a new country as a newcomer.

Over the past five years, this journey has often felt like "crossing the river by feeling for the stones"—learning each step as we went. During this time, I have learned so much about British culture and have been blessed to meet many wonderful friends

and faithful pastors. Your smiles and warm welcome helped me feel accepted, and I know this has been the experience of many Hong Kongers who found a home in local churches.



I have met many church leaders and ministers with humble hearts who were willing to learn and ask how they could welcome and support Hong Kongers. I have witnessed pastors and church members offering practical help— assisting families as they moved home, driving people to buy groceries, helping to assemble furniture, and even working in gardens. Love is not only expressed through words; it is demonstrated through practical care and compassionate action. I feel incredibly privileged to have witnessed this lived out in our local Baptist churches.

I want to say thank you for everything you have given and for every prayer you have for Hong Kongers.

Whenever I have had the opportunity to share or preach in a church, I have been encouraged by the openness of the congregations. Their open hearts and minds have created space for Hong Kongers to serve as leaders. Today, many local churches have appointed Hong Kongers as leaders and deacons. It is a beautiful picture of people from different cultures serving God together.

We are beginning to see bridges built between Hong Kongers and local congregations. It has been a long and sometimes challenging journey of growing in understanding, building friendships, and following God together. My prayer is that we will continue to seek God's Kingdom together and faithfully live it out side by side.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of this remarkable journey.

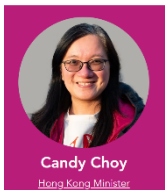
It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life, and I will always be grateful for the love, kindness, and partnership we have shared.



Next Journey Of Hong Kong Project

Although the second phase of the Hong Kong Project has come to an end, support for Hong Kongers and the churches welcoming them will continue. We are pleased that this ministry will now be carried forward through WEBnet (the West of England Baptist Network) [Webnet here.](#), where Candy Choy will serve as the Volunteer Hong Kong Minister. We give thanks to God that the relationships built through the Project can continue to grow and bear fruit in this new chapter.

Candy Choy – Voluntary Minister for the Hong Kong Project



Candy is a minister from Hong Kong, currently serving with the WEBnet. A seasoned church planter and pioneer, she brings 22 years of ministry experience and a deep heart for mission. She is passionate about walking alongside Hong Kong people and families as they find community, belonging, and faith in a new context. She longs to see churches become places of welcome and blended worship, where different cultures are woven together in Christ. Warm, pastorally wise, and approachable, Candy loves helping people explore faith, grow as disciples of Jesus, and discover the gifts God has placed within them. She is especially passionate about raising up and encouraging emerging leaders.

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