

Shatin Family Life

A monthly newsletter by and for the Shatin Anglican Church family
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A Hong Kong Wedding

Pineapple bun, sausage bun, coconut tart and egg tart aromas, mixed with the scent of lavender floated around the reception hall as guests chatted and enjoyed the local treats. Friends and family from all four corners of the world flew or rode the MTR to come honor and celebrate Kevin Chiu and Sadie Granberg's wedding. It was unanimous that the bride was gorgeous, the venue at SKH Saint Mary's Church beautiful and the groom a loved man.



Elsy-dog smiling with joy.

Get to Know our Mission Partners

Generation Ministries (Peter and Bev van der Westhuyzen)

Peter and Bev have been in full-time missions ministry for over 30 years after Peter's career as a project design engineer. They started Generation Ministries (a ministry of World Outreach International) during their four years in Hong Kong while ministering to Vietnamese refugees.



Their ministry reaches out with the Gospel to the children of Asia – particularly in the restricted access nations of China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Bangladesh, and North-east India. **Their original goal had been to see 100,000 children won to Christ. This has been surpassed,** and providing ongoing discipleship curriculums and programs for children are now a key part of their team's ministry in five nations.

When asked what missions means, Peter replied,

“Missions for me is about acting out with compassion for the needy. Jesus did that. We see many needs and we should act upon them. So every Christian can be in some sort of mission. **But particularly we need to focus on the eternal perspective.** Reaching out to those who don't have the opportunity to hear the gospel. In unreached people groups, least reached people groups, places where poverty hinders their access to church...” (“Peter and Bev van der Westhuyzen,” 2015)

Peter and Bev have also experienced various challenges along the way -- cultural, financial, bureaucratic, physical and health -- which they persevered and overcame with humility, patience and asking for forgiveness. Current challenges include financial need for ministry buildings in Bangladesh and Myanmar, the government hindering ministry work in Vietnam, and working in places where there are very few Christians.

Despite the challenges, Peter encourages others going on missions to go and serve gratefully:

“What a huge privilege to be able to give our lives full-time to the service of the King for His purpose of extending the Kingdom throughout the world. The greatest

enterprise ever undertaken and the most important one.” (“Peter and Bev van der Westhuyzen,” 2015)

There will be a presentation from Generation Ministries at the Praise and Prayer Meeting on Friday, 29th June. Come join us to pray for them!

Get to Know our Ministries

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SALT is our young adults (university to 30's) ministry that aims to equip for godly living.

Currently, we're looking through God's Big Picture by Vaughan Roberts that walks us through the storyline of the Bible, and how its sixty-six books all fit together under the theme of the kingdom of God.

What people say about SALT

"SALT is where friendships are made by sharing a meal, praying for each other and doing fun things together."

"Gathering of deep thinking spiritual young people 😄😄😄"

"I like SALT because it is a group of young people from different backgrounds and cultures coming together to share and encourage each other in our love for Christ and each other."



SALT starts at 7:30pm with pizza dinner for everyone. Whether you are new to the church or have been around Shatin Church for a while, all are welcome. We'd love to get to know you and grow with you in Christ!

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*

Praise:

- For the recent baptisms of Alson, Jaana, Hanna, Kelvin and Jay on June 10th. Pray that they'll continue to grow in the Lord.
- For the Owens family's trip to England. Praise that there were no big problems of health for Micah.
- For a great term of Tea and Tots ministry, for volunteers who served faithfully, for the relationships that were formed.
- For Pauline Chew's two years of apprenticeship with us; for her growth in faith over these two years.

Pray:

- For the safety of many of our church members who are traveling over the summer; pray that they will continue to grow in their holiness and love for Christ
- For those who are battling cancer and other illness; pray for Carmen Li's family grieving her daughter Kathy.
- Karen Gillman's C-section is scheduled for Friday June 29. Pray for a safe and smooth delivery of the baby and for them to adjust quickly as a family of four.
- For our church not to be affected very much by the move to SKH Lam Kau Mow Secondary School this summer
- For those who have recently joined to integrate quickly into Links small groups and into the life of the church.

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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