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Hong Kong Young Life Impact Report



Connect with Kids, Connect with Christ

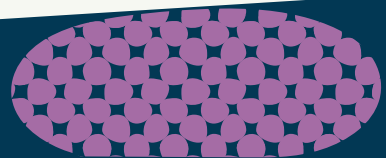


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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

總監的話

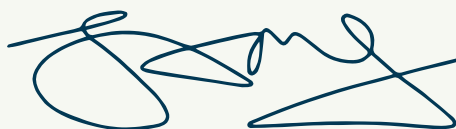
Thank you for taking time to get to know us.

God has certainly impacted us this past year with a calming peace that can withstand any storm — a peace that surpasses understanding even when the world around us is getting harder to understand. Through Him, we were empowered to impact the youth around us by attending to their needs. Impact can be understood in many ways, and I hope that through the quotes, stories, and pictures, you can see a glimpse of the heart change God has let us witness in the lives of those around us.

Speaking of needs amongst the youth, what can we say? There have been many. The fracturing of our society has been on show for all to see and the youth have been left feeling hopeless, angry, and disillusioned. The biggest need of all though? It has to be for connection. Countless youth feel isolated from society, distanced from friends, and separated from family. Christ came to preach peace both to those who were far off and to those who were near. He came to break down the dividing wall of hostility to give us peace. He is our peace. And He desires connection. Therefore, so do we.

Please let me know how we can be praying for you and the teens around you, as well as any questions you may have about Hong Kong Young Life.

Thanks again!



James Tang 鄧逸文
Executive Director 總幹事



THE MISSION 使命

Introducing *adolescents* to Jesus Christ and helping them *grow* in their *faith*.

讓年輕人認識耶穌並幫他們在信仰上成長。

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

MATTHEW 9:36-38

THE VISION 遠象

We believe faith in Jesus has a life-changing power to give love, belonging, and purpose to every individual. Our vision is to form meaningful connections with youth so that they learn to connect with Christ.

Every day of the week, you will find us at schools and in neighbourhoods, loving on and investing in students through friendship, leadership training, mentorship, and spiritual development — all alongside church and community partners.

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

請和我們一起建立一群成熟的基督徒和委身的僕人，讓年輕人成為新一代的領袖。



WHY ARE WE IN THIS MISSION? 我們為甚麼要參與這使命？



“We are unable to love others fully and wholly on our own. To be a blessing to our community, we need to draw upon the Author and Creator of love who is consistently available to us.”



“We don’t bless others by pretending to be perfect or only showing the best sides of ourselves, but by honestly living out of a life of faith — with all its beautiful and ugly moments — and being in intentional community with others.”



“Walking with young moms is not an easy task. As I listen to their sad stories, I want to help them find a way out. But when I don’t know what to say or can’t do anything to change their situation, I always invite these moms to pray with me. God knows how to comfort them; God knows how to solve their problems.”



THE NEED 的年輕人需要



- 51.5% of secondary school pupils now show symptoms of depression, and 25% demonstrate clinically-high levels of anxiety. Among university undergraduates, 69% currently show symptoms of depression, with 54% suffering from anxiety.



- Youth suicide rate (aged 10-19) more than doubled from 2014-2017, with 1 in 3 primary school students and 40% Form 1 students at risk of suicide.

- Targeting at-risk youth is the most effective way to prevent mental health problems, as 75% of mental illnesses develop before the age of 24.

*Source: <https://www.mind.org.hk/mental-health-in-hong-kong/>

IN OUR CONVERSATIONS, STUDENTS SAY THEY FACE:

- Feeling overwhelmed by uncertainty and global suffering
- Inability to process and instead become numb
- Fear and anxiety
- Hopelessness

AND THEY DESIRE:

- Connection
- Fellowship
- Community
- Comfort
- Fulfilling Outlets
- Spiritual, Mental, and Physical Health



THE HOW 的我們 做法



By caring with *compassion*, we seek to *build relationships* starting with *earning the right* to be heard wherever kids are at.

我們用心關愛來自不同背景的年轻人，尋求與他們建立關係，從而贏得了被傾聽的權利。

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 at to earn the right to be heard.

CLUB // A Party with a Purpose

This fun-filled gathering aims to attract and welcome any youth. Before the party ends, we share a message about Jesus and His love for them, because that's what the celebration is all about.

CAMPAIGNERS // Question, Learn, and Grow

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

CAMP // The Best Week of Our 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.

COMMITTEE // Adults who Care

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



“Camp has impacted my life because I initially was shy about my faith, especially when sharing about it. However, when I was introduced to Young Life, it gave me the courage and support to not feel ashamed of my faith, but instead to feel joyful about it.”

HKYL Camper



OUR STORY

我們的故事

2013

Steering committee, 1st ever Club

1st ever Camp in partnership with a church

2014

2015

5 full-time field staff

YoungLives begins

2016

2017

Sow seeds for university ministry (YLU)

Run 4 Camps

2019

13 different Clubs at various schools,
10 full-time field staff, 1st online Camp

2020

7 board members, 1st hybrid Camp,
move YL Base to Jordan

2021

Largest Student Leadership Program
cohort; develop local school ministry

2022

Ministries: 22
Volunteer Leaders: 500
Kids Known by Name: 6,000

2023 to 2026 - GOALS



WHERE WE SERVE 事奉的地方

SECONDARY SCHOOLS 中學

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

UNIVERSITIES 大學

We invite university students to find their purpose through experiencing community and adventures.

YOUNG MOMS 年輕媽媽

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 with the wisdom and love of God.



Praise God for harvesting seeds in new areas this year. We are also grateful for the relocation of the YL Base to Jordan.

We pray especially for *discernment* and *growth* in Kowloon and the New Territories.

LOCAL MINISTRY

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Praise God that we were able to start new ministries in Sau Mau Ping and Kwai Chung, and we continue to pray especially for new staff and leaders who can help sow and harvest in new areas.

CURRENT SCHOOLS

- Concordia Lutheran School (North Point) 北角協同中學
- HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School 香港聖公會何明華會督中學
- Lingnan CWK Memorial Secondary School 嶺南鍾榮光博士紀念中學
- Ning Po College 寧波公學
- Pui Ying Secondary School 培英中學



Everyone was so excited to hear that Sara* and Paul*, two Nepali Form 6 students from a Chinese school, received their DSE results and JUPAS offers.

Their YL leaders had been walking with them through various difficulties. The two of them had only been living in Hong Kong for four years, and it had been a hard season of constant change and adaptation.

Praise God that despite language barriers and these past two years of uncertainties, they have a brighter future ahead.

Earning the right to be heard means that leaders *enter into their world* — shouldering struggles and celebrating victories.

*Names have been changed



When Hana* first came to Young Life, she had trouble expressing her emotions. She would suddenly burst into tears one moment and then become angry and curse in the next. Her family was going through a lot of issues, and Hana believed she was responsible for it all.

When Young Life hosted events at her school, Hana started to come and met the YL leaders. These leaders became a constant presence in her life. It was at these events that Hana began to experience a safe and stable environment and the love of Jesus for the first time. Gradually, she learned to express and manage her emotions. Even her parents pointed out that Hana was becoming more mature after hanging out with these Christian leaders.

Hana comes from a Sikh background and is now interested to *learn more about Jesus* and His love for her!



IN 2021-22, THERE WERE:

- 261** Kids Known By Name
- 72** Average Club Attendance
- 13** Average Campaigners Attendance
- 11** Leaders

LOCAL MINISTRY

STAFF

Emily and Karene



INT'L MINISTRY

國際學校
事工

Praise God for the first Club held in conjunction with a church on Lantau Island. Lantau is a unique landscape with sprawled neighborhoods and we hope to reach out to more kids in the area.

CURRENT SCHOOLS

- Chinese International School 漢基國際學校
- Hong Kong International School 香港國際學校
- International Christian School 基督教國際學校
- YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College 港青基信書院



This year saw many reasons to celebrate God's faithfulness in the challenges. One of the biggest highlights is the senior ICS Campaigners, endearingly called the "Virtue Boys" or "Mr. Strong and Friends". This group of boys have been a powerful testament to the community God forms.

Though this Campaigners group has seen many iterations, one thing has stayed the same — the **commitment** to one another and to **growing** in faith.

Every one of these students has grown in their own journeys with the Lord and developed an outward looking focus, where they desire to bring peers in to experience the life God has revealed to them.





IN 2021-22, THERE WERE:

- 323** Kids Known By Name
- 38** Average Club Attendance
- 38** Avg. Campaigners Attendance
- 35** Leaders



“I know the Young Life mission statement is “introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith,” but I like to describe it as “getting involved in lives, showing what hospitality, integrity, and love look like, and being available” because that is what it has looked like in my life.

I have a poor relationship with my dad, and it has been a downhill trajectory for the past five years since my two year medical crisis. This has made it really difficult for me to put together what family means. Through Young Life, I learned that just being of the same blood isn’t equivalent to being family.”

Family are the people who are there for you *unconditionally*, and that is what Young Life has become for me.

Student Leadership Program Member

INT’L MINISTRY

STAFF

Jojo, Karinda, Gabriel, and Ursula

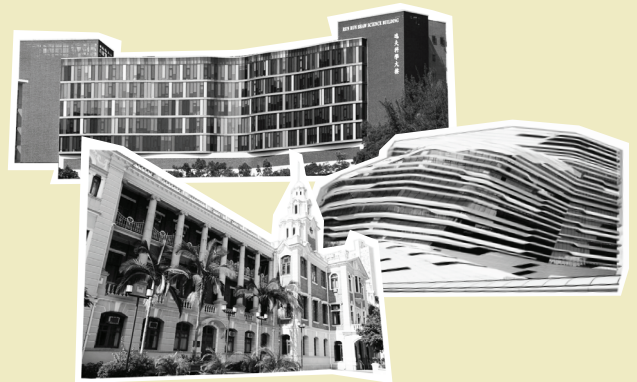


UNIVERSITY MINISTRY 事大學

We're thankful for the inspiration God continues to give us to try new things and the opportunity to go deeper with each student. We pray that students will continue to build community and relationships in times when it is so easy to fall into isolation.

CURRENT UNIVERSITIES

- Chinese University 香港中文大學
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University 香港理工大學
- University of Hong Kong 香港大學



At Young Life University (YLU), we seek to be personal. This past year, we were glad to celebrate our university graduates, especially after one of the toughest academic years in history!

We met Josiah* in his first year, when he joined us as a summer staff volunteer. He has been an inviter of people, engaging them in deeper conversations, and is a graduate of our Student Leadership Program too.

We also got to congratulate Tim* after completing six hard years towards his medical degree. He was one of our most consistent student leaders over the past two years and brought great insight to our discussions with many surprises along the way.

In the heat of summer and prolonged days of internships, summer at YLU was focused on offering fun activities to de-stress and get creative together.

One of the highlights was the Pancake Competition. We asked some of our students to dream, design, and create their pancake to be presented to a panel of judges. They went above and beyond with great imagination!

It reminds us that God's creativity cannot be bound, and each of us as His creation have a special touch incomparable to any other.



“I didn’t connect well with some groups in university, but I really vibed with Young Life and their leaders. They were kind, caring, and genuinely interested about the people they talk to.

So talking with them, eating with them, and going to rooftop hangouts with other university students has really helped me grow closer to God. I’m so glad I’ve gotten to meet and make some awesome new friends!”

YLU Member

YLU STAFF

Karinda



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Praise God that our former YoungLives director had the opportunity to use her experience in Hong Kong to serve vulnerable mothers in the greater Asia Pacific region as the YoungLives Divisional Coordinator. We are praying for our new Hong Kong team to settle into their roles and to outreach to more mothers.



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“One day, God placed on my heart to start a Bible Study with the moms. However, I was not confident and many worries flooded in. What if no leaders join? What if it's not good timing? What if...? After a colleague's encouragement, I decided to trust God and just do it. I talked to some moms and they immediately gave me an enthusiastic 'Yes!' to joining.”



This was the beginning of the *first* ever Hong Kong YoungLives Campaigners, where we read the Bible and discuss scripture.

I can see how the *Holy Spirit* has been *leading* this group.



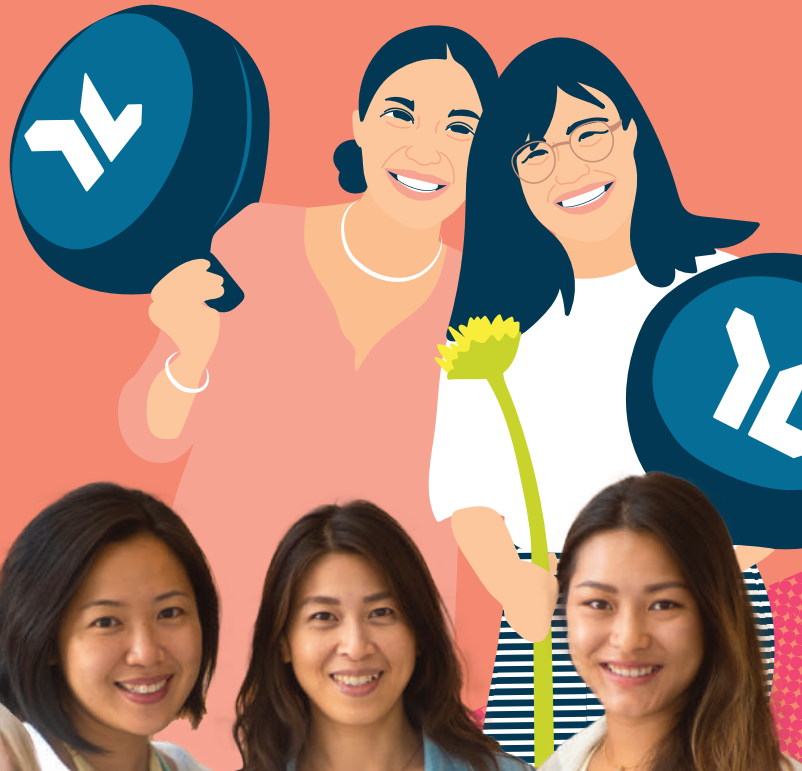


You know how some of the most meaningful conversations happen in salons? As you sit there waiting for your hair to be dyed or nails to dry, there's room for a chat with your stylist, or those next to you. One manicurist saw this as a golden opportunity and has used her talents to further the Kingdom. We invited her to do nails and teach how to do nails for YoungLives moms.

As she taught, she was able to weave in her *testimony* throughout that time, letting the Lord's light *shine* through her as the ladies got to know each other.

Adia first joined us two years ago at a playgroup. Later, she started the mentorship journey and met with her mentor once a week. Adia felt the love of Jesus from her mentor and decided to go to church with her. God moved Adia's heart and showed her how much He loves her.

Jesus *never stops* working in people's lives. In June, Adia made a big decision to *follow* Jesus!



YOUNGLIVES STAFF

Christina, Amanda, Katie, Diana, Gloria, and Princi

CAMP

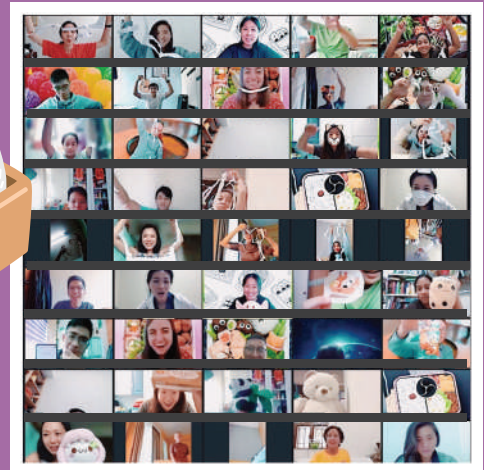
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BENTOCAMP

Summer vacation was moved? We'll bring Camp to you!

Going online these past two years has made us experts of Zoom, so we played games, gave talks, and had meaningful conversations all during lunch... virtually! Sometimes, students wouldn't turn their cameras on, or only say two words, but at the end of the week, when we asked who wanted to know Christ more, they all raised their emoji hands! Praise God!





WYLD CAMP

What a wonderful feeling it was to have 21 youth together in person!

Based on Romans 8:15-17, we went on adventures to learn about how much our Heavenly Father cares for us. Kayaking, dancing, campfires, bouldering, new friends — we were always eagerly expectant for the next measure of fun. God heard our prayers for good weather and created intentional moments when students and leaders could discuss how vast God’s love is.



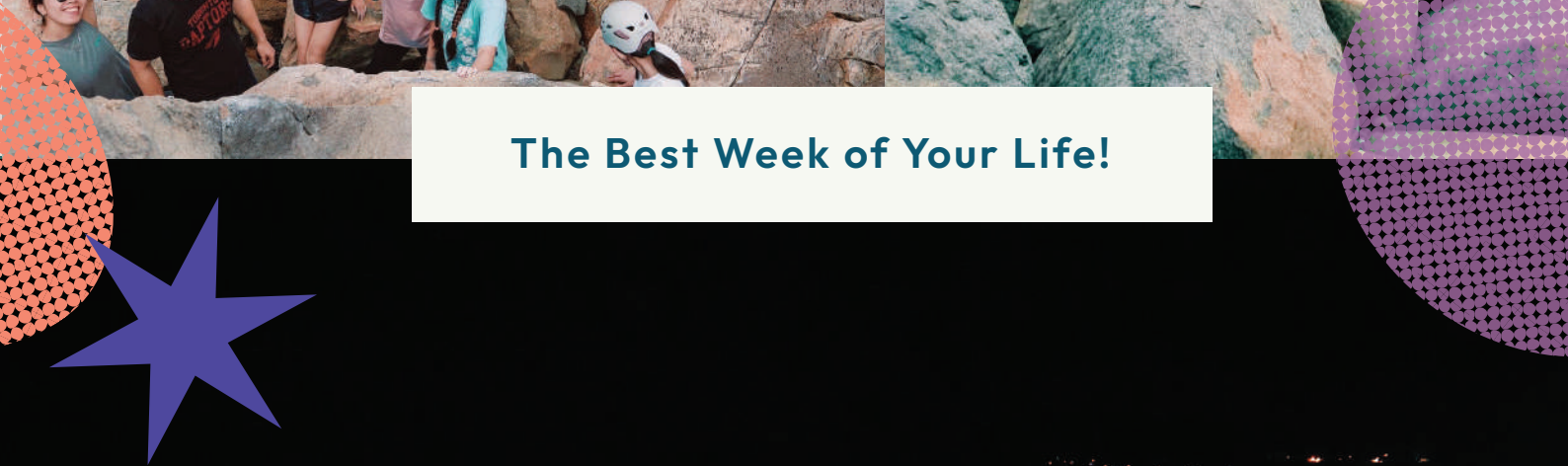


Young Life Camp





The Best Week of Your Life!



THE GREATER COMMUNITY..

In every one of our ministries, we couldn't do it without the *help* of our *leaders and volunteers* ! The services they offer are diverse but equal in the *depth* of their *love and care* .



A team of adults from a local church went through a four-month YL volunteer training with the hope to start a youth fellowship with kids from the Wah Fu area.

This desire stemmed from seeing many kids from three secondary schools in the area who didn't know Jesus yet. The training was provided to raise up leaders in the area who could bring these kids to church. By the spring, not only were eight leaders trained, two of them now lead at one of the nearby schools every week.

This collaboration between the church, school, and Young Life draws a bigger picture of how the Body of Christ works together to build God's Kingdom!

We're so thankful for every mentor and volunteer whose passion encourages us as we serve the Lord together. We pray for a continual spirit of unity with churches and volunteers.



AND THE WIDER CHURCH

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We're thankful to be connected to churches in Hong Kong. We care for youth together, and those we outreach to can find places to nurture their spiritual growth in a larger community. The wisdom, encouragement, and support from churches keep us accountable and fuel us to reach the next kid, wherever they may be.

CHURCHES WE'VE CONNECTED WITH THIS YEAR:

- Community Church of Hong Kong
- EFCC Kong Fok Church
- Harvest Mission Community Church
- Island ECC
- The Bridge Church
- The Vine Church
- Union Church
- Watermark Community Church



There's an insurmountable joy when God allows you to be a part of the harvest process. We have walked alongside Evan* and his sister for the past year at their school. They became increasingly invested in Young Life and Campaigners.

In the summer, they jumped head first into every activity planned, including our first Camp after restrictions lifted. One day, we heard from a youth pastor that Evan had accepted Christ into his life that day at church! Needless to say, we celebrated alongside the angels.

We're excited to continue to walk with him in this journey.









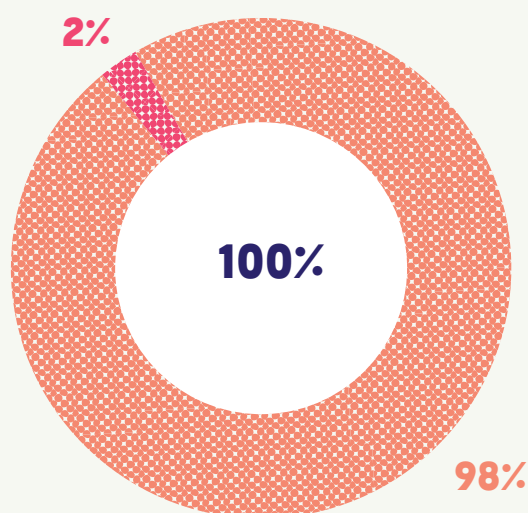
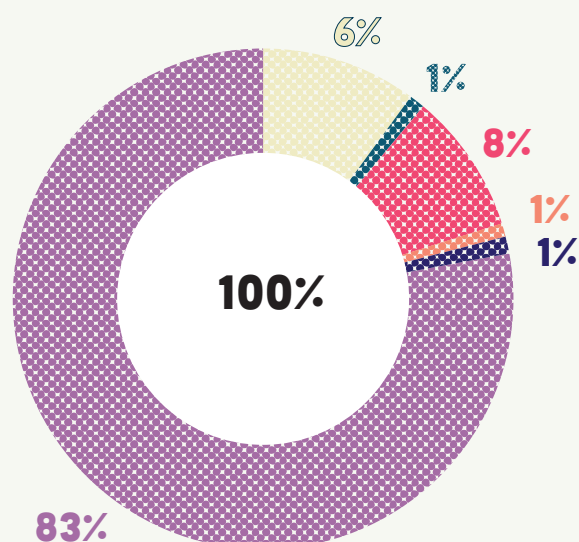
FINANCES + GOVERNANCE 和財政 管理

This ministry is empowered by your donations. We are extremely moved by your generosity 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 - HK\$5.3M



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

-  STAFF SALARY AND BENEFITS: 83%
-  CAMPS, PROGRAMS, AND MINISTRY: 6%
-  TRAINING: 1%
-  OFFICE OPERATIONS: 8%
-  FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS: 1%
-  ADMINISTRATION: 1%



REVENUE - HK\$6.8M

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: 98%
-  ACTIVITY INCOME: 2%

*Our books are open to our donors. Please see www.hongkongyounglife.org/financials for all recent audited reports.



FRANKLIN TSENG

GLOBAL & REGIONAL STRATEGY

“There is great value for young people to get to know Jesus when they are in secondary school.”



MERVYN CHOW

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

“To introduce the Good News to the next generation of Hong Kong and experience Jesus’ unconditional love.”



ANGELINE YEE

TEAM CULTURE & CARE

“I find the deeply relational approach to engaging kids with the Gospel remarkable.”



JOSHUA SHUM

LOCAL STRATEGY

“Young people today need to be known, trusted, and loved.”

ADVISORY BOARD

WHY DO YOU YL?



ESTHER WOO

PRAYER & INTERCESSION

“I hope young people find their true identity in Christ.”



KARLSON WONG

PARTNERSHIPS

“We need to bring the true message of hope and purpose to our next generation.”



KATHLEEN LUK

PUBLIC RELATIONS

“It is humbling and such a privilege to see and be a part of God’s transformative love at work.”

OUR INVITATION

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邀請

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, university students, working professionals, retirees, and any compassionate adult who wants 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** // Build relationships with students
- **MENTORS** // Cultivate in depth, longer term relationships to support students holistically
- **PRAYER PARTNERS** // Cover our ministries and staff with prayers
- **HOSTS** // Provide food, venues or other resources
- ... And whatever other creative service you can think of!



YOUR RESPONSE 回你應的

Join our movement offering hope, belonging, and purpose through the gospel to young people in Hong Kong.

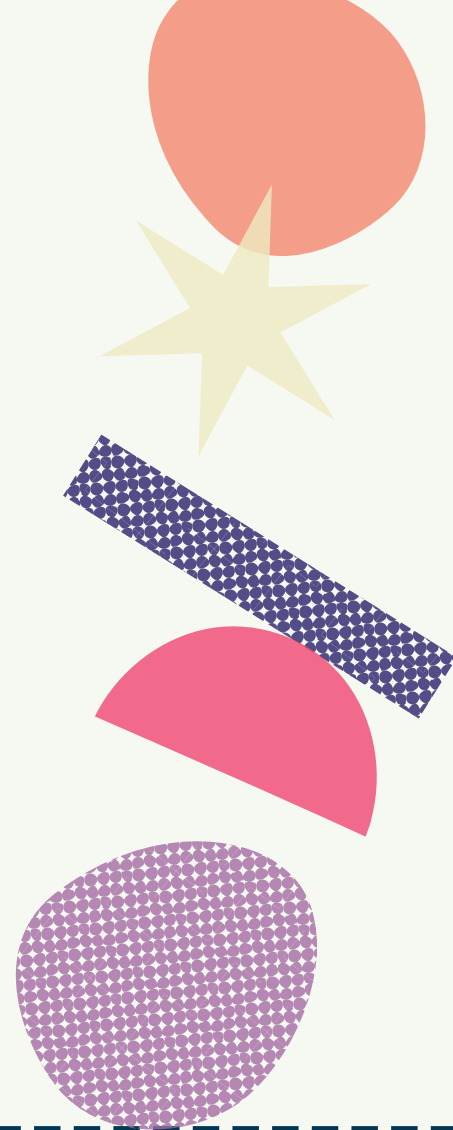
We are a registered charity that operates on the kind donations of supporters such as yourself.

Give now to make a change!

Your generosity is an investment that will enable us to bring change and transformation into the lives of young people, their families, and communities.

Every gift given will be like a seed sown into Hong Kong to bring life and hope.

If you're interested to find out more on the different ways you can support us, please fill out the form below and email it back to us!



STAY IN TOUCH

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Mobile Number _____

SUPPORT FINANCIALLY

One-time Gift:

HK\$1,000 HK\$5,000 HK\$15,000

I would like to make a pledge of
HK\$ _____ for _____ months/years

SHARE RESOURCES

- I can think of other ways to connect Young Life with resources. Ask me about it!
- I feel led to help Young Life in other ways. Let's have a chat!

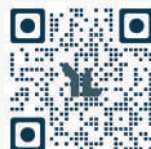
SHARE YOUR TIME/HOME

- I would like to help at a secondary school: international / local / flexible.
- I would like to help with Young Lives.
- I would like to help with YL University.

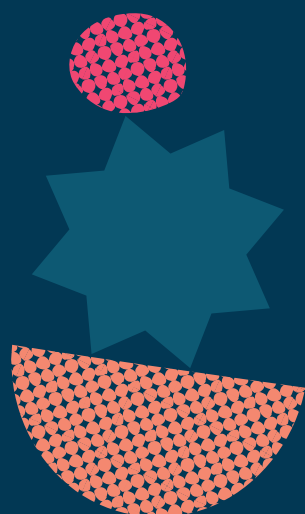
SHARE THE MISSION

- I would like to host a gathering. Let's find a date!
- I would like to co-host a gathering. Let's find another co-host.
- I have a few friends in mind I'd like to introduce to Young Life. Follow up with me about it.
- Other: _____

Thank you so much for your generous support!



Email a photo of this form to:
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