



April 2026 Update

Dear Friends,

He is Risen Indeed!

We were very thankful to be able to celebrate our first “official” Easter here in HK. As you know, last year our family made a short trip back to the US to participate in Ashli’s younger sister’s wedding. While Easter in HK isn’t quite as culturally prominent as it is in the US, it’s still recognized as an official holiday, which brings some special opportunities to invite people to church.

In the weeks leading up to Easter, our church family held an Easter street outreach with games and activities for kids, and special invitations for our Easter celebration service. We received some great feedback, and we were able to see two young people come to Christ right there on the street as our people talked with them about the true meaning of Easter. There were great contacts made, and we even had several families join us for Easter as a result.

One other unique divine appointment happened one evening near the church. Our family was having dinner together just before the midweek prayer meeting when we noticed a lady and her three children seated next to us. The kids were actually making faces at each other, which gave Ashli an opportunity to strike up a conversation with the mother. Turns out she had lived in Australia for a couple years but now was back in Hong Kong and decided to homeschool her children. This is quite unique for HK, especially for a non-believer, which this lady is. However, the shared experience of homeschooling gave Ashli an immediate connection with her and by the time we left dinner, they had already arranged a time to get together for a play date with the kids.

Her family also joined us for Easter service, and afterwards, the lady commented to Ashli that this was the first time in her life that she heard that Jesus was a real historical person. It was a sobering reminder about how many people around us are truly blind to the truth of the gospel and the great opportunity we have to shine its light in dark places! Please pray with us for this family to come to Christ as we continue to be intentional with that relationship.

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Speaking of opportunities, God continues to open unexpected opportunities for gospel witness. In March, Ben was connected (through another ministry friend) with a man who had been recently saved and was teaching at a private school near our church. He was new to the faith but had a burden for his students to hear the gospel. After sharing lunch together, He asked if I (Ben) would be willing to come and speak with the students in his school about purpose and meaning as a way to spark gospel conversations. While the school is private, and located here in HK, the students all come from mainland China. Several weeks later, I spent several hours on a Tuesday evening (yes, they even have school in the evening) with three groups of about 120 students in total. It was awesome to have the opportunity to share the truth of God's word with them, and I'm praying to have continued opportunities with this school in the days ahead. I asked the students during my talk about how many knew who Jesus was and if any had read or seen a Bible, and only about half said that they did. Another reminder of the great need of the gospel here in Asia.

Our family is well and the older four children are all attending local schools with the goal of language acquisition. Our two older boys, Levi and Titus, are making slow but steady progress in Chinese and even being a witness whenever they can. For Easter, Titus had a desire to invite all his classmates to church, so he prepared (with mom's help) a small Easter treat and an invitation to church. Thankful for tender hearts towards the Lord in our children.

Another huge blessing came on Easter Sunday when I (Ben) was able to baptize our two oldest (Levi & Titus) along with another young girl from our church. The boys had been asking about baptism for some time since they'd both made decisions for Christ. However, we were intentionally waiting to ensure this was coming from the work of the Holy Spirit vs pressure from us or others. This year, we felt that both boys understood the gospel clearly, had demonstrated saving faith, and also understood the meaning and purpose of baptism. We even had an additional "bonus" baptism that afternoon as there was a teen from another local church in a different city and without a pastor that desired to be baptized. Ashli had spent the previous three weeks guiding her through a discipleship book. Easter afternoon her family, along with some from their church, traveled by train to Yuen Long and to see her baptized. What a great picture of the gospel.

We're so thankful for the many opportunities and doors the Lord continues to open for us here in Hong Kong. Thank you for praying and standing with us! We couldn't do this without you.

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