

1 Happy New Year!

Under the recurring coronavirus pandemic in Hong Kong and beyond, pray that all Christian Action's board members, staff, families and friends will be protected and provided for; and we would persevere to serve with a humble and peaceful heart. May God bless us abundantly so that we will embrace the mission of "Blessed to Serve" with one heart and one mind. Amen!

To better serve our clients, our Ethnic Minorities (EM)
Integrated Services Woosung Street Centre (WSC) and Tuen
Sat Mun SHINE Centre (TMSC) were closed for thorough
cleaning and sanitization from early December. WSC and
TMSC were re-opened in late December and today
respectively. Pray that we also raise our clients' awareness
of the importance of environmental and personal hygiene
in fighting the virus.

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Recently our China team has successfully relocated to a new Qinghai office with the new Xining Children's Home. Pray that we continue to bless the disabled orphans on the Tibetan Plateau through smooth collaboration with the local authority and staff. Pray that we continue to bless the disabled orphans on the Tibetan Plateau through smooth collaboration with the local authority and staff.

Despite the fact that our Child Development Fund Mentorship programme service teams have to cancel or postpone all group activities scheduled earlier due to the Covid-19 outbreak, they continue to stay connected with individual clients virtually in the Personal Development Plan stage. Pray that the mentees are inspired to choose to walk a Godly life through this life-impacting programme.

Praise God for turning a curse into a blessing. After an overwhelmingly successful fundraising campaign to rebuild our Centre for Refugees after a dreadful fire last August, renovations are underway now. Pray for His continued protection for the workers who have to work in cramped conditions; and that we strive to be the salt and light in this city through our ministry.

Today Mrs. Cheung-Ang Siew Mei JP, our Executive Director, in her capacity as a Justice of the Peace, may visit a Wed detention centre, if God allows. May God guide her as she acts with justice, love and mercy as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Our China Programme team is recruiting a local social worker or assistant for our enhanced services in the children's homes on the Tibetan Plateau. Pray that the candidate is dedicated and competent, and committed to serve in this ministry.

Today the Migrant Domestic Workers Programme team will co-organize a webinar with the AIDs Concern & the Fri Indonesian Consulate to learn their rights if they were diagnosed with HIV and AIDS and face illegal termination of employment contract or related issues. Pray that this marginalized sector feel cherished by the community through our ministry.

Mass layoffs and salary cuts resulting from economic stagnation have put many grassroots families under great stress to even feed their families with nutritious food. So we continue to lobby for partnership in our "Emergency Food!" Campaign to help feed 1,000 persons in need. Pray that more people will be moved to support the campaign!

To prevent further spread of the coronavirus, the Training Services Division has shifted the classes under the Sun Employees Retraining Board (ERB) as far as possible to "Hybrid Training Mode" since 7th December. Let's pray humbly in unison for His guidance and providence for our service at this desperate moment. Amen!

Our annual fundraiser, Season of Love Charity Drive, is in full swing. Amidst the epidemic crisis, may God uplift our marketing and promotional team to reap abundant fruits so as to support our ministries in both Hong Kong and Qinghai!

12 Children under the care of our children and youth programmes will take their special internal mid-term school assessments this month as the e-learning mode has been adopted for months and become a norm. Pray that all of them will learn "self-discipline" and work hard to achieve their best results.

Give thanks!

14 This new year will see about 120 young adults reach the age of 18, which by law requires them to leave our Thu children's homes co-managed with the local authority in Qinghai. May God bless them abundantly so that they will design their future path with confidence, hope and vigor.

Our Sheung Shui Centre received 600 anti-pandemic packs from a generous donor last month. Each pack contained some canned food, face masks, a small pack of rice and other sanitary products, which were given to clients on welfare benefits. Pray that more corporate partners will join us to deliver love and care for the distressed in one of the poorest sectors of the city.

- Coupled with the economic setback due to the pandemic, the unemployment rate is expected to escalate to as high as 8% in the coming 6 months. Pray for faith in Him, for His presence, His word, His empowerment and direction to guard us against all physical, mental and spiritual struggles. Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. Psalm 16:1
- Praise God!
 Despite the hardship brought by the current economic setback, most of the mentee families under the Child Development Fund Mentorship Programme have achieved their target savings; and will move forward to pursue their dreams. Pray that they would learn how special they are in the eyes of our Lord and regain self-confidence in the process.
- Some shelter clients of our Migrant Domestic Helpers Programme are dragged into court cases arising from their sickness or unfair dismissal in their employment contracts. In the wake of the recent tragic fire in a tenement building in Yau Ma Tei in mid-November, we decided to launch a fundraising campaign to carry out some essential refurbishment to the premises to lower the risk of hazards due to fires. Pray that there will be more believers to share our vision to help them.
- 21 Starting from this month, our Sheung Shui Centre and Continuing Education & Corporate Training Department will jointly launch a series of online workshops featuring basic make-up and acupuncture points for clients on welfare benefits in the Northern Territories. Pray that they will be enriched by the demand-oriented training and re-enter the job market with ease and vigor.
- To prevent further spread of the novel coronavirus in the community, our On Tai Service Centre has suspended its services including face-to-face counselling and regular meetings of the mutual support groups for clients on welfare benefits. Pray that the virus will soon be gone and we can resume our services accordingly.
- Due to recurring waves of the coronavirus infection, we may be affected emotionally with fear, worries, confusion, Mon disappointment, and find it hard to harness or let go of the pain, helplessness and hopelessness. May God heal the infected and comfort them and their families at this difficult time and beyond as He cares for every one of us.
- 27 As all our mentees from grassroots families are seriously hit by the Covid-19 pandemic, financially and mentally, pray
 Wed that we help impart right life values to them; and they will eventually decide to seek God and pursue a God-pleasing life.
- Please pray for our friends in the USA, that they would continue to spread the Word and increase our supporter base, especially prayer partners and financial supporters. Pray for our children adopted there and world-wide that they will be happy and being joy to their forever families.
- Our China programme has been implementing a placement-tied job training programme for young adults

 Sun upon mapping out their future career plan. Pray that we strive to equip them to map out an independent life with dignity, strength and hope.

- Pray for all-rounded protection and healing from Our Heavenly Father for all supporters of Christian Action UK, especially in the midst of the current Coronavirus outbreak in the country and beyond.
- 18 In light of the pandemic situation and social distancing measures, we offer our after-school care service and free Mon

 Blessing daily meal programme with varying adjustments and precautions. Pray that we keep filling up the service gap for the grassroots families, who struggle hard to subsist on a meager income.
- To curb the coronavirus, our Tuen Mun Service Centre has shifted most of the training/tutorial classes to e-learning Wed mode. May God protect the clients and staff of the Centre to undergo a smooth adaptation and implementation of all programmes.
- Our Social Enterprise Division has launched several green collection events in different private housing estates in Kowloon East this month. Pray that we help promote environmental conservation through our dedicated endeavors.
- 24 Let's commemorate the "International Day of Education" today. Pray that more people would be aroused to show concern for children of stranded refugees in HK, that they will have equal access to formal education as a means to break the vicious cycle of poverty, and to attain a more sustainable future.
- In November, a terrible blaze broke out in a tenement building in Yau Ma Tei, resulting in 11 people being severely injured and 8 deaths (4 of them were our Ethnic Minorities (EM) Integrated Services Woosung Street Centre's clients). Please continue to pray for His comfort for the bereaved families of the victims and steady recovery for the injured; and that there will be generous donors to support them during these extremely trying times. Pray for strength to our staff who are looking after these families in distress.
- This morning sees a meeting for the committee members of the Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor (HKCNP).

 Thu Mrs. Cheung, JP, our Executive Director, will join in her capacity as an Executive Committee member of the HKCNP. Pray that the network would shine in the city and present a unified testimonial for Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
 - Under the 4th wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, we teamed up with a corporation, Aloestree, to help disinfect crowded subdivided flats by using photocatalyst technology that kills germs with light. Pray that we strive to serve the disadvantaged through collaborating with different partners.

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