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Dear prayer partners,

In the past six months, the unrest in Hong Kong has continued since the Hong Kong Government cannot address the demands of Hong Kong people and the oppression of Hong Kong protesters by the Hong Kong Police did not stop. The security, economy of Hong Kong is deteriorating. Please pray for the worrying situation in Hong Kong. Despite the difference in root causes, there are many similarities between Hong Kong and South Africa. The security and economy of South Africa is also worsening. The Government here is also incompetent. It even confiscated land without compensation. Many farm owners, professionals and technical experts migrated to other countries. The state-owned airline and power supply company continued to cause troubles. The corruption of the power supply company is serious and has to take out loans for continued operation. On 9 December last year, Stage 6 load shedding was implemented (power suspension for three times, two hours for every time). The President was so worried that he shortened his visit overseas and returned home to help solve the problem...

The worsening situation has also affected the local churches including FBCSA. The ability to provide financial support for pastors of some churches is at stake as the main supporters has migrated to other

countries. There is also shortage of manpower serving the churches, including trained pianists and guitarists. At least three sister churches have mentioned their concerns to Barnabas. The congregation almost have to sing acapella. Barnabas felt the urge to help them but can only help one of them, the Crossroads Community of Christ(CCC).

Since October 2019, led by Kathy Ishler, four sisters have undergone training of playing the electronic piano every week. They learned diligently. They joined the hymn dedication in the musical worship on 24 November 2019, in which they sang the song "God is good" and "Jesus is the answer" while playing the piano. This is encouraging. Since end of November 2019, two brothers who had completed Matric joined the training of playing guitar. They were willing to spend time practising and asking questions, helping to shape Barnabas as a better teacher. We hope that they would help to serve as pianists and guitarists so that Barnabas can be released to help other churches.

Thanks be to God! 2019 is a steady year for PCCC. In the last month, i.e. the Christmas period, though many sisters and brothers went back to homeland or went on vacations, the church still has an attendance of over 10.

On the first Sunday in 2020, Barnabas delivered a sermon titled "Love You(in Chinese, this You means God) Love You" based on Mark 12: 28-34. Barnabas also handmade some pairs of glasses and bookmarks as gifts for attendees for mutual encouragement.

Love You- I have to love the only God, my God, with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all my mind, and with all my strength.

Love You- I have to love my relatives, people of different beliefs and even my enemies. I have to love you as myself! The principle seems simple but it is difficult to act it out. May we learn to love You and love you in the new year of 2020.



The plan of 2020

As the visa of Barnabas will expire in August, Barnabas has to apply for renewal of the visitor visa (volunteer) first and then we can apply for the renewal of Peggy's visa. The time needed for the applications may be long or short and there are many uncertainties.

Consequently, this year is not suitable for furlough, which has to be extended to 2021. The exact time for furlough is yet to be decided. Barnabas will let you know in due course.

In order to let more sisters and brothers to be prepared to participate, the year plan is publicized and distributed. May God prepare the hearts of brothers and sisters.

Highlights of the year 2020



1. The 7th Guitar Class (Starts from Feb. 9th)



PCCC Youth Band
第七届民谣吉他班
招生 2020

适合任何有兴趣的初学者
 时间: 2月9日起逢星期天 3:30 - 4:30 PM
 (满三人开班)

费用: 每季R1,000 (第三季起免费)
出席 > 80% 者发还 R200!
出席 100% 者发还 R500!

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26/11 截止, 报名从速!

从零开始 | 自弹自唱 | 享受玩Band

29/11(日) 结业典礼获颁证书

The Guitar Class has been open for enrollment. Vibhuti Huang, a new member of the Youth Band, was the first one to enroll in the class. However, she probably has to stay in Cape Town. May God guide her in the way forward.



Chen Yan Ru, who dropped out in 2018 due to objection from the Jehovah's Witnesses, enrolled in the class again. May God grant her persistence despite the objection from other people.

Last year, one participant remained despite four people enrolling in the course. To promote the class and arouse people's interest in it, Barnabas distributed a large number of pamphlets, together with the monthly magazine of Chinese Today, and pasted posters to publicize the class.



After distributing the pamphlets, Chau, a sushi chef who came to church before showed interest in learning the guitar.

Chau was a good friend of Teacher Zhang who used to learn guitar, and Chau has once watched Zhang playing guitar in 2016. However, Chau runs three restaurants/ sushi bars, and is going to open the fourth one. He is considering if he has enough time to learn guitar. May God guide him and prepare more participants for the class.



2. Youth Band

The Youth Band had a new formation with two new members and a graduate of the guitar class, Jason Ma, joining the Band in 2019. The members who had left were replaced by new members, making the total number of member to ten.



Do you still remember the new member, Jenny Li?



She participated in the Chinese Language Class and the Gospel Camp in 2015. She later returned to her homeland to finish her primary school and went back to Durban for further studies. In a blink of eyes, she can play the guitar, play the piano and sing, the standards of which are above that of other members. Thanks be to God! She will become the pianist for Sunday Services since 19/1 this year.

3. The ministry of table-tennis

The table-tennis competition held in past years attracted many participants but the duration was too short. This year, training courses (cum play day) will be launched before the competition. The competition will also be divided into the preliminary round and the final round as the preparation for gospel work. May God use the competition to attract more people to attend the gatherings to learn about Jesus. Although we are willing to be the coaches, it will attract and convince more people to join if the courses are instructed by professional trainers. May God prepare the trainers for us.

4. Short-term mission (1 -17 April) cum the Gospel Camp (3-5 April)

Thanks be to God! He has prepared a short-term mission team for us (The Church of Christ in China Morrison Church), which is a nine-people team led by Rev. Kwan. The team will help leading the Gospel camp, gatherings of the Good Friday and Easter. Thanks be to God! He has prepared an ideal camp site named "To Strand" which we have never been to, and is a very large, beautiful and well-managed camp site. There are many activities provided on-site, suiting our needs. Please pray for the preparation of the short-term mission trip and the publicity of the Gospel Camp, and God may use the short-term mission team and the Gospel Camp to spread the Gospel to many people.

5. Short-term mission(21/12/2020-2/1/2021) cum Bible Study Camp (25/12-27/12)

Thanks be to God! Rev. Kwan has contacted two willing people to join the short-term mission trip and lead the Bible Study Camp. May God prepare more brothers and sisters to join the trip. As it will be Christmas when the camp is held, but camp sites that are familiar to us are only available for long-term rental. May God prepare for us a suitable camp site.

2019 Events



(20191103 Jane Chen and Jason Guo Baptism Ceremony)



(20190913 Malaysia Short Term Mission Team leading the Mid-Autum Festival Evening)



(20191124 6th Music Service)



(20191222 Christmas Party, finished before load shedding)



(20191231 Year End Thankgiving Service, Counting God's Grace in games)



Progress of renovation

After the completion of the renovation work of the kitchen and lighting, another renovation work has commenced since 7 January: the shower and fans of the hall. We intended to complete it in three days so as to be well-prepared for receiving the short-term mission team and the congregation attending Sunday Services during summer.



Peggy's sharing

Peggy went back to Hong Kong on 26/12/2019. As she had fallen down before and suffered from dermatitis, she almost could not go aboard the plane. Thanks be to God! Later she consulted a good doctor who prescribed suitable medication. She gradually got better and went on a trip with other family members. The following is her thanksgiving for the last year:

Thanks God that Sharon, Yee and Eunice have changed jobs and met new and good co-workers! The sons-in-laws also take good care of the daughters!

Thanks be to God! Peggy formally served as the pianist and the feeling of fear has gradually subsided. Thank God that the short-term mission team has come to help with the Gospel Camp and the mid-Autumn Festival gathering. They have really helped a lot!

Thanks be to God! Peggy suffered from minor ailments, reminding me of the importance to rely on God at any time and to understand more about the feelings of patients. Peggy is grateful for having the opportunities to learn.

Thanks be to God! Though we were scammed, God is still reliable. He prepared for us the dog named "Shalom" and the two dogs of the neighbour. Our security has enhanced a lot.

Thanksgiving and prayer requests

1. Please continue to pray for the situation in Hong Kong. May God grant Hong Kong peace as early as possible!
2. Thanks be to God! The progress made by the pianists and guitarists of CCC made Barnabas proud. May God grant them to be qualified for the pianists and guitarists who can help in the Sunday Services of the church.
3. Thanks be to God! With two new members joining the Youth Band, became three together with the new graduate of the guitar class, Jason Ma.
4. Please pray for the recruitment for the guitar class. May God grant more than three interested and persistent new participants.
5. Please pray for the preparation work of the short-term mission trip cum the Gospel Camp titled "Knowing You, Me and Him" to be held in April. May God use it for benefitting people with the good news.
6. Pray for the preparation for the short-term mission trip cum the Bible Study Camp to be held in December. May God prepare a suitable camp site.
7. May God help brothers and sisters to grow through learning "Love You Love You" in 2020.

Thank you for your prayer!

Peggy & Barnabas



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