

# BACK TO FUTURE

**HONG KONG YOUNG LIFE  
10 YEAR CELEBRATION**



# WHAT IS YOUNG LIFE?

We seek to know Jesus,  
know young people, and  
make Him known together.

Our mission is to introduce young people to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. We do this not by starting with a program, but with relationships: we pray for young people, go where they are, and build connections of authentic friendship with them.

Alongside our community of caring adults, we provide fun, adventurous, life-changing, and skill-building experiences for young people ages 12 to 24 from all over the city, earning the right to share the good news of Jesus Christ and inviting young people to personally respond.



In 2014, Young Life landed in Hong Kong, reaching out to young people in relevant ways that have been tested by greater Young Life for over 80 years in more than 100 countries worldwide.

**In 2023-24, we know **528** students by name, have an average monthly Club attendance of **243** students, and an average of **45** students at weekly Campaigners.**

## PEOPLE WE REACH:



LOCAL SCHOOLS



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS



UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES



YOUNG MOMS



# THE NEED AND THE HOW

The years spent as an adolescent and then a young adult are formative, with significant changes and transitions. As young people develop, searching for direction and purpose amid the demands of their environment — including peers, family, academics, and extracurriculars — they also seek a community who can walk alongside, support, and guide them.

**Every caring and present adult in a young person's life makes a positive impact.**



Young Life Leaders cultivate various environments to reach every young person, build meaningful connections, and earn the right to be heard.

# THE 5 C'S OF YOUNG LIFE

## CONTACT WORK

We befriend young people wherever they may be — such as at schools, cafes, and sports grounds — and walk with them in their daily lives.

## CLUB

We throw “a party with a purpose” where everyone is invited. It’s an open and fun space celebrating relationships, where young people hear real, life-changing stories about Jesus.

## CAMP

Said to be “the best week of our lives,” we invite young people to an adventurous time away, where deep relationships are formed through mind-boggling fun and intentional discussions about what we believe is the greatest love story ever told.

## CAMPAIGNERS

Relationships are nurtured in small group settings, where leaders regularly meet with young people who want to learn and grow in their spiritual life through Bible study, service, and leadership.

## COMMITTEE

Caring adults from all walks of life — such as teachers, parents, church leaders, and mentors — consistently gather to support young people through their prayer, resources, experience, and encouragement.





# STORIES FROM THE FIELD

When 13-year-old Nate\* first came to Young Life events, anger raged inside him. Sometimes it came out in flaring redness, other times in punches into walls, or even people. Friendship and the feeling of being cared for drew him into Young Life Club (or “that Jesus club” as students sometimes called it) at Concordia Lutheran School of North Point. Though he came, he kept his guard up, never answering anything beneath the surface level.

Over the next couple of years, God’s love through the community melted his exterior. He was willing to share more openly. We learned he came from a difficult family background, including abuse and divorce. With peers, he frequently faced bullying. In 2023, he started coming regularly to Ascend, a citywide Club where students and leaders bouldered and heard real life stories of Jesus together. Leaders met his mom, who shared that Young Life gatherings were the only events Nate attended outside of school. He had often felt unsafe and unwelcomed by peers.

At the 2024 summer camp, he had a teary-eyed sharing during cabin time, and his leaders saw what a long way he had come from the angry, guarded person they had first met. This year he has committed to attending a church youth group and even invites his friends to come!

*\*Name has been changed for privacy.*





## YOUNG LIFE UNIVERSITY

Han\*, a second year higher diploma student, had already lost vision due to glaucoma in his left eye when we met him in 2023. Han called himself a Buddhist, and had many questions regarding worldviews and spirituality, especially the love of any supernatural being in the midst of uncertainty and personal pain, such as potential complete loss of sight.

As Han's vision worsened, Aaron visited him at the hospital three to four times a week, bringing along his two elementary-aged children who would share Bible stories. Aaron shared he knew of another way than doing good to create a better next life through karma. Han couldn't believe there was a better way! This led to reading the Bible together for the first time, after which he said, "I feel so much peace right now."

A month later, Han found out he would never see again and faced many dark thoughts, asking himself if life was worth living. After serious discussion and prayer, he decided the only place he could find true hope and joy was in God. He made a decision to follow God and has now been plugged into his local church and telling others of the Good News.

*\*Name has been changed for privacy*



"My name is Elaine, my daughter is Serena and my son is Wang Yik (Jason). I was born in Hong Kong to Asian parents. I have two children, a 4-year-old daughter and a 1-year-old son. I live with them and take care of them alone.

「My name is Elaine, my daughter is Serena and my son is Wang Yik (Jason). 我在香港出世的，父母都是亞洲人。我有兩名孩子，女兒4歲，兒子1歲，只和子女同住，獨自照顧。

I came into contact with YoungLives when I participated in a Mother's Choice event after I gave birth to my daughter. I learned that YoungLives also serves young mothers and provides us with meaningful activities, such as playgroups, mom small groups, and seasonal parties. I joined YoungLives in October 2020.


我是在生了女兒後參加Mother's Choice活動時，接觸到YoungLives 這個機構，並知道YoungLives 與Mother's Choice一樣為年輕媽媽服務，而且提供很多有意義的活動給我們，例如playgroup，媽媽小組，節日派對。I joined YoungLives in October 2020.

At every YoungLives gathering, I encounter familiar faces. These mature and reliable volunteers always bless and encourage me, leaving me with a sense of warmth and safety. Also, being able to meet other young moms helps me no longer feel alone, and I now have friends who can care for and understand each other. YoungLives connects such kind hearts and gathers them together.

每次YoungLives 聚會，都會見到一班熟悉的臉孔，她們是成熟且穩定的義工，一直為我們送上祝福和鼓勵，讓我感到溫暖，安全感和信心。另外，可以認識到一班年輕媽媽，令我感覺沒那麼孤單，多了朋友和能互相了解的人。








Often times, us young moms have been hurt, and we can relate to each other's experiences. I can safely share my weaknesses, which allows me to heal from unbearable and sad experiences, and in turn helps me to reflect and learn to accept myself. The circle of people I talk to at YoungLives has been a very important part of my personal growth. In YoungLives, both leaders and other mothers are friendly and willing to share their experiences, joys, and sorrows, teaching me a lot about how to treat others and respond to practical problems in my life.

YoungLives 把一班善良的人都連繫到一起，很多時我們都是受過傷，經歷的痛楚是相近的，我可以放心地分享自己弱點，讓我可以療癒過往不堪和難過的經歷，使我接受自己和反省過去。YoungLives 這個傾訴的圈子，對我個人成長中是非常重要的部分，我更了解自己。在YoungLives裏無論在義工或其他媽媽，她們都很友善，願意分享經驗，也會分享喜悅和分擔難過，也讓我學習到很多，待人接物和解決問題的方法。

There are many young mothers around the same age, and it is a constant challenge for all of us to love our children. We have to sacrifice a lot to protect our children, facing obstacle after obstacle with courage in order to do what's right for them. This helps me feel that I am not stupid, but I am willing to sacrifice myself to invest in my children. Whatever trial we are going through, we always receive affirmation and support from YoungLives volunteers, who offer their guidance and wisdom, relieve our doubts and stress, and give us the confidence to do our best in staying true with our original intentions.”

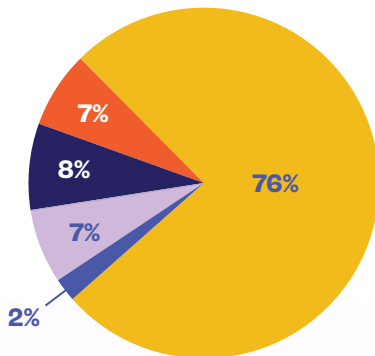
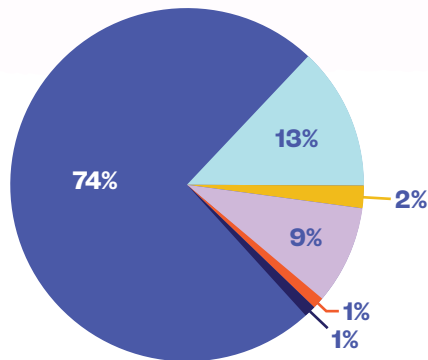
有很多年紀相若的年輕媽媽，她們一樣很不容易和同樣愛自己的子女。我們為保護孩子付出很多，無論面對多困難的障礙，仍然勇敢面對，堅持正確的價值觀。這讓我感覺自己並不是愚昧，是我們願意犧牲和付出。在經歷種種的考驗時，總會得到YoungLives義工的肯定和支持，會我們指引方向和智慧，讓我們可以排解疑惑和壓力，令我們有信心去做好自己，堅持初衷。」



# FINANCIALS 2023-24\*

## TOTAL EXPENSES HK\$5,566,991

- Staff Salary & Benefits - 74%
- Camps & Programs - 13%
- Training & Conference - 2%
- Office - 9%
- Fundraising & Events - 1%
- Administration - 1%



## TOTAL INCOME HK\$5,779,159

- Individual Donation - 76%
- Monthly Individual Donation - 2%
- Churches - 7%
- Grants - 8%
- Activity & Interest - 7%

\*Please note that these financials are consolidated and will be audited in 2025. Our Reserve Policy aims for 12 month operational expenditure to continue our mission without undue interruption or hardship, and to pursue special opportunities as they arise.






# BUDGET 2024-25\*

## EXPENSE

Staff Salary & Benefits	5,348,000
Camps & Programs	1,083,000
Leadership Development	120,000
Office	513,000
Fundraising & Events	386,000
Administration	107,121
Opportunity Fund	442,879
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>

\*Rounded to the nearest thousand

We are budgeting for these areas of growth this year:

-  YL UNIVERSITY MINISTRY EXPANSION (3 STUDENT STAFF)
-  YL UNIVERSITY CAMP
-  YOUNGLIVES CAMP (YOUNG MOMS)
-  PROJECT COORDINATOR
-  THE LEADER MOVEMENT

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you for taking the time to read this and get to know us. It is our honour to share these stories with you, which are a glimpse of His work. We'd love to get to know you better and how we can move forward together, caring for the future of Hong Kong with the hope of Christ. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,  
James



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