

Shatin Family Life

A monthly newsletter by and for the Shatin Anglican Church family

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A Beautiful Brunch

We were reminded of our wonderful and beautiful Jesus as Lord and Savior through EJ's testimony at the Ladies Brunch. Through much prayer and clinging to him in trust, we heard how he has been faithful and stayed with her through ups and downs from childhood into adulthood. Praise God for His beautiful Son and EJ's testimony!



We also enjoyed delicious foods and great fellowship. Pauline led a flower arrangement session where we took home gorgeous pots of flowers. Come join our next 'Ladies Brunch' in November!



Get to Know our Mission Partners

Christian Action's migrant workers programme was established in 1993 to support migrant workers who are vulnerable to abuse. The migrant workers groups in Hong Kong are Indonesian, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi, Indian and others. We provide a platform for migrant workers to access justice and advice when they encounter problems during their employment. Many migrant workers in Hong Kong do not know their rights, or where to

get help when they face abuse. We help provide advice related to the Employment Ordinance, as well as escort, prepare documents, and liaise with officers at the related departments. We also provide a temporary shelter for workers who lose their jobs and have no place to stay. We provide them with free food and free accommodation, activities and education (language classes among others).



[Tania] **“This is the place where I can serve and talk to them about the love of Christ to this world. In this place, the migrant workers can feel the love of Christ.** Please

pray that God will give me and team the wisdom, patience and knowledge when dealing with the migrant workers' issues. Pray for us to always apply God's teaching in our daily words and actions so that we can be good followers. Please pray that God will send the right people to help and support us in our programme.”

Christian Action’s refugee centre is the only community centre for refugees and asylum seekers in Hong Kong. To this vulnerable community, we offer hot meals, clothing, shelter and other basic necessities. We help refugee kids enroll in school, and help adults learn new skills. We provide casework, advocacy, counseling as well as psychosocial support, medical and legal referrals.

[Aime] **“I love to see refugees in our centre finding themselves at home far from their homes.** Pray for more understanding of refugees from the local community and for HK government to enact compassionate policies.”

Come pray and hear more about how Christian Action is ministering to migrant workers and refugees in Hong Kong at our next Prayer & Praise meeting on **Friday, 25 May.**

Get to Know the Church Family

Mardelle and Steve Ho

Hi! We are Steve and Mardelle Ho and we have been attending Shatin Church since July 2015. We moved to HK from Vancouver, B.C. Canada, where our 3 children currently live. Our oldest son Michah just got married in September to Yuko- our lovely daughter in law

from Japan, who happens to be a very gifted pianist. Kemily our daughter is marrying fellow lawyer, Will Stransky on May 28th!! Our youngest son Bren, who just visited us in HK with his girlfriend Isabel a week ago, is in his 4th year at Simon Fraser University studying Computer Science. Steve has been a freelance composer for 30 + years and we moved to HK so that he could take a post teaching composition at EDU. Mardelle teaches piano part time at International Christian Quality Music School, Education University, as well as private lessons.

Steve and I met in choir at the University of Western Ontario and discovered we were both majoring in Composition. We also discovered that, in spite of us both coming from very different backgrounds, he, a foreign student from bustling Hong Kong and me, from a small town in British Columbia, had both been raised in Christian homes. **This has proved to be of tremendous value over the years of trying to build a home and raise children, especially combining two very different cultures.** Not enough can be said about the value of a praying parent and their prayer networks! Speaking of homes, shortly after we moved across Canada for Steve to pursue his DMA studies at UBC, his parents immigrated to Canada and we bought a home that could accommodate all of us. It was instant Cantonese immersion for me as my Mother In Law could not, and still does not speak English. Fortunately my Father In Law did. The benefit of having their help , taking care of our children while we worked, my Mother in law having dinner on the table after work was such a blessing and I am very grateful for those ten years we lived together.

We very much enjoy the warmth and friendship of our church family at Shatin Church and I especially appreciate the children in Explorers who have made moving far away from my children much more bearable! You may see also see us playing the keys with the worship team or Steve sometimes on drums and Mardelle on accordion.

Praying for the Church

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread **and to prayer.**” Acts 2:42*

- For the **church survey** to give the leadership a real insight into our strengths and weaknesses; wisdom to interpret the response and find a way forward
- For the **church family to open up our homes** and use it as a place of hospitality, fellowship and evangelism
- For **newcomers** to quickly find ways to be part of our church
- For **those exploring** the Christian faith to find the living God in Jesus Christ
- For many **couples who are preparing to be married** (4 couples to be married Jun '18 - Jan '19), and those who have recently gotten married



Church Family Day Away

Save the Date! Oct 27th

Out of the Depths; Into the Heights

Come for great fellowship over buffet lunch and BBQ dinner, and our first Shatin Church Talent Show

Venue:	Noah's Ark, Ma Wan
Speaker:	Dr. Andrew Reid, the Principal of the Evangelical Theological College of Asia (ETCAsia) in Singapore, will be teaching us about Life and Jesus from the Psalms.

This newsletter is put together by and for the Shatin Church family to share life and bless one another. If you have anything you'd like to share on this newsletter, please email mary@shatinchurch.org.hk.

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