



## August 2026 Update

Dear Friends,

It's been a hot summer here in Hong Kong—both in terms of the heat index and the number of amazing opportunities the Lord has given us!

In early July, four of the five Baucum kids finished the semester at local Chinese-speaking schools. While the completely Chinese environment had its difficulties for them, we're thankful for the progress they all made over the course of the semester.



With school ending, we also took time as a church family to recognize those crossing special milestones. We had kindergarten, primary school (or elementary school in the US), secondary school (high school), and even a couple of college graduates. Please be praying for one of the high school graduates in particular, who will be attending a Bible college in the US this fall. We're thankful to see the Lord's leading in each of these young people's lives.



The rest of the month was spent preparing for two major summer events here at our church: Children's Camp and Vacation Bible School. With the summer holiday being so short here, we ended up having both of these events back-to-back. While it was tiring at times, we're thankful for the good responses at both events, with nearly half of those in attendance being new families and children.



We're most thankful for a number of salvation decisions from the campers at our three-day Children's Camp, as well as several more during our five-day VBS. Another special blessing was seeing our church people step up in a big way to help serve at both of these events, with several taking multiple days off work so they could assist. Ministry is not an individual sport, and we're thankful for the servants God has brought our way.



Once the busyness of VBS and Children's Camp was over, we had a chance to spend a few days together as a family and cross the border into mainland China for some fun. Shenzhen is a bustling city just a few miles from Hong Kong, and with a population of over 18 million, it more than doubles the number of people living in Hong Kong.



We enjoyed some fun activities, including a drone food delivery and a driverless taxi, but we were also reminded of the great needs all around us. It can be overwhelming to think about, but between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, there are over 25 million people living in this region of the world, many with little gospel witness.

God even used our children to challenge us about being witnesses. We stopped to get the boys' haircuts while on the trip, and afterward, Titus asked if we had a gospel tract. I (Ben) hesitated at first, thinking about where we were and the implications of even this simple act, but then I recognized how little faith I had. The tract was given and gladly received. The opportunities are out there; we just have to be willing to take them!



Thank you for your prayers and partnership with us. We're grateful and thankful! If we can ever be an encouragement or blessing to you, please don't hesitate to reach out anytime.

Yours for Hong Kong,  
Ben & Ashli  
Levi, Titus, Jude, Selah, and Elias

P.S. We recently launched an Instagram page for the church in Hong Kong, so if you'd like to see updates from there, give us a follow: [@lighthousebaptist.hk](https://www.instagram.com/lighthousebaptist.hk)

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