

St Andrew's Church  
KOWLOON

# GLOBAL PARTNERS



Hong Kong and the world are entering an unprecedented time and the rich-poor gap becomes a most significant tension, causing all sorts of radical changes politically and economically. Both Hong Kong citizens and Christians are facing challenges that we

cannot ignore. The mission of both the society and the church does not allow us to look after only our own prosperity and stability. CEDAR and our partner-churches and organisations have always been in the frontline witnessing human injustice and its resulting damages; when believers in Hong Kong rise to join in, our space for exchange and collaboration grows bigger.

## CEDAR's Vision and Mission

### • Our Vision

In Christ we build a just and compassionate world together.

### • Our Mission

To live out the Integral Mission of the Church in partnership with Christians around the world by:

- Caring for the poor and disadvantaged people
- Facilitating the transformation of lives and communities
- Advocating and practising social justice

### • Where are we working in

Project Focus Countries:

- Bangladesh
- China
- Ethiopia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Zimbabwe

## Nepal Earthquake Updates

It has been half a year since the earthquake in Nepal, we thank our supporting churches and individual supporters for their generous donations, so CEDAR is able to render timely assistance to the earthquake victims in Nepal. In the first phase of relief operation (immediate first month), CEDAR collaborated with 4 local organisations, providing relief materials such as food, medicine, tents, lights and blankets to over 3,900 families in 10 quake-affected areas in Nepal. We also distributed wires and zinc sheets to villagers for building their temporary shelters before the monsoon season comes.

Meanwhile the Nepalese Government had passed new constitution law in mid-September and the first female president was elected in October. Yet the Nepalese constitution incited riot by the Madhesi and the Indian closed the main gateways with Nepal as a result. Because India had been the major source of food, gasoline, and medicine, this had caused serious disruption to the Nepalese citizens, and to the relief and rehabilitation effort which are delayed by lack of transports. Some citizens resort to burning woods for cooking, and as winter approaches, the need for gas will be even greater.



## Pray for Nepal:

- Pray that the Indian government will re-open the gateways, so that the Nepalese can receive their daily necessities.
- Pray that the Nepalese government will reach a just and peaceful resolution with the opposition, so that the livelihood of the Nepalese citizens can be secured.
- Pray that our partners' relief and rehabilitation effort can continue without interruption.

The road of reconstruction is long and difficult, and your continuous support is precious and indispensable. Please continue to support us in our walk with Nepalese brothers and sisters!

You can support CEDAR Fund projects by donating through St Andrew's Church, just mark your donations to "Cedar Fund."

For more information about Cedar Fund, please visit their website at: <https://cedarfundeng.wordpress.com/>

# GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

## Christmas Action 2015

Christmas is a great time to share the love, joy and peace of Christ with the community in Hong Kong and beyond. We are preparing Christmas gifts for the following groups and friends at the moment:

- 1,300 elderly people in eight of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Elderly Centres
- 1,200 prison inmates in Stanley and Lai Chi Kok prisons
- 450 children at Yaumati Kaifong Association School
- 100 poor and homeless people through St. Barnabas Society and Home
- 30 refugees and asylum seekers
- 15 less privileged families whose children are in the CDF mentoring scheme
- 200 Christmas dinners for children and teachers at the Home for 100th Sheep in Philip-pines
- Gifts to Kaloi & Edna, Luke Fiona, JC and Mali

Thanks to DGS & DGJS that they sponsored and helped packing the Christmas gifts to the elderly people this year! We'll need to raise about HK\$99,000 for the rest of the Christmas gifts. The proceeds from the St. Andrew's Church Open Day will go to sponsor these Christmas gifts.

If you can't go to the Open Day but you would still like to sponsor some of the Christmas gifts, please mark your donations to "Christmas Action 2015." Cheques should be made payable to "St. Andrew's Church."

**Please come and join the following events in December for the community:**

### Christmas Gift Packing

It is simple and easy! Everyone can participate in packing gifts to the ethnic minority children, the poor and homeless, and refugees and asylum seekers. Many hands are needed. No need to sign up. Just bring your friends and family to come along. Children are welcome too!

**Date:** 12 December, (Sat)  
**Time:** 10:30am-1:30pm  
**Venue:** 1/F YouthworX

### Visiting Elderly Care Homes with Putonghua Church

Please join our Putonghua Church together with other Chinese Anglican churches to go and visit the elderly at some of the Elderly Care Centres.

**Date:** 12 December, (Sat)  
**Time:** 12:15pm – 4:30pm  
 For more details please email: [chineseministry@standrews.org.hk](mailto:chineseministry@standrews.org.hk)

### Christmas Party for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Our English teachers are planning a Christmas party for refugees and asylum seekers who come to church to learn English. There'll be carols, games, mince pies, Christmas cakes... If you would like to come and help, please email: [mission@standrews.org.hk](mailto:mission@standrews.org.hk)

**Date:** 15 December, (Tue)  
**Time:** 10:15am – 11:45am  
**Venue:** G/F Lounge

## CDF Mentoring Scheme

Child Development Fund <Step Up 5 Life Guiding Project> for Hong Kong Island, Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong Districts officially started after the Kick-off Ceremony at Life Auditorium on 31 October 2015. We welcomed Mr. Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, GBS, JP Secretary for Labour and Welfare, as our officiating guest. It was great to see many of our mentees and their families came to our church for the first time.



## Response & Enquiry

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