

"To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you" II Corinthians 10:16

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

The National Security Law, passed in 2019, criminalizes many forms of dissent and was, supposedly, only aimed at those against the government. But because it is written so vaguely, there have been many arrests which has caused much fear among non-profit organizations, journalists, media companies, and now, small businesses. Recently, we had a gospel tract that was designed with the Chinese words "hope." **The printing company that we have used for the past 10 years said they would not print it and gave us our money back (this never happens here)! They said it was because the design was "too political, too religious, and had too many Bible verses" (we had the Romans Road on the back).** This is one of the many reminders that things are changing and becoming much more different than when it was under British rule.



Summer Outings

Although the summer holiday here is short (about 6 weeks), we did have some exciting outings with our young people. From learning to play "capture the flag" to visiting a trampoline park, we enjoyed fellowship and investing in these teens, who are our church's next generation. One adventure took us to Five Guys, where one of our church members knew the manager, and we were able to get a good discount. For some of them, it was their first time eating a hamburger other than McDonald's! **Please pray for their spiritual growth and that those who need to be baptized,**

will follow the Lord in that area.

New School Semester

September brings a new school year and we are excited for the opportunity to minister to children and their families. Our kindergarten started the new school year with a full enrollment of 126 students, which is a blessing because of all the families immigrating out (2 nearby preschools closed because they could not enroll enough students). We are thankful the children and teachers are adapting back to pre-covid schedule of schooling from 8:30am - 4:30pm. In addition, we have started homeschool for our children full time now. It is quite different from the break-neck pace of local school, but a welcome change. Our children really enjoy being able to learn things from a Christian perspective as well. **We have been blessed to have met some other homeschooling families in the area and are meeting together on Thursdays where Andrew helps lead a physical education class for the younger kids. We hope to be able to reach and influence these families for Christ.**



Prayer Requests

- Pray for safety, opportunities, and wisdom as we minister in a place that is transitioning.
- Souls saved and spiritual growth.
- Complete healing of Elena's fractured foot.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of the work. Without them, we would not be able to be here.

In Christ,

Andrew, Elena, Alexander, Angela, Anthony, and Ashley Au