

Dear Friends,

We're Halfway There!

We're so excited to share that as of the beginning of April, we've crossed the 50% mark of our financial support goal! We're incredibly thankful for the generosity of God's people and for all those who are already begun partnering with us in prayer and regular financial support. In addition, we've received several one-time donations that should cover all our initial transition expenses (airfare, setup) to Hong Kong! God has been so faithful to meet our every need and we rejoice in His gracious provision every step of the way.

When we shared this exciting news with the kids and reminded them about our planned departure in the fall, Levi (our oldest) had a question. He asked that if he prayed and asked God to help us raise our support sooner, if that would mean we could leave for Hong Kong sooner than we had planned. I responded, "absolutely".

Pray with us as we trust the Lord's direction and provision for the exact time for our departure! Up to this point, our plan had been to leave for Hong Kong by the end of October or at the latest- the beginning of November. However, we would be more than glad to leave earlier if He allows!

Please pray with us that God to connect us with the right partners over the next several months so we can raise the other 50% of our needed support. We currently have many open dates in May through July, and praying that God continues to open doors to share about the opportunity in Hong Kong. If you know of any ministries that are considering new missionary partners in the next few months, please send them our way!

(If you'd like to see a calendar of our currently scheduled meetings, please send us a message and we'd be glad to share the link with you)

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Miles and Miles

We've been so thankful to have had the opportunity share about the open door in Hong Kong with nearly 20 churches and ministries. We've traveled from California to Florida, north as far as Wisconsin and Minnesota, over to Ohio and Virginia, and then back to Florida. This month (April), we'll be spending a few weeks in Texas after a much-needed time of rest over Easter week. We were so grateful to be able to participate in the special services at our second church home, West Florida Baptist, and see three packed services of people hearing about our risen savior! Later this month, we'll be traveling to Geogia, and then wrap up the month in North Carolina. To this point, we've driven about twelve thousand miles with almost zero issues (we did pick up a screw in the deserts of Arizona) so we're incredibly thankful for God's protection. Pray with us for continued protection as we still have many more miles to go over the next few months.

31 on 31

Over in Hong Kong, God continues to use Dick and Trish Baucum as they lead the ministry of Lighthouse Baptist in Yuen Long. In the weeks leading up to Resurrection Sunday, they challenged the people to ask God to bring 31 new first time guests to the special Easter Services. The people prayed and invited, and on Easter (April 31st) they saw exactly 31 one first time guests come to the services and hear a clear presentation of the gospel! The message was brought by our former pastor and good friend, Dwight Tomlinson who was in Hong Kong for a short visit. (To read more about Dwight and Gayle Tomlinson and their ministry called Barnabas1040, please click this link) Even better, there was a lady that trusted Christ after the service. God is saving people and changing lives!

Blessed to Serve

We're humbled by the doors that God continues to open on our behalf and excited about all the many opportunities to make an impact for His kingdom. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel. We are truly blessed. If there is any way we can be of service, or if you'd just like to connect and chat – please reach out anytime.

Yours for Hong Kong, Ben & Ashli Baucum (Levi, Titus, Jude, Selah)

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