

Today is International Labour Day.

Pray that all Christian Action's staff will serve with a willing heart as humble servants; and God will generously provide Mon all we need..... and with plenty left over to share with others (adapted from 2 Corinthians 9:8).

This month, our Sheung Shui Centre will organize different 3 interest groups and workshops on self-exploration, Wed inter-personal communications and job market info for the clients. Pray that we will continue to provide more need-oriented programmes for the unemployed in one of the most impoverished districts of HK.

Our Shine Centre will host a multi-cultural variety show in Jordan tomorrow afternoon. About 300 people including local, ethnic minorities clients and volunteers will stage a cultural performance and design different booths to entertain the residents in the vicinity. Pray that the ethnic minorities in HK will easily get integrated into the city through our ministry.

## **Prayer Answered**

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Thanks to all the corporate supporters, donors and friends, our Season of Love Charity Drive 2016/17 has raised almost HK\$760,000 to sustain our charity work in Hong Kong and Qinghai. We sold an unprecedented number of 6,000 gift boxes of egg-rolls a month earlier than scheduled.

The children & parents of the Centre for Refugees will be supported by a compassionate donor to receive early childhood educational aid as well as knowledge in parenting, self-care and child protection respectively so as to better prepare them to enter the local schooling system soon. Pray for His comfort, strength and presence for these sojourners stranded here for temporary refuge.

The Training Services Division and Social Services Division will host an activity sharing skills in job interviews, training and retraining programmes under the Employees Retraining Thu Board in Kowloon City today. Pray that the job seekers will seize the opportunity to optimize local resources to enrich themselves and actualize their dreams.

> Our Training Services Division will host a carnival at a park in Tai Kok Tsui tomorrow. Please pray that local residents will understand the essence of self-enrichment so as to pursue their dreams for a better life.

Praise God! 2

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Last week two adopted girls from the States arrived in Hong Kong for orientation in May before starting Christian "Back to Serve" in June. Pray for their easy Action's adaptation, strength, peace and joy from the 6-month of service in the Xining Children's Home and the Bridging Programme; and that they will empower the local social workers and the disabled children there.

Give thanks! In late April, our Migrant Domestic Workers Access to Justice team moved back to St. Andrews Church where we were based many years ago. It is now more Thu accessible downtown and for our clients to find us. Pray that the new partnership will uphold the same mission and vision as ours to aid these exploited workers when they face any injustice or abuse.

Thanks should be given to Dr. Yue, one of our board 6 members, for his generosity to hold a photo auction to raise funds for orphans and disabled children in Qinghai Sat Pray for seamless coordination and communication in running the event. May His name be glorifed.

Our Youth Development Service Team will organize an 8-day core course for the youth under the Youth Employment and Training Programme this month. Pray Mon that the beneficiaries will be enriched and equipped to walk on a God-pleasing path through our service.

Today is the last day for a fortnight's "Green Collection 10 Charity Drive" at a private housing estate in the New Territories. Pray for good-quality used items that we can Wed sell through our charity outlets, that partially finance our ministries in Hong Kong.

Today is the last day of a weekly English oral class 12 conducted by an American couple for 12 students sitting for the HK Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2017. Fri The initiative co-organized by our Ministry Coordination Team and Yuen Long Church starting from mid-April aimed at aiding them to speak English. Pray that the beneficiaries will be enriched to persevere in their studies despite the challenges ahead.

Today is Mother's Day! 14

As written in 1 Corinthians 13 Love—the Greatest of All. Pray that our staff will draw on God's love as we care for Sun each other as a mother cares for her child! Amen!



After returning safely to the Xining Social Welfare Institute, 15 Eric a youngster suffering from cerebral palsy, has continued his regular and intensive rehabilitation Mon programme. May God empower him to persist in this programme and praise God, Eric has walked 39 steps without any crutches or walker.

The Training Services Division conducted an initiative "Double Preparation" part 1 yesterday and will conduct part Wed 2 tomorrow to enrich the current DSE students to embrace our philosophy: teach a man to fish and he feeds himself for life. Pray that the attendants will improve themselves through our up-to-date training programmes during the gap period.

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Our Social Enterprise Division will open a florist at Tsuen Wan West MTR Station this autumn that is supported by Fri Home Affairs Department. Pray that follow-up action will work out smoothly as scheduled.

Our youth mentees of the 5<sup>th</sup>-phase Child Development 21 Fund Programme will go for an outing at Tai Po Waterfront Park today. Pray that our Ministry Coordination Team will Sun help to instill God's values into their hearts through this mentorship programme.

2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant 23 Reformation. Mrs. Cheung-Ang Siew Mei, our Executive Director, has embarked on a personal trip organized by Rev. Tue Li Ping Kwong this month to visit some of the historical sites in Germany closely associated with Martin Luther, the reformist. Pray that she will be spiritually uplifted and persist in following Jesus Christ's example with zeal and strength.

Please pray that God will grant the New Horizons Building 25 to Christian Action as our permanent headquarters and the for our social services and training Thu programmes. Pray that we will secure full support from the government, partners, friends, neighbours and staff so that we will strive to serve the neglected and deprived.

Christian Action Asia (USA) will organize and prepare several 27 Qinghai Vision Trips in June and September. Pray that God will connect more passionate friends to help ignite Sat life-impacting changes for the disadvantaged and disabled children in Qinghai.

From today to  $16^{\text{th}}$  June, we will co-organize a Green 29 Collection drive with Hong Kong Bank at its branches. Pray that more channels will be established to collect excellent Mon used or new items for resale in our outlets, and the proceeds will support our ministry work.

Our Mong Kok New Arrival Services Centre will start recruiting volunteers for our Flag Day on 9 August. Pray that we will draw in committed support and all participants Wed will understand the blessings of giving!

Please pray for the students completing the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (DSE) especially the ethnic minorities youth, that they will Tue discover their passion and direction in life as they map out their future career path under the help of our ethnic minorities services team. Please pray that they learn that God has a plan to prosper them.

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Our Information Technology Department has secured public funding to replace part of our obsolete capital equipment that we desperately need. The project together with our email server migration will be carried out this month. Pray for His presence and protection throughout the implementation. Amen!

Our Training Services Division will run a seminar in Yau Ma 20 Tei to deal with the dampness of spring in Hong Kong today. Pray that our trainees will be better equipped through our Sat practical and market-oriented training and retraining programmes to enter the job market with confidence and know-how.

The Qinghai Child Welfare Association and Christian Action 22 will jointly embark on the phase one pilot initiative offering training programmes for the children of welfare staff Mon located in 10 selected administrative centres of Hainan County, Qinghai. Pray that it will eventually improve overall child welfare especially those disabled and abandoned in one of the poorest provinces of China.

Let's pray for Christian Action UK that they will be 24 empowered as we stand united in prayer. Pray that more supporters and friends across the country will be moved to Wed support our ministry on the Tibetan Plateau.

In light of the increasing reluctance of global governments to receive refugees, our Centre for Refugees has run a pilot project sponsored by a foundation for a maximum of 50 Fri identified refugees to improve their employability in HK. Hopefully, the Director of Immigration will use his discretion to grant them temporary permission to work. Pray that this marginalized community will gradually regain their dignity and courage to become self-reliant and repay HK in the future.

A Placements Service has been recently introduced to the 28 Bridging Programme at Xining Social Welfare Institute in a bid to assist the disabled youngsters to subsist on their Sun own. Pray that our services will give hope and spread love; and they will learn to live a full and Godly life.

Today is Dragon Boat Festival! 30

May all of us meditate on His word: "in quietness and trust is your strength." Isaiah 30:15b during this public Tue holiday. Pray that we will be uplifted with His presence and wisdom to withstand any expected or unexpected challenges ahead in unity.



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