

## **The Mandarin-speaking community is already here with us ...**

Over the years, the Mandarin-speaking Community Ministry team has been receiving two types of messages from pastors in China:

**Type 1: “We are planning to come to Hong Kong next month, is it convenient for us to go to CCL to meet with you?”**

On the day of the meeting, the pastor and his wife bring along a young and shy individual who is their child. This young person is entering university in Hong Kong. Being parents and unable to take care of their child while he or she is studying at a faraway place, the pastor and his wife’s worry for their child is understandable. What they can do is help their child network with trustworthy local groups in case he or she needs support while studying in Hong Kong.

**Type 2: “My friend has a son, for work reasons, his whole family has moved to Hong Kong. He and his family want to attend church service on weekends or Sundays, can you recommend a church close to his home?”**

Some of these individuals are believers, some are not. We refer them to churches with Mandarin worship, and if necessary, we even accompany them to attend church services.

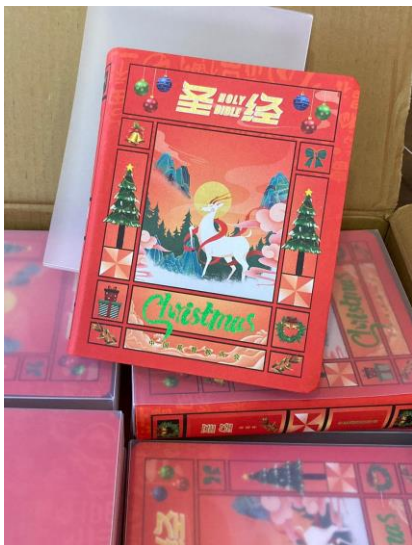
At the same time, some Hong Kong pastors share with us that more and more Mandarin-speaking individuals have been coming to their churches in the past few years. Some were already Christians in China, and they are now seeking to establish a stable church life in Hong Kong. Others heard and accepted the Gospel after having moved to Hong Kong, and they too are looking for suitable churches. Either way, there are people eager to know what the Christian faith is about. We met a pastor at a ministry-sharing dinner. With a little frustration, she said, “Some native Mandarin speakers recently came to our church, but I don’t know how to start reaching out to them appropriately.” On the same occasion, another church pastor shared, “This year in our church summer camp, all the new participants are young people from China. Although they can speak and understand Cantonese, they still feel that they do not fit in with the people of Hong Kong. This makes me wonder if their needs are also different?”

On the one hand, we have seen an increase in the number of China residents coming to Hong Kong, and on the other hand, we have heard local churches expressing their desire to serve these individuals. Through the CCL network, we know that there are some

organizations or churches that are very experienced in serving this group. How can we connect, share resources and make good use of the opportunity to reach out to these neighbours who are already among us and build them up in the love and truth of Jesus Christ?



The pastor from China trusts us. Not only do we greet his family, we also pray for their daughter for her adjustment at the local university.



Our partners in China graciously sent us copies of a study Bible – special Christmas edition. We gave them to churches that serve the Mandarin-speaking community in Hong Kong so that they can pass these Bibles on to individuals who are interested in seeking out the Christian faith. May this Bible be a special blessing to them.



# Enhance Collaboration, Demonstrate Hospitality

On 10 December 2024, we collaborated with six other organizations to hold a conference on “The Study of Spiritual Needs of the Mandarin-Speaking Community in Hong Kong” at a church in Tsim Sha Tsui. We shared the findings of a study with nearly 100 pastors, seminary staff, and co-workers of various organizations. Many participants were surprised to see so many local people and organizations serving God through reaching out to the Mandarin-speaking community in Hong Kong!



The conference held on 10 December 2024 attracted nearly 100 interested individuals from 32 churches, 16 organizations, and 3 seminaries.



Praying for more effective shepherding of the Mandarin-speaking community is the most important part of the conference.

We hope this special occasion can serve as a springboard to foster future collaboration so that different individuals and groups can become partners to work together, their resources and experience can cross-cultivate, and ultimately, the Mandarin-speaking community can receive optimal pastoral care.

We have this special group (the Mandarin-speaking community) who needs to hear the Gospel at our doorsteps. We hope that the findings of “The Study of Spiritual Needs of the

Mandarin-Speaking Community in Hong Kong” can guide church pastors and leaders to go forward in this ministry. The study also included some practical suggestions for the local churches (including: the church offering assistance for adapting to life in Hong Kong, witnesses of believers in the workplace and establishing genuine friendships, need for renewing the culture of the church), pastors and leaders can use them as reference in their planning process. May the Lord guide us to serve this group of neighbours together with all our hearts and strength!

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself.”*

*(Luke 10:27)*



**We sincerely invite you...**

## **Our Neighbours: the Mandarin-speaking community in Hong Kong**

“The Study of Spiritual Needs of the Mandarin-Speaking Community in Hong Kong” is just the beginning...

We need to go further on

1. Research – Recognize and clarify the needs of the target group.
2. Recruit – Identify organizations, seminaries, and churches that have the desire or experience to serve this target group.
3. Communicate – Establish platforms and networks to facilitate sharing, dialogue and collaboration.
4. Equip – Effectively utilize, collate and optimize resources and experiences of various parties.
5. Nurture – Genuine concern and sacrificial love for our neighbours.



Every opportunity to serve is important. Please take action to support US.....

**General Donation for Mandarin-speaking Community Ministry**

Purpose: To fund the ministry team's travel to and from China and local missionary work.

2025 funding requirement: USD 89,750

*Please support the ministry's needs. Thank you!*

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