

St Andrew's Church
KOWLOON

Christmas Action

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Every year, we distribute Christmas gifts to reach out to various communities both locally and overseas including elderly, homeless and poor, disadvantaged children, inmates, refugees and asylum seekers, and our mission partners. Thank you for all your generosities in donation and your support in coming to SAC Open Day to help raising funds for these gifts this year. We would like to thank especially all the leaders and their teams who participated in organizing various gifts items, parties, and visits for St Andrew's Church. Special thanks to DGS and DGJS in organizing and preparing all the gifts to the elderly for St Andrew's Church this year. We hope we can reach out to a larger community together during Christmas in the future.



Besides activities during special seasons, we have regular teams reaching out to the inmates, the sick and disabled, the poor, refugees and asylum seekers on a regular basis. We are now recruiting any growth group who want to serve the ethnic minority children in our community on a regular basis. Many of them comes from less privileged homes in the community. We knew them through the Summer English Camp and the Children Fun Day during summer. They need help not just in English but also their homework. We would like to recruit volunteers who want to help tutoring these children (aged 6-12) on Saturday morning once a month. There are at least three oxygen groups who are interested in serving these children. If your growth group would like to serve the community together, this is a great opportunity! Please contact Shirley Cheng, Director of Mission, at church office for more details.

GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

Fiona, Luke, JC & Mali



Christmas is a time for outreach. As usual, we are giving out 'peace apples' to the women working in massage parlours through Starfish project. One morning, our outreach workers gathered five other volunteers (including myself) to prepare 500 peace apples. We gift-wrapped the apples, and each day, we've been going out two-by-two to our regular sites as well as some newly explored areas. It is getting harder to reach these women as the urban villages are being demolished, which forces us to go further out to the edge of the city. Please pray for all the visiting efforts and that these women will know that the Prince of Peace has come to be with us.

At our shelter we also did a Christmas event for our staff. This year we have grown in numbers – now we are 12 girls and five Christian team members. We sang carols, watched the Christmas story, made gingerbread cookies and exchanged gifts. We all had a blast!

In other news, this year our Sunday worship group tried something new. On the Sunday right after Christmas, we invited non-believing friends to join us for a party – watching the Nativity movie, discussing questions/reactions, singing carols and having lunch. Please pray that the welcome they received and the fun that we had will lead to more interest and conversations.

Volunteer Recruitment for St Barnabas' Society and Home Flag Day

St Barnabas' Society and Home (SBSH) serves the homeless through its day center, temporary emergency shelter and outreach visits.

On the morning of **Saturday, February 20, 2016**, SBSH will be holding its Flag Day on Hong Kong Island. Please go and support SBSH by volunteering to sell flags. Should you have any questions, **Miss Hon** of SBSH can be reached at **2548 9056**. Please do mention that you are volunteers from St. Andrew's Church so that SBSH can make arrangement accordingly.

The deadline to sign up is **January 20**. It would be great help if you can sign up and be part of the team from St Andrew's.

*Volunteers under the age of 14 or with disability need to be accompanied by parents or guardians.

**All volunteers will be presented with a certificate as a token of appreciation for their service.



Accommodation for Kaloi and Edna

Kaloi and Edna, who founded Home for the 100th Sheep to serve underprivileged children in the Philippines, will be returning to Hong Kong for a trip in late January. They will arrive on January 27, 2016 and will depart in February (Kaloi on February 11 and Edna on February 26).

Please contact us if you can help in providing accommodation for their stay in Hong Kong.

