

# IMPACT REPORT 2021

DISCIPLING LEADERS WITH AND FOR THE CHURCH



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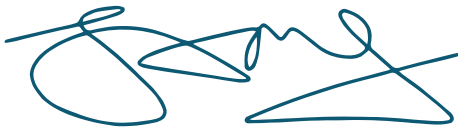
Thank you for picking up Hong Kong Young Life's first ever Impact Report.

We want to share with you some of the testimonies from 2020 to 2021. This is a significant year for me as it is my first with Young Life, and what a time it's been! I am honored to be a part of what God is doing through this organization and to partner with such a great team of colleagues and supporters.

There have been uncertainties at every turn, yet God has come through time and again and shown us that He's in control. Despite pandemic restrictions, we have been able to go deeper with individual kids and created new ways to connect. We have also focused on working with the Church to train leaders to reach out to young people.

We are committed to Hong Kong and bringing every kid to Christ. Our ministry is a cross-cultural ministry, and we will continue to do whatever it takes to meet each young person where they are at. Please let me know if you'd like to know more; I'd love to get to know you more too!

Blessings,



James Tang,  
Executive Director





## OUR MISSION AND VISION



# INTRODUCING ADOLESCENTS TO JESUS CHRIST AND HELPING THEM GROW IN THEIR FAITH

We believe faith in Jesus has a life-changing power to give eternal hope and deep purpose to every individual. Our vision is to transform Hong Kong through transformed lives.

Every day of the week, you will find us working with schools to invest in and love students by providing one-on-one mentorship, tailored spiritual development and leadership training, as well as community outreach through partnership with other like-minded organizations.

Join us in empowering the next generation to unify and lead our city as mature Christ-followers and committed servants.

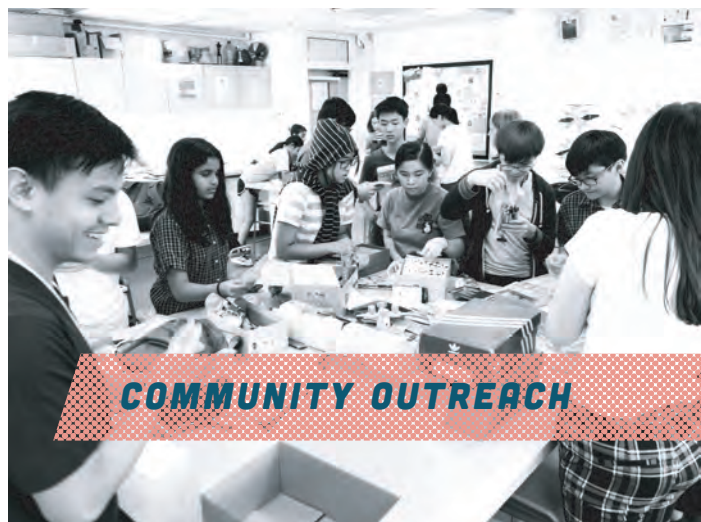


### ONE-ON-ONE MENTORSHIP



### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

# PRAISE REPORTS

**2020 CHALLENGED OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT, TO UPLIFT AND ENTRUST EVERY SITUATION TO GOD. PRAISE GOD FOR HIS SUSTENANCE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO SO!**

**SMOOTH TRANSITION IN LEADERSHIP FROM JOSH POWELL TO JAMES TANG AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



## INITIATIVE #1

**INSTA CLUB** // Just because we can't meet in-person, doesn't mean we can't have fun and share the Gospel online too!

## INITIATIVE #2

**CARE PACKAGES** // For Young Life Summer Camp, we created "Camp-in-a-Bag", and for Young Lives we had "Playgroup-in-a-Box".



## INITIATIVE #3

**POSTCARDS** // Bringing back the snailmail to send some love.



## INITIATIVE #4

**LEADERSHIP TRAININGS** // Thankful for all the supportive adults who want to outreach to more students.

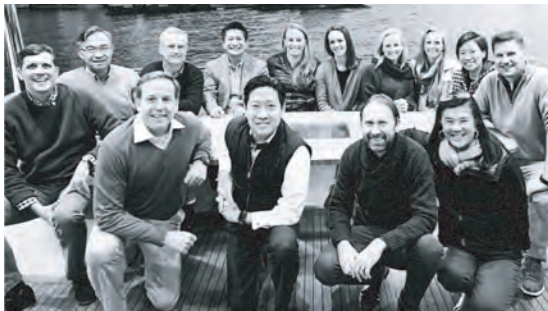
# OUR STORY

## THEN

- YL Young Life Club (2013)**
  - 1st ever Club
- YL Young Life Camp (2014)**
  - 1st ever Camp partnered with a church



- YL Ministry Growth (2016)**
  - YoungLives ministry started in addition to local and international secondary school ministries
- YL Support (2013)**
  - Steering Committee formed to help launch Young Life



- YL Staff (2015)**
  - Growth to 5 full-time field staff and 1 part-time staff

## NOW

- YL Young Life Club (2020)**
  - 13 different clubs throughout the ministries being held regularly
- YL Young Life Camp (2019)**
  - Coordinating international, local and YoungLives camps



- YL Ministry Growth (2020)**
  - Young Life University ministry started, totalling 3 areas of service
- YL Support (2021)**
  - 7 governing members on the Board



- YL Staff (2020)**
  - 10 full-time field staff and 4 part-time staff

## THE NEED

**IDENTITY  
COMMUNITY  
DIRECTION**

**ACADEMICS  
CAREER  
PASSIONS**

**BELONGING  
PEER PRESSURE  
FAMILY**

**INFLUENCE  
ANSWERS  
GOD**



**• 2017 STUDY BY THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS FOUND THAT 51% OF SECONDARY AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DISPLAYED SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION AND CLOSE TO 40% EXPERIENCED HIGH LEVELS OF STRESS.**

**• HKJC CENTRE FOR SUICIDE RESEARCH AND PREVENTION OBSERVED THAT SUICIDE RATES FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS INCREASED BY 76% BETWEEN 2012 TO 2016.**

Any frontline ministry staff will tell you that a conversation with a youth will show you how hungry they are for truth, a sense of belonging, and direction. It has become ever more palpable and evident since the political unrests of 2019 and the COVID pandemic, just how much they are looking for something real and stable to build their lives upon.

# WHERE WE WORK AND HOW

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

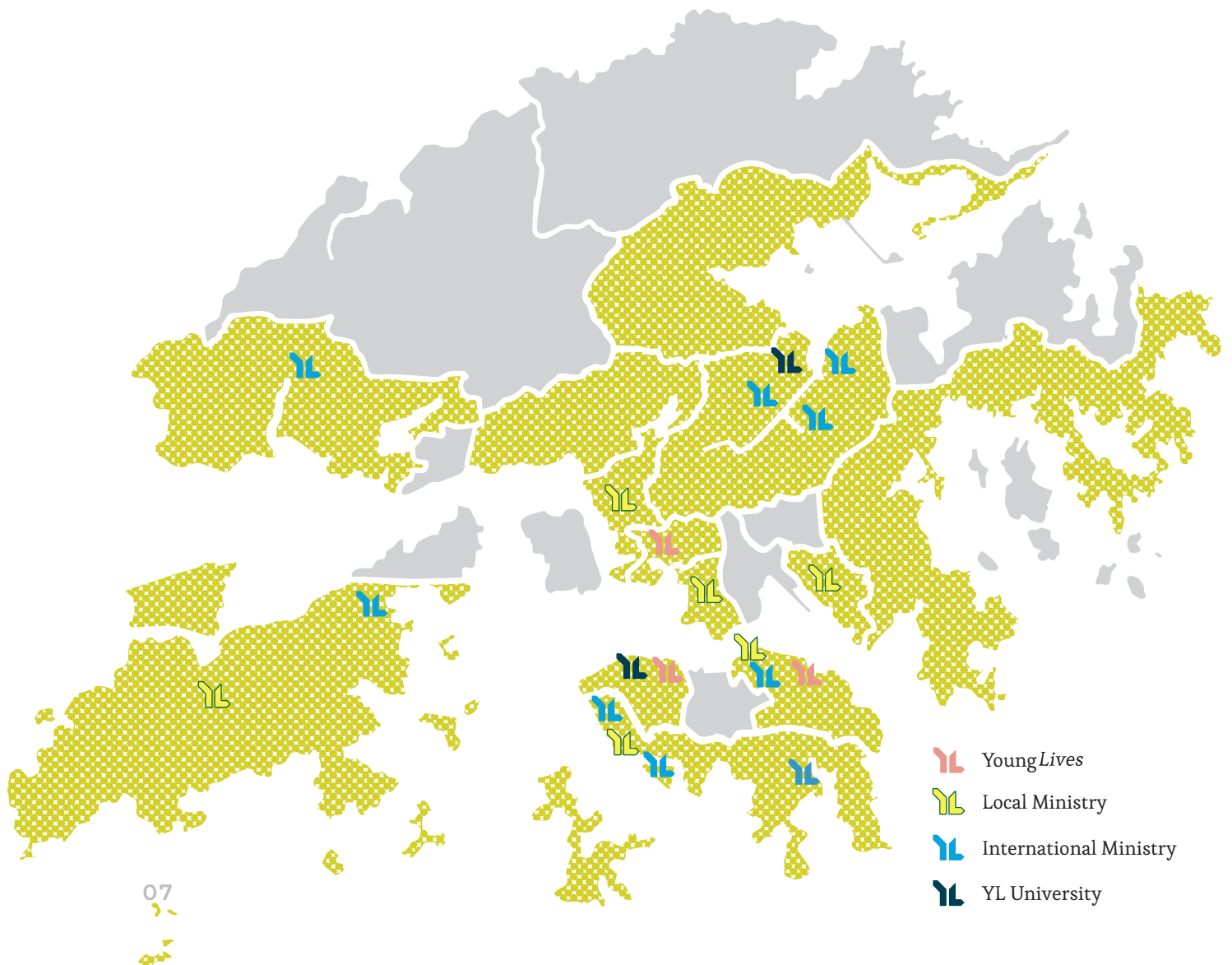
We reach out to all secondary students in relevant ways, wherever they are at in order to connect them to Christ.

## YL UNIVERSITY

We support and guide the next generation shaping our city.

## YOUNGLIVES

We work with vulnerable mothers age 25 and under from anywhere in the city, gathering in places suitable for playgroups and Clubs to encourage and support their early years of motherhood.





## **CONTACT WORK – CARING FOR KIDS**

Within Young Life, we call the persistent going out into the world of kids, "contact work." But kids just call it friendship. We relentlessly go to where kids are to earn the right to be heard.

## **CLUB – A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE**

We like to think of it as a party with a purpose. Before the party ends, we share the message about Jesus and His love for them because that's what the celebration is all about.

## **CAMP – THE BEST WEEK OF THEIR LIVES**

A week where deep relationships are forged in the midst of mind-boggling fun, while also experiencing and listening to what we believe is the greatest love story ever told.

## **CAMPAIGNERS – QUESTION, LEARN AND GROW**

Campaigners (a name that points back to the early days when Young Life was referred to as "The Young Life Campaign") is a weekly meeting for kids who wish to learn and grow in their faith through Bible study, service and leadership.

## **COMMITTEE – ADULTS WHO CARE**

The community — comprised of parents, volunteers, teachers, and others who care about youth that provides a foundation of support.



# LOCAL MINISTRY

**146** Kids Known By Name

**113** Average Monthly Club Attendance

**26** Average Monthly Campaigners Attendance

**16** Volunteers



## LOCAL SCHOOLS

PUI YING SECONDARY SCHOOL

NORTH POINT CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL



YMCA OF HONG KONG CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

LINGNAN DR. C.W.K. MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



NING PO COLLEGE

## OUR MINISTRIES

### TESTIMONY

Karene first met this 13-year-old Nepalese girl with a Buddhist background at school. She was sent to an all girls' boarding house because of domestic violence. She struggled with anxiety, and always felt on edge.

Thankfully, at the boarding house, Karene was able to have regular video chats with her. She had a lot of questions. One day, she asked Jesus Christ into her life, and for God to become her heavenly Father!

Since then, she has also become more accepting of welcoming her earthly father back into her life.



### LOCAL MINISTRY TEAM //

Karene, Emily, Ursula (Left to right)

# INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

**713** Kids Known By Name

**672** Average Monthly Club Attendance

**65** Average Monthly Campaigners Attendance

**25** Volunteers



## OUR MINISTRIES

## TESTIMONY

“Throughout my short time of knowing Jesus, I have become a completely different person from the person I was 3 years ago. He has made me feel loved, given me endless support and gifts that I really don’t deserve... in short, He is so great!

Jesus led me to Young Life when I was an early believer, and through the Young Life Student Leadership Program, I made friends that I still talk to and love today. It has taught me how to hold myself accountable, and how important others are in the growth of my faith.”

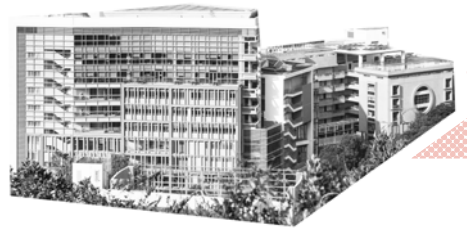
- Jonathan, HKYL Student

**INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS**  
**INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**



**HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

**CHINESE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**



**WEST ISLAND SCHOOL**

**RENAISSANCE COLLEGE HONG KONG**



**SHATIN COLLEGE**



**INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM //**  
Gabriel, Karinda, Jojo, Curtis (Left to right)

# YL UNIVERSITY



## **WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A NEW MINISTRY?**

As a former university student who benefitted from a budding university ministry, God placed on Karinda's heart the compassion to spearhead the latest official ministry of Young Life: YLU. Just as she was excited to launch new programs, COVID hit. She then prayed and pivoted to focusing on partnering with other ministries for young adults on campus.

She found that leaders in these organizations can often feel lonely and isolated. As the group of diverse leaders gathered to pray for the university students they were called to serve, they also felt blessed and encouraged.

We hope to create spaces to unify people so that we can better understand and serve the needs of university students.

## INITIATIVES

- YL Prayer gatherings with churches and other organizations working with college students
- YL Dinner & Dialogue nights: Discussing hot topics about real life and faith in community
- YL Mentor Chats: industry professionals sharing stories of living out their faith from university to the workplace
- YL Movie screenings
- YL Care packages during exams

## OUR MINISTRIES



## UNIVERSITIES

University of Hong Kong

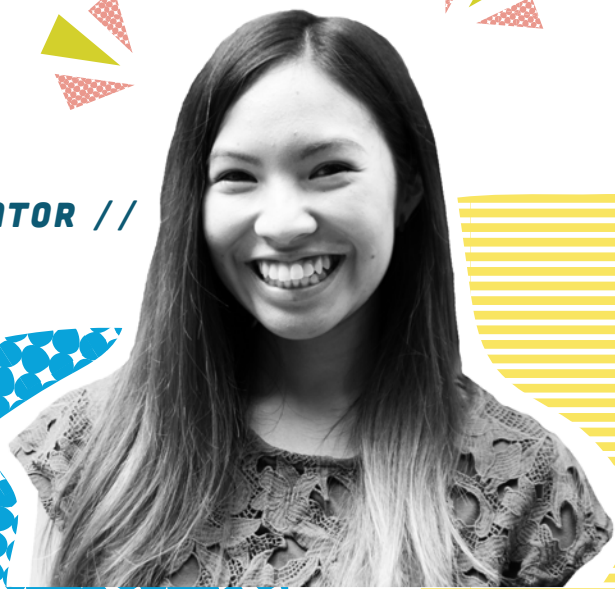
Chinese University



Hong Kong Polytechnic University



**YLU MINISTRY COORDINATOR //**  
Karinda



# YOUNGLIVES

**41** Moms Known By Name

**20** Average Monthly Club Attendance

**21** Average Monthly Campaigners Attendance

## TESTIMONY

"I am so thankful for having met Jesus this year. I have had so many up and down moments, but He met me at the right time and has changed my life. He gave me a very good caring group in Hong Kong YoungLives to support my child and me, and I feel so loved. Next month I plan to get baptized at a local church and I'm excited for my new life!"

-- SoSo, YoungLives Mom





## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- YL **ZOOM CLUB** - We were blessed to continue to meet new moms online despite strict COVID restrictions.
- YL **OUTDOOR EVENTS** - We did a number of socially distanced activities like hikes, park time, and an Easter Egg hunt!
- YL **CAMP** - We put together a hybrid virtual and in-person 3-day day camp at 3 locations. There was fun, laughter and tears as we shared the Gospel.
- YL **TRAINING** - We continued to improve our service through training mentors, childcare, and alumni moms throughout the summer.

## PARTNERSHIPS

- YL Mother's Choice, Little Lives, and Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong's New Generation Program work closely with us, referring moms to our services. Mother's Choice also offered essential Child Protection Training.
- YL Hope of the City allows us to hold playgroups at a convenient location.
- YL Watermark Community Church and Island ECC support us in a variety of ways.
- YL A local jewelry designer helps us to raise support and bring awareness.

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YL HONG KONG



**YOUNGLIVES MINISTRY TEAM //**  
Katie, Amanda & Christina (Left to right)

# OUR GREATER COMMUNITY

*IN EVERY ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES, WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT THE HELP OF OUR VOLUNTEERS! THE SERVICES THEY OFFER ARE DIVERSE BUT EQUAL IN THE DEPTH OF THEIR LOVE AND CARE.*



## ROB, ICS VOLUNTEER LEADER

“If you want to transform your school, your community, your town, your city, your country, and your world, then the most effective way I have ever seen is to first transform the lives of kids in your town through the efforts of Young Life.

It seriously makes an eternal difference, one life at a time.”



## SHERMAN, YOUNGLIVES MENTOR



“Through joining different YoungLives’ activities e.g. playgroups, evening clubs, outings and camps, I got to know many young moms along with their babies and kids. Not only did we build up our friendship and trust through these activities, we were also able to share our lives together.

We shared our joys, our pains, our sorrows, and our struggles. They are all ordinary people like us. They strive to meet life’s challenges and are eager to seek love and genuine relationships.

I saw God using different moments and situations to reveal His power and love for these girls through us walking alongside them and pointing them to Jesus Christ. Serving them is like a partnership with God. It is beautiful and amazing!”

## MICHELLE, LOCAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEER

“Young Life offers a good platform for teenagers to know God.

When I participated in the 2021 summer camp, I witnessed how much fun it was and what an impact it was on the campers’ spiritual life.

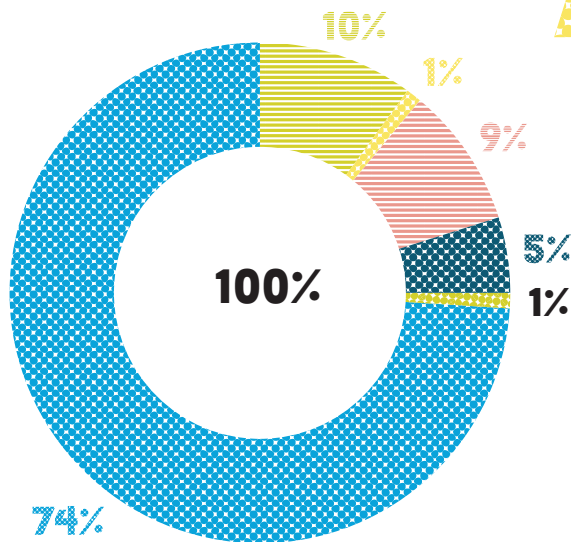
Many youth showed they were willing to follow Jesus!”



# FINANCES AND BOARD







## OPERATIONS

This ministry is empowered by your donations. We are extremely moved by the generosity of each of your hearts and take great care to steward every dollar faithfully into God's will for the ministry. We want to know our donors better and are always happy to discuss any questions you may have regarding our finances.






### EXPENSES: HKD\$ 4.4M

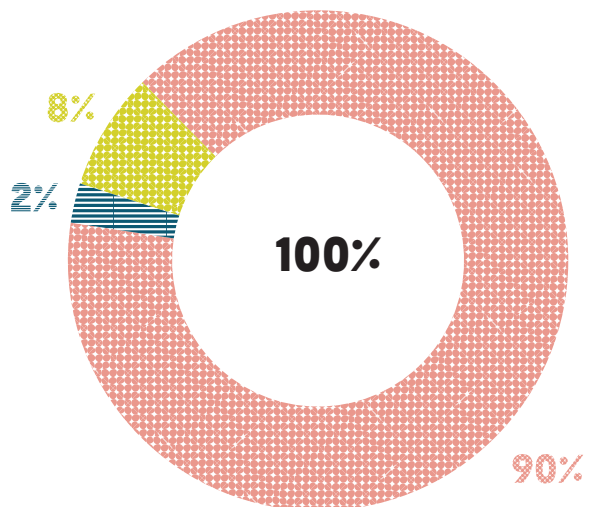
Here's how your donation helps youth in Hong Kong find hope, belonging, and purpose through the gospel.

-  Staff Salary and Benefits: 74%
-  Camps, Programs and Ministry: 10%
-  Training: 1%
-  Office Operations: 9%
-  Fundraising and Events: 5%
-  Administration: 1%

### INCOME: HKD\$5.3M

Most of our income comes from private donations, and some from event registrations which only partially cover the costs incurred. We commit to keeping at least 3 months operational expenditure to ensure we are able to continue our mission without undue interruption.

-  Private Donation Income: 90%
-  Activity Income: 8%
-  Government: 2%



# HKYL BOARD MEMBERS



**MERVYN CHOW**

Favorite Snack: Curry Fishballs and Siu-Mai  
(咖喱魚蛋和燒賣)

**ANGELINE YEE**

Favorite Snack: French Toast (西油多士)



**FRANKLIN TSENG**

Favorite Snack: Fruity Popsicle

**JOSH SHUM**

Favorite Snack: Imitation Shark Fin Soup



**KATHLEEN LUK**

Favorite Snack: Rice noodle roll (腸粉) with lots  
of Hoisin and Sesame sauce

**KARLSON WONG**

Favorite Snack: Mamee Noodles



**ESTHER WOO**

Favorite Snack: Pineapple Bun (菠蘿包)

# THE NEXT CHAPTER

## OPPORTUNITIES

We have experienced so much of God's faithfulness and goodness this past year despite the obstacles and will carry everything we have learned into the upcoming year. We aim to develop new ministries, deepen existing ones, and see more transformation through the love of Christ.

## OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

### Strengthen Partnerships

- Churches to train leaders, evangelize and do discipleship together
- Services for YoungLives moms and children
- Teachers who care for and connect with students

### Growth of University ministry and seed sowing of new ministries

### Deepen all relationships with young people, especially with continual COVID-19 changes



# JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

Volunteer leaders are absolutely vital to the mission of Young Life. It is their involvement that allows lives to be changed. Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds.

They're parents, college students, working professionals, retirees and any compassionate adult who want God's best for kids.

The diversity of our volunteers helps us make an eternal difference with all kinds of kids in all kinds of places.

## POSSIBLE ROLES INCLUDE:

**LEADERS**  
Building relationships with students

**MENTORS**  
In depth, longer term relationships supporting students holistically

**PRAYER PARTNERS**  
Consistently lifting up needs in prayer to God our provider

**COMMITTEE**  
Joining a committee of adult volunteers

**HOSTS**  
Providing food, venues or whatever other creative service/resources you may think of!

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