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Blessed 2025! Thank the Lord for His abundant grace and provision in the past year. May God continue to shower His blessings upon us and our dear clients, supporters, board members and staff, to have good health, happiness and prosperity in the new year.

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Peter 1:2

Our Long Ping Service Centre (LPSC) will host a BBQ party for both mentors and mentees of the 9th-batch CDF mentorship programme; and to celebrate the end of the programme for this batch. Pray that their friendships will last beyond the programme and all of them will feel loved and cherished through our effort.

To ensure the seamless transition of the Smart Classroom Scheduling System (SCSS), our Information Technology Department will conduct system training for the users this January. Pray that the system upgrade will significantly improve our work efficiency and service quality in the long run. Amen!

Our gratitude to our Lord for His guidance and provision! Thank you for all the support from our partner churches and friends! The recruitment of our 10th batch of the Child Development Fund (CDF) has progressed smoothly. Let's continue to pray for this! Our CDF teams will start the mentor-and-mentee matching later. May God shower them with His vision in matching the perfect pair to pass forward Godly values to our next generation; and His name be glorified, always. Amen!

Our government is currently launching stakeholder consultation on a proposed regulatory regime for Basic Housing Units (BHUs) until 10 February 2025 with a view to eradicating the substandard sub-divided units (SDUs) in phases. The SDUs are required to meet the relevant minimum standards. Pray for sensitivity and wisdom for all the stakeholders and government departments in charge to suggest and implement the policy; thus, eventually improving the well-being of the poor and needy.

Our EM service team at OTSC is planning to offer more tailor-made services for the EM neighbourhood community including parenting talks and internship programme for EM parents and the youth respectively. Pray that we strive to enhance community cohesion and sense of belonging for our neighbours: locals and EMs alike.

Echoing with the government's STEM-themed education, about 24 primary school pupils from our MKC will attend a workshop titled "Amgen 生物科技小先鋒" (a little pioneer in biotechnology) this week. Pray that we, by continuing to stimulate the younger generation in self-exploration, can

A new round of "Season of Love" Charity Cookie campaign is in full swing until the end of February 2025. We lift our charity booth and the whole campaign to the Lord, asking Him to sustain our ministries in both Hong Kong and Qinghai. Pray for continuous publicity and referrals from Friends of Christian Action, to continue to support our programmes and to share our vision and mission, always.

4 20 Ethnic Minority (EM) kids from our Mong Kok Service Centre (MKC) will attend a workshop about the cable car Sat operation system of the Ngong Ping 360. Pray that all of them will enjoy the precious moments, widen their scope of interests and life horizons. Amen!

This January, our On Tai Service Centre (OTSC) will organize different visits and workshops making various traditional festive foods for the clients on welfare benefits. Pray that we strive to foster community cohesion and deliver warmth and concern in our neighbourhood; and the beneficiaries would be synergized to feel embraced and cared for. Amen!

This afternoon, Mrs. Cheung-Ang Siew Mei, JP, our Executive Director, in her capacity as Chairman of the Ustice and Social Concern Committee (JSCC) under the HK Christian Council (HKCC), will hold a meeting. May God guide her words and steps when JSCC acts as a channel to uphold and practise His peace and justice despite the challenges ahead.

Please pray for His divine guidance, wisdom, and provision when we are strategizing different initiatives/programmes for the new fiscal year of 2025/26. May His Word be whispered and deeply implanted in the hearts of the service users through our ministries and services for the most marginalized sectors such as refugees, asylum seekers and foreign domestic helpers. And that the public will recognize us as following the example of Jesus Christ to walk with the vulnerable. Amen!

The China team is now appealing for funding to buy some urgently needed rehabilitation equipment for the physically Sun handicapped youth growing up at the Qinghai Social Welfare Institute who are experiencing a rapid decline in their physical strength. Pray for a generous donation for equipment that is well designed to give them more targeted rehabilitation treatments Hopefully, this will delay their deterioration and improve their holistic well-being.

Today a corporate video shooting will be conducted to feature our ministries in Hong Kong and Qinghai. May the pictures and stories show God's blessings over us in the past decades. Pray that more hearts would be touched to deliver His love and care for people nearby and faraway



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unleash their potential and that they will realize how precious they are in the eyes of Our Lord.

Our Sheung Shui Service Centre (SSC) is holding a regular advanced level sewing class named「縫紉の手作館 III」every Monday this month for about 5 welfare recipients to learn how to make handicrafts which they may sell them at the lattice shop (designed for them to see their DIY products).

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Pray that we strive to serve the disadvantaged in the poor districts of Hong Kong. May it also lift their courage and skills to live an independent and vigorous life in the future.

We will co-organize again with Hong Kong Talent Engage 17 and Hong Kong Quality and Talent Migrants Association the second Fai Chun Workshop this afternoon for 14 children Fri from grassroot families under our afterschool care programme at the Christian Action Centre (CAC). Pray that all participants will enjoy and learn Chinese calligraphy with fun. The finished Fai Chun will be presented to our elderly neighbours as a blessing. Pray that all beneficiaries feel the community concern and love particularly around Chinese New Year.

> Our Social Enterprise Department (SED) is co-organizing several ESG events stressing Environmental, Social or Governance issues with the Housing Authority this month. Pray that we continue to partner with different stakeholders in the community for green advocacy and environmental education to the public. Amen!

Mrs. Cheung, in her capacity as a member of the Executive 21 Committee under the HK Christian Council (HKCC), will attend its bi-monthly meeting. Pray that all churches from different denominations in HK and Christian organizations would be unified as one Body to withstand future challenges. Amen!

The SSC will conduct a visit to our SED's Charity outlet in 23 Sheung Shui for its welfare benefit clients to learn more about the normal operation of the shop next week. Thu Hopefully, they would be equipped with the job skills and confidence to secure full-time employment very soon. Pray that we continue to empower the vulnerable sector in the city. Amen!

The SED has jointly run two green collection events with 25 different organizations at private housing estates. Pray that the partnership further arouses awareness of the Sat importance of pre-Lunar New Year cleaning and decluttering, and as an act of generosity to benefit the poor.

Chinese New Year is just around the corner!

Today is a great cleaning up day in Chinese tradition and extra helping hands may be needed. Pray that the trainees Mon of our domestic helpers training course will cater to that need. Pray for their health and safety as they meet the demands of additional workload. Amen!

Blessed year of the Snake! 29

When we celebrate family reunions, marginalized sojourners particularly refugees and some migrant domestic Wed workers living in our shelters must bear daily mental and emotional stress during the festive season. May they be personally comforted by God's presence and protection.

Our government is preparing the upcoming Budget 2025-26 31 in a bid to plan a smart and prudent budget for the city. Fri Pray for divine wisdom and insight for the government authorities to come up with the right policies to stabilize Hong Kong's economy and enhance its future development despite the economic downturn. May God also nurture the spiritual well-being of the people of HK. Amen!

through our dedicated services. Amen!

This afternoon sees a board meeting for the Hong Kong 16 Church Network for the Poor (HKCNP). Mrs. Cheung will Thu join in her capacity as one of its directors. Pray that the network would shine in the city and present a unified testimonial for Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

This week (18-25 January) is the Week of Prayer for 18 Christian Unity. The event will be attended by hundreds of clergy and staff members from different Christian Sat denominations and organizations. Please pray for greater visible unity of Christians as One Body. This year's theme is "Do you believe this?" John 11:26.

It is a time to celebrate. 20

A private club house has generously donated 125 turnip Mon cakes for the Chinese New Year to our deprived families from MKC. Pray that we will garner more support from different parties to sustain our ministry for the deprived families; and all of them will enjoy this wonderful blessing and gift from God. Amen!

Please continue to pray for the smooth establishment of 22 our Diversity Hub at Chung King Mansions, the first museum dedicated to our ethnic minority communities in Wed HK. This mini museum is guided by EM youth, being empowered by our enrichment programme. Pray that it will be formally launched on schedule.

Let's celebrate the International Day of Education today 24 designated by the United Nations highlighting the role of education for peace and development. Without inclusive Fri and equitable quality education and lifelong opportunities for all, countries will not succeed in achieving gender equality and breaking the cycle of poverty that is leaving millions of children, youth and adults behind. Pray that more members of the public would be moved to support the notion.

Some Tibetan children from our Qinghai children's homes 26 will return to their extended families during the holidays. Pray that they will grow better and stronger; and understand how precious they are in the eyes of the Lord. Amen!

Today is Chinese New Year's Eve. 28

In this traditional festive season of family reunions, many of our clients from our different service centres, will return to Tue their homeland. Please pray for their safe and wonderful trips.

The Training Services Division strives to launch various 30 training and retraining courses to equip our trainees in various industries and services, such as health and beauty, Thu food catering, property management, etc. Pray that our reputation and goodwill will spread across the city; and may His inspiration and wisdom help empower job seekers and trainees seeking career advancement. Amen!

