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St Andrew's Church KOWLOON GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE



HOME OF LOVING FAITHFULNESS



Tracy Pattrick, and her 4 adopted children, Matthew, Jonathan, Annabeth and Thomas came back to HK in November of 2013 to live and work at the Home of Loving Faithfulness. Matthew was born in HK and Tracy adopted him when she was working here for the first time between 1996 and 2006 when she was also then working at the home. Tracy is now the Superintendent of the home and Matthew is her valuable assistant. Matthew works in the office, he is part of the welcome team and ministers to all our visitors, as well as being a valuable ambassador for the home.

The Home of Loving Faithfulness opened its doors to severely mentally and physically disabled young people in August of 1965. Over the 50 years God has wonderfully covered the lives of many who have come into our care. Some have gone home to Glory with God, others have been adopted and the others remain as the family of Holf, loved and precious. A lot of our family members are very physically challenging and require a lot of nursing care. We aim however to continue to meet each individual's physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs in the best way possible.

All of us at Holf, including Wendy, Valerie and Pui Yee though retired, we all still share a common motivation which sustains us in this work. A conviction that it is God himself who has not only called us, but who also provides for us in amazing ways. These past 50 years are a catalogue of answered prayers by a God who is ever faithful. Great is His Faithfulness.

"Not to us, O Lord, but to your Name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness" (Psalm 115:1).

Next week on the 10th of October at 2.30 pm, here at the Life Centre, Holf celebrates its 50th Anniversary. We extend an invitation to you all to join us as we praise God for his faithfulness. Halleluiah





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Joining Little Life Warrior Society team visit to children with cancer



St Andrews Church members have been joining the Little Life Warrior Society* (LLWS) team to visit cancer children bi-monthly and spread the message of 'Love, Hope and Faith'. Children with cancer are ordinary kids who live extraordinary lives. We pray with them or for them to seek God for his guidance and blessing. These children are so brave to fight the battle against Cancer-Living a Better Life and Giving Back to the Community.

A small team of four volunteers started bi-monthly visit after Christmas outreach at the hospital last year. Volunteers get involved in: preparing

hygienic and tasty food for child patients in the day ward; sharing food with the children and their parents; praying for the children and their families for God to give them strength to go through this challenging period of their life. This helps in relaxing, getting to know each other and to bring hope to the children and the families concerned. They need our laughter, our trust and care, or simply to pray for them after each visit.

In the past year, we have come across more than 100 children with their own individual stories, but one thing they all have in common - is "HOPE". After each visit, we prayed together for these little ones and their families. It was remarkable to see some of their faith and attitude to their situation was so positive. God is so faithful and so good to answer our prayers, and many of them were able to return to an ordinary life again.

Your pair of hands and your heart can make a cancer child live an ordinary life full of love and hope. If anyone feels the calling to join this group please contact Jenny Hsia (jennykkliu@yahoo.com) for further information.

> God Bless! Your sister in Christ, Jenny Hsia

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* The Little Life Warrior Society (LLWS) was established in March 2002. It is a mutual support organization consisting of child patients, survivors, parents and medical professionals of the Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital.

Child Development Fund <Step Up 5—Life Guiding Project> Kick-Off Ceremony



兒童發展基金 Child Development Fund

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015

Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm Venue: Life Auditorium St Andrew's Church The Child Development Fund (CDF) was set up in 2008 to serve the underprivileged children. Made possible by the CDF, "Step Up 5—Life Guiding Project" is a mentoring program organized by the Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service that pairs a child with a mentor for guidance on personal development plans.

St Andrew's has been supporting this project that provides children with training in financial management, personal discovery, community service and company visits. Currently, there are 15 mentors from our church.

The ceremony for the launch of CDF activities will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 for mentees, mentors, parents, donors and church representatives. The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, GBS, JP, will be in attendance as an officiating guest in this ceremony featuring an overview of the project, a musical performance and award presentations.

"Let Morning Shine": An evening dedicated to North Korea

What do you know about North Korea? What is it like to live there? How real are the persecution and threat?

When many of us only know about North Korea through the limited information from the media, here is an opportunity to receive the first-hand account of someone who spent the past 16 years working and living among the North Korean people, building relationships with them.

OLIDARITY VORLDWIDE Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015

Time: 7:30pm-9:30pm

Venue: Community Church Hong Kong, 1/F J+ Building,

35-45B Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan

(Sheung Wan MTR exit A2)