

Shatin Family Life

A monthly newsletter by and for the Shatin Anglican Church family
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Get to Know Our Mission Partners



The Friedrich Family

“ We both came to Hong Kong with a heart to reach out to young people, especially those around University age, and have served through different platforms the past 12 years for Maik and 9 years for Katie. We met while working for a ministry in 2009 and later got married in 2011 in Hong Kong. Hong Kong really is the “home base” for our family since we are from two different countries (Germany and USA). This was reinforced when our son Maximilian was born here in 2016. During our time here, we have grown and been stretched in many ways. One way is that God burdened our hearts for some very specific needs of young people and we believe He has given us the gifts and experience to bless this city and these people that we love.



Maik, Katie, and their son, Max

We enjoy travel, good food, and simply being together as a family. Also we truly do enjoy working together when possible. Maik likes to keep up with sports (especially the German soccer league) and Katie is into coffee and spending time with friends. Max is currently a big fan of heavy machinery and trains.

Empower Asia started out of that burden that we felt after working with students for many years. We saw time and time again their unique struggles of being overburdened and hopeless and had to do more to help them! Our mission statement is to “empower young people for life- personally, professionally, and spiritually- through training coaching and mentoring.” EA is a neutral platform to help us reach out through training events, one on one coaching and soon via our mentoring program. We believe it’s imperative to give support and encourage these young people who feel overwhelmed and burdened by

academic and societal pressure. We hope to be a lifeline to those who feel that they are hopeless because they don't measure up or are just lost as to how to navigate life. We give them tools to do that - and hope to ultimately point them life in Christ.

We firmly believe that God's kingdoms advances when we love and serve these young people and they begin to get a glimpse of the abundant life (John 10:10). Also so many students have their physical needs met but suffer as spiritual orphans and we want to connect them to spiritual parents through mentorship so that they will experience and receive the love of Christ.

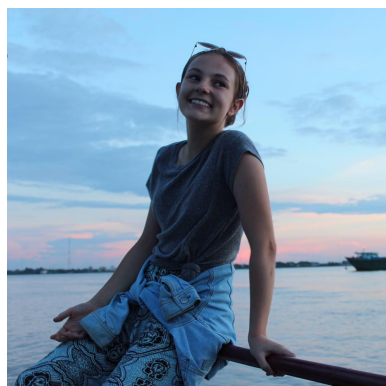
Prayer requests for Empower Asia

- Please pray for the students in HK that will come to our programs -- that they will know God's purpose for their lives and that they would connect to the message of hope that we incorporate into our services, and ultimately find a relationship with Him
- Pray for more schools and universities to be interested in our services and that those services would be impactful
- Pray for wisdom for us in developing the next steps of our organization
- Pray for new partners to sponsor students so we can reach more students
- Pray for physical, mental, and spiritual protection for our family

Get to Know the Church Family

"Congratulations!" to our youth who have just graduated and are about to start their next adventure. Let's encourage and pray for our young adults as they make their next journey in life. (We weren't able to interview every youth who has graduated, so please give your congratulations to anyone we've missed here, and ask how you can pray for them.)

What will you be doing post-graduation?



Natasha Rode-Christoffersen: I actually graduated last year and just took a gap year, but I'll be studying at CEU (Universidad Cardenal Herrera) in Valencia. I'm going to be studying veterinary science. It's also a bilingual course, so half of the course is in English and half in Spanish.



Enpei Zhang: It's still not completely confirmed, but most likely I'll be attending University College London (UCL). I hope to study

medicine, because I love the science behind how the human body works, and I love helping and interacting with different people. I'd probably want to do something within paediatrics because I really enjoy working with children.



Jonathan Yeung: I will be studying in Queen's University in Canada and plan to major in Commerce. Queen's University is located in Ontario in a small town called Kingston which is from the east of Toronto and requires a three hour drive from there.

Are you expecting any challenges to your Christian faith?

Natasha: I'm not really expecting any big challenges in my faith, although perhaps it'll be difficult moving out and dealing with that. My school is catholic and although I'm not in complete agreement with Catholicism, we have a lot in common, so I don't feel too worried.

Jonathan: There will probably be a lot of challenges towards the Christian faith throughout the university life, as there are people who do not believe in Jesus. Personally speaking, I do hope to find a fellowship group there and develop my relationship with God.

How will you continue to grow in your faith?

Nathasha: My university is actually catholic, so they have lots of faith based groups; however I am planning on going to an international church not too far from my school.

Enpei: Every time I go to London, I attend All Souls Church, and I plan to do that in university. All Souls Church is really closely linked to Shatin Church and is where Rhys, Keturah and Heewoo all did their training. It's also a much older church with a lot of history and a very enthusiastic community, which I cannot wait to situate myself with. I hope to jump straight into kids ministry at All Souls, as I really enjoyed it here at Shatin. While I'm in Glasgow visiting my brother, I can also attend the Tron, which is another well known, but quite different church, which I've enjoyed attending before.

Jonathan: There is a church located around 10-15 minutes away from the university, and hopefully there are campus fellowships as well :)

How can we pray for you?

Natasha: I would love it if you could pray for me to have stamina, a good work ethic and certainty. I would really love it ❤️.

Jonathan: Pray for a smooth settlement into my new university and adjustments towards the lifestyle there. Most importantly, hope that I could develop my Christian faith there as well.

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

- Thanks for the provision of SKH Lam Kau Mow School to meet over the summer; praise for the great staff who have been so helpful.
 - Praise for Pauline Chew who has finished her two years as an apprentice; pray for her to use her gifts for God’s kingdom and be a blessing to the Church!
 - Pray for SKH LKM School to go through the tender process for building the lift quickly, so that we can permanently move to the school in the future.
 - Pray for all those who are traveling over the summer, for people to be growing in Christ wherever they are; thanksgiving for the opportunity to be renewed and rest.
 - Pray for those who are new to Hong Kong as they visit Shatin Church and other churches; pray that God will lead them to churches where they’ll grow in Christ!
 - Pray for sermon series ‘Kingdom Life’ to help us to see how to live differently in this world; pray for it to make an impact in how we live.
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Help Wanted: Storage Space

Glenys and her roommate need a place to store some of their furniture while their flat is undergoing major repairs/renovations as the result of a flood. The amount of storage space needed is approx. 36 sq. ft (eg. 6’ x 6’). Dates needed: 15th August to 9th September. Please contact Glenys for details if you can help.

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