

The Testers

HONG KONG

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Dear Pastor Carter and friends at Canyon Creek Baptist Church,

Hong Kong is a city of transits. Most of the expats (people from other countries) that make up our church, come to Hong Kong expecting to be here for only 2 years. We have several families that attend regularly and give financially to the work but in the back of their minds they are only here temporarily and are reluctant to join. In a recent sermon about the church and using your talents for the Lord, I asked two of our men how long their initial contract was when they came to Hong Kong – 2 years. When asked how long they have been here, one responded 8 years and the other 11 years. Within two weeks we welcomed 2 new families into our church, one from Portland, Oregon and the other from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Pray for the family from South Africa that is “attending”.

One of our families moved to Shanghai, China recently. It has been difficult for them to find an appropriate “fellowship” in that city of over 20,000,000 people. What a reminder of the tremendous needs in China. Pray that William and his family will either find a church or be the instruments to start one there.

When you pay \$8,000 US a month for rent on a 2,900 sq. ft. meeting place, it doesn't take much of an economic crisis to make itself noticeable. Our ability to do much more for the church is hindered by the \$752 drop in our own average monthly support. Like you, we have felt the pinch and have cut back everywhere that we can.

We were scheduled for a regular furlough next year (it has been 5 years since our last furlough). Instead, we will only take a three month furlough and try and be in as many churches as possible. If you would like us to come and report, please contact us by email.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness during these difficult times.

Yours in Christ,

Mike + Caroline

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