

Leadership Development

Much more than one can see, hear and feel -- Exchanges with comrades in China

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In late May, several China partners came to Hong Kong for an exchange program, and they made use of the opportunity to meet with Christians in Hong Kong. These brothers and sisters are faithful supporters of churches in China and care about the ministry. Below is the sharing of one of the China partners, Evangelist Shi, who though being physically handicapped touched local pastors and believers with the multi-sensory experience of sight, sound and understanding!

Surpassing sight: Physically handicapped, yet spiritually complete!



Evangelist Shi shared the testimony of his own life for the sake of glorifying God! Local church leaders and believers were dazzled and responded with gratitude, "*It is indeed God's grace that this physically challenged partner came to Hong Kong to share with us in person. His testimony gave us great encouragement. Because he knows God, relies on God, and serves God, he has gone from being a lonely and helpless person with a disability to being able to witness for the Lord and do the Lord's work today, affecting many lives and living joyfully for the one and only God.*" Believers in the audience sincerely hope that the Father will bless Shi's ministry and that of his partners, and their testimonies will inspire more local pastors and believers!

Evangelist Shi shares his witness with the aim of glorifying God!

Siren in the ears: The situation is dire, take action to help!

Shi provided first-hand information to local believers about the situation of pastors in China and the lack of financial resources for churches. The believers listened attentively and made up their minds, *"From what he shared, we realized pastors in China constantly face harsh situations, such as those caused by the strict regulatory framework and volatile factors. The inadequate financial resources available to churches makes life difficult for some of the evangelists so much that they need to take up labourious side jobs to make ends meet. We are touched by what we heard and decide to support the missionary work in China in the future."* Churches and pastors in China are serving faithfully amid difficult circumstances, and we thank our Heavenly Father that local leaders and believers are hearing their needs and are willing to support!



We thank our Heavenly Father for His guidance! We are grateful that Evangelist Shi could come to Hong Kong to participate in the exchange program and meet with local Christians who care about churches and believers in China.

The hearts are pounding: Personal encounter adds weight to genuine partnership!

Chow is a Christian who met Shi through an online course on Marketplace Ministry organized by CCL, since then Chow and Shi had paired up to serve. Chow said enthusiastically, *"Shi and I have been partners in ministry during the past year. I met him for the first time during his visit to Hong Kong. The very first thing I noticed were the strong arms he built up through years of pushing the wheelchair, and I can't tell you how happy I am to be able to meet him in person. During the week he was in Hong Kong, I accompanied him in and out for a few days, and we visited many places, to me, it was tiring; yet Shi was always smiling and used every sharing opportunity to glorify God! Christians in Hong Kong are blessed to have churches nearby, but we are always late for church, and sometimes we don't even want to go. For Shi, going to church is never easy, and being able to serve the Lord is even more difficult. I am thankful for this fighter of life! I want to learn more from him on attaining stronger faith in God and upholding faith amid adversity!"*

Words of Evangelist Shi's Life Mentor:

"I have known Evangelist Shi for more than 10 years. It started when he was a member of a Christian brothers' group at a church in the Southern central region. Later on, he put aside his professional career in computer and took up theology studies. Then he started serving in the church. Subsequently, he got married and began serving in our online Marketplace

Ministry program. His journey has always been a difficult one. He has physical disabilities and had lived in an orphanage, but all these did not stop him from serving, and he continued to persevere. In recent years, there is noticeably much more smile on his face, he is always filled with joy, which I believe is the result of his ministry and his family.

When he came to Hong Kong for the exchange program, I was touched and thankful to hear his sharing with local leaders and believers. Moreover, his growth is very noticeable. Not only is he competent to work behind the scenes providing technical support on computer equipment, he is also gifted in delivering speeches vividly on stage. As his life mentor, I want to guide him in developing and utilizing his gifts in this area and encourage him to share what the Father has done in his life both online and on the stage, so that more people can be encouraged and blessed!"

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## **Please support the "Leadership Development Exchange" Ministry in 2023**

Required funding: USD 128,205

Ministry Target: To organize an estimated 200 seminars and exchanges on leadership, marketplace and family ministry, and serve an estimated 2,445 participants, to meet the various needs of churches in China.

**Call to Action: A donation of USD 52 can support one Christian leader in China to participate in a study/exchange session.**

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