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TRUE JESUS CHURCH

Hallelujah.

Dear UK Youths,

Praise and thanks be to God for guiding the YCC youth coordinators for 2008–2010, whose three-year term is drawing to an end. Let us thank God for their assistance in the works they have participated in, both locally and nationally. We hope that the next committee of youth coordinators, for 2011–2013, will not only build upon the successes of their predecessors, but continue to cherish the youths in their hearts and encourage them to bear fruit for the glory of God.

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven” (Ecc 3:1).

We are often admonished by our elders to “redeem the time” (Eph 5:16). In other words: To make the most of every opportunity.

Let’s look at life in general. Most people will agree that the opportunity to study is a valuable one, as others without the same financial support struggle to finance their own university education. Working is an opportunity to make use of the skills we have learned, and to gain insight into a different aspect of life. Marriage is another invaluable opportunity, where we reflect and enact the true love of Christ. Parenthood is a wonderful opportunity to see the growth and blossoming of God’s amazing creation. Through the experience of parenthood, we are made aware of how our actions affect the next generation; this new perspective also allows us to truly cherish our parents, who have given much of themselves to us and may be continuing to do so.

Now let’s look at the community of faith. We should give thanks to God for the senior youths who have passed through and graduated from the RE system, spiritual convocations, national youth fellowships, and youth theological training courses. There are many who have not only remained in the fold, but have maintained their zeal as role models for

the other youths. Over the past ten years or so, we have seen youths who have finished studying, started a career, gotten married, and even become parents themselves. Despite having their own burdens in life, they also take the responsibility of looking after their younger brothers and sisters in church. They have dedicated themselves to becoming good examples for the youths around them. In this, we ought to rejoice!

The youths can gather under the roof of local church buildings because the older generations took the opportunity to offer. The generosity of the previous generation stems from their witnessing of God’s grace in their lives—the more they earned, the more they gave back to God; and still, the more they gave, the more God continued to bless them. However, their service was not just limited in the church; they also laboured with hardworking hands to scrimp and save, in order to put money aside for the next generation of youths.

The youths of today have a test: faith in the promise of God. “Honour the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine” (Prov 3:9–10). Do we have faith in this? If we do, let us put it into action, as James says, “You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only” (Jas 2:24).

We as youths ought to follow in this great tradition of giving generously to our Lord, as our older generations have been doing. If we are fully committed to offering to the Lord, we demonstrate that we are taking a part in the advancement of God’s work in the UK and further afield. As you will no doubt have heard, the UKGA has been overseeing pioneering work in Cardiff, Manchester and South London. We have gained another preacher, with another to follow in a couple of years.

As congregations grow, we need buildings that can accommodate them, so they can continue to fellowship together as part of God’s family. Why not encourage more people to join in the work, to help the church

continue to grow by offering to the Lord? As each older generation retires, the present generation of youths needs to acknowledge the importance of their role in the church for the next twenty-five years—so that they live not for themselves, but for the Lord!

May you rejoice with us in your reading of this issue, and God bless you as part of the precious youths in the UK.



Steven Shek

UKGA News (September 2010)  
Translated by Brother Tony Chan, Sunderland

**The 12th Meeting of the Eighth-term UKGA Board Meeting**  
**Date: 12–13 July 2010**  
**Venue: True Jesus Church in Edinburgh**

#### **Encouragement from Chairman Deacon Silas Chan**

During the last six months, we have sadly lost a few church members whom we have known well and loved. At the same time, we reflect upon the rapidly changing nature of this world. Elder Ho once mentioned in a sermon: “The most important thing is to remember the love of God and abide in Him always.” Only those who are constantly compelled by the love of God can love others in need with the same love. So let us abide in the Lord and love one another, so that our spirituality will grow in peace and our faith will become stronger and more mature.

#### **Departmental Reports**

##### **Religious Affairs Department:**

1. Brother Raymond Leacock will leave for the United States at the end of August to attend the theological training program (TTP) of USGA, which begins 1 September 2010. The first term of the first year will be held at Garden Grove Church, California, US; the second term will be at Vancouver Church, Canada; the third term will be at Heidelberg, Germany; and the fourth term will be back in the US. UKGA will inform USGA by letter of Brother Raymond Leacock’s flight schedule.

2. Preacher Chan Ming Chu of Argentina, who was assigned to help with the UK pastoral work this September, was unable to travel to the UK as he was robbed when he was in the capital city applying for a British visa, and all of his travel documents were taken. Preacher Derren Liang, WHEC-in-charge, is now trying to find a replacement worker to visit the UK.

3. During the Q&A session at the national sisters’ fellowship this year, many sisters asked questions relating to the church matrimonial program and the funeral service program. It is suggested that the questions and issues raised during this session be put forward to the national ministers’ meeting for discussion. In future, Q&A sessions will be replaced with Christian living sessions.

4. The length of time a preacher spends in a developing area will be determined by the RA department, according to the available manpower at that particular time.

##### **General Affairs Department:**

1. Regarding the refurbishment of the premises of the Manchester Gathering Place, the GA department has contacted the local members, who have agreed to find suitable construction workers to carry out the renovations. The work will be funded by monetary offerings from members. Deacon Ling Tao Shek of the FA department will set up a bank account in Manchester.

2. The certificate of water baptism will now be printed in a single colour, with the church logo, and English as the main language.

##### **Financial Affairs Department:**

1. A brief report on the current financial situation of the UKGA.

2. UKGA will fund Brother Raymond Leacock’s living allowance starting from 1 September 2010.

##### **Religious Education Department:**

1. The venues and lists of attendants for the student spiritual convocation and YTTC 2010 have been finalised. Two members from Taiwan will be attending YTTC this year.

2. The national RE department meeting was held in June. Three teams were set up during the meeting to evaluate these issues:

- Religious education.
- How to implement the Child Protection Policy.
- Student spiritual convocation and YTTC curriculums.

##### **Department of Literary Ministry:**

1. DLM part-time worker Sister Angela Ho currently works 10 hours a week.

2. The latest issue of the UKGA Newsletter has been sent to members of UKGA review committee. Once the content has been approved, it will be published.

3. Some new UK voluntary workers have joined the IA Immanuel project. The UK 2010 edition of the TJC Style Guide has been finalised.

##### **Deliberation of Proposals**

1. Re-discussion of the UKGA part-time/ contract workers’ living allowance: The current rate of pay is £6.25 per hour (the minimum wage required by law is £5.80). The rate of pay for part-time and contract workers will be removed from the table in the “Management of UKGA Full-Time Workers”. In future, the wages for contract work will be decided by the UKGA Board on an individual basis, according to the nature of the task and the skills required.

2. Content and lesson structure of the 2010 UK training program: Training courses include: basic beliefs; Pass on the Mission; practical issues of pastoring; and Discuss the Truth. This is a three-year course, where classes are held over two or three weekends a year. The first year course is designed for the candidates of local church boards, the theme being “Service and Prayer”, for the purpose of cultivating the members’ sense of duty. The content of lessons will start with the most urgent church matters, such as matrimonial and funereal procedures, and the roles and responsibilities of RA, GA and FA. The more theoretical courses (such as basic beliefs and spiritual cultivation, etc.) will be kept down to one to two hours.

The RA department of UKGA will contact each local church to arrange a suitable training time for the candidates of church board (maybe during the first or second weekend of September, or after 10 October). Lecturers will be appointed by the RA department. Churches in Scotland and churches in the midlands of England can consider holding regional training seminars.

3. DLM report on the suggestions from the Global Internet Ministry Programme Conference 2010:

At present, Brother Vincent Yeung and Brother Kenneth Zhou are overseeing the Community Outreach Volunteer (COV) programme. The DLM can send questions asked by any truthseekers to whichever preacher is available to answer them. It is not possible for the UKGA to monitor the content of any personal webpage, due to the complexity of the situation and the amount of articles. The best thing we can do is to utilise the pulpit to help our members to understand that they should be careful about what they say or write about the TJC, and to help our brethren build up their faith in Christ. Currently, the workload is too small for a follow-up team to be setup. At the moment, our preachers are doing similar work for the members. Encouraging the members with biblical truth is more important. However, it may be necessary to add IMP-related courses to the curriculum of the theological training program.

4.a) Regarding UK churches providing letters of support for Chinese brethren in their applications for UK permanent residence status:

All letters issued by the church should be based only on facts, and care should be taken over how the letter is worded. It should contain no exaggeration or falsehood. The letter can verify whether the person is a church member or not, and how often he or she has attended services. If the letter is for a member who resides in an area where there is no church, a preacher can issue the letter under the consent of the chairman of UKGA.

b) Regarding the matter of whether a member with illegal immigrant status is eligible for church election:

i. All eligible members listed in the membership register should be included in the list of candidates.

ii. The local church board should carry out the election according to the principles of the UKGA church election procedures.

5. The revision of the UK Members' Handbook (1999 version):

Revised the content of chapters 1 to 3 only. The remaining chapters will be revised during the next UKGA Board meeting.

#### Other Matters

1. Fund-raising for the Salzburg Prayer House. UKGA will offer £3,000 to help Salzburg Prayer House to purchase a place of meeting.

2. A group of brethren from Taiwan would like to visit the UK churches. The following suggestions will be put forward to them to consider:

a) In order to save time and money, concentrate on visiting three capital cities: Edinburgh, London and Paris. There may not be enough time to visit Elgin Church during this trip.

b) Tues 8 Feb: Leave Taiwan for Edinburgh in Scotland. Stay in Edinburgh Church.

Wed 9 Feb: Sightseeing in the city of Edinburgh. Visit Gifford Park Church.

Fri 10 Feb: Flight from Edinburgh to London Heathrow. Stay in London Church.

Sat 11 Feb: Sabbath Services in London Church.

Sun 12 Feb: Tour of London city and nearby places.

Mon 13 Feb: To Paris by Eurostar train (schedule in Paris will be arranged by Paris Church).

Fri 18 Feb: Paris to London. Flight from London Heathrow to Taiwan.

3. Concerning the divine work promoted by UKGA, we must not only send out letters, but also send out workers or board members to each local church. In this way, we can better understand the progress of the work and any difficulties or obstacles encountered, which can then be reviewed and followed up.

4. Areas where the UKGA need the assistance of IA during year 2011:

We hope IA can assign different workers to assist in the UK churches, so that we can benefit from the different spiritual gifts of various workers. In order to cover the shortage of workers in UK churches, due to UK workers being occupied with supporting the holy work in African and Russia, we will ask IA to assign three groups of workers to the UK next year—each group to stay in the UK to pastor the churches for two months. The RA department of UKGA will coordinate with local churches regarding scheduling details before informing IA.

5. Next meeting: the UKGA Board members and preachers will hold a joint meeting on 30 August 2010 at Edinburgh Church. In the following two days, the RMC (Russian Ministry Committee) and AMC (African Ministry Committee) will also hold meetings at the same venue.  
Elgin Church

#### Marrying in the Lord

Thank God, our Sister Angela Ho married Brother James Liu in Newcastle Church on 24 August 2010. It was truly a joyful day as members witnessed the joining of two youths in holy matrimony, and we were reminded once again of the importance and the joy of marrying within the Lord. Sister Angela has now settled in Newcastle with her new husband, and we hope she will help with church work there as she has assisted with many holy works in Elgin. We hope she will come to visit us soon.

#### RE End-of-Year Service

We held our annual RE end-of-year service on Sunday 29 August, to mark the smooth passage of another RE year. We enjoyed presentations from the three RE classes, parents and teachers—ranging from hymnal performances to a play, and sharing of thoughts and experiences. The youngest class showed us how David defeated Goliath with stones and through the power of God, and we heard praises from the various groups who sang to worship God. We also heard thoughts about RE and church from two brothers who were to start their university studies. A truthseeker student also shared about attending SSC and an experience in prayer.

#### Church Activity Day

On Sunday 26 September, all the members of Elgin Church, young and old, gathered together for a hymnal and bible games. This event was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and was a good bonding opportunity.

### **New Beginnings**

Thank God that two of our young brothers, Eric Chan and Jonathan Ho, have been blessed with the opportunity to study in Aberdeen. Both of the brothers have started their courses, and we hope God will guide them in their studies. May they shine for God in this new environment and continue to serve Him.

### edinburgh Church

Hallelujah! Warm greetings to all the brethren in UK. July, August and September have been a busy few months for Edinburgh. Here are some of the events and news from this period.

### **EPG Summer Sleepover**

This is an annual three-day event aimed at giving the youths aged 13-22 an opportunity to train for EPG works. The younger youths worked in teams to study and prepare presentations on a specific basic doctrine. The older youths prepared mini sermons that could be delivered at evangelical events such as gospel tea. The training ended with a BBQ and the youths were encouraged to invite friends to join us. Thank God the three days went smoothly and all who attended were better equipped to serve the Lord. May God continue to give us the opportunities to train our youths for many more EPG works.

### **National Student Spiritual Convocation**

Edinburgh Church hosted this year's student spiritual convocation for the college youth class. Once again God moved the members to work diligently in this matter, so the students, counsellors and speakers could enjoy both spiritual and physical food. The Edinburgh members have been fortunate to see this cohort of students grow in the last few years, and hope they will continue to strive for the heavenly kingdom and shine for the Lord!

### **Holy Matrimony**

Brother Raymond Chan and Sister Christine Lin were joined in holy matrimony on 9 August 2010 at Edinburgh Church. They have since returned to Edinburgh for a brief visit, having now settled in Cambridge. We pray that God guides them in their journey together and showers them with wonderful blessings.

### **Farewell**

Our beloved Sister Wai Lin Ho (mother of Manyee, Jimmy and Ronald Chan) was received by our Lord on 23 September 2010. She was a loving mother, wife and sister-in-Christ who lived to shine for the Lord. We will all miss her very much, but are comforted to know that the Lord is with her and we will one day meet again in the heavenly kingdom. May we continue to pray for God to bestow His mercy and comfort upon her family, so their tears may be wiped away and their hearts be at peace in Jesus.

### gifford Park church

Hallelujah! Greetings and blessings to our beloved brothers and sisters.

It has been a short summer, but thank God for His blessings and guidance these past few months.

### **National Student Spiritual Convocation**

Thank God for the student spiritual convocation, intermediate youth class, held at Gifford Park on 26-29 July 2010. Preacher Michael Chan and Trainee Preacher Johnny Liu were there to share many meaningful teachings with the students. We pray that these students may continue to build up their faith and become soldiers of Christ.

### **Reflections**

Preacher Michael Chan held a special RE teachers' meeting where we discussed the current situation of our RE classes. We shared our experiences so far and any difficulties we are encountering. We then went on to discuss possible solutions to the problems we are facing, and our future hopes and plans. In order for us to help strengthen the younger generations, we must earnestly pray for our students and reflect upon ourselves as RE teachers and upon the service we are offering to God.

### **Our Commission**

The Evangelical Planning Group (EPG) held a special fellowship with members of Gifford Park on 19 September, the aim of which was to explain to the members who EPG are and what they do. The fellowship included an introduction, presenting future plans, real-life examples/ role play and a Q&A session. We thank God for this opportunity and we pray that God will help us with the evangelical work that has been entrusted to us.

### **New Faces**

We warmly welcome Sister Selina Shek who has joined us from Newcastle after getting married this year. We also say a joyful welcome to our friend Emilie from Taiwan, who came over to study, and has been joining us in our Sabbath worships and fellowships. Last but not least, we say a Gifford welcome to Brother Jason from Malaysia, who is studying at St. Andrews. We pray that our heavenly Father will guide you all in your journeys ahead.

## newcastle Church

Hallelujah, greetings from Newcastle Church!

### **National Church Workers' Training Seminar**

The National Church Workers Training Seminar was held in Newcastle Church over a period of three days in September. Thank God it ran smoothly, and attendees were able to reflect upon the topics covered. Preacher Michael Chan conducted practical sessions on counselling and the organisation of the church, and Deacon Moses Huang (from Elizabeth Church in USA, who is currently pastoring in the UK) taught lessons on cultivation and servitude.

Deacon Huang focused primarily on Moses to show us the importance of getting our servitude right before God and the necessity of spiritually cultivating ourselves so we are fit for service. He taught us that when we are labouring for the Lord we will encounter difficulties, like Moses did. However, we must never abandon the work out of anger or disappointment, but continue steadfastly with the task God has set before us.

### **Servitude and Priesthood**

The guidance and teachings gained from the seminar came at an ideal time, as Newcastle Church held elections for church board and church co-workers over the recent weeks. This idea of servitude is not limited to church board members and co-workers only. Over the coming months, "We Are a Holy Priesthood" will be a continuous theme for our youth fellowships in Newcastle. We pray that the newly-elected workers and the youths can serve as faithful priests, who do according to what is in God's heart and God's mind (1 Sam 2:35).

### **Hellos and Goodbyes**

We welcome Sister Emily Tsai (Taiwan) and Brother Jason Shek (Edinburgh), who are both in Newcastle to study. May God guide them in their studies and enable them to shine His light to those they meet. Sister Angela Ho-Liu has

moved to Newcastle following her marriage to Brother James Liu, while Sister Selina Liu-Shek has moved to Edinburgh to embark on her married life. May God bless them all and may they serve the church in unity.

## sunderland Church

### **YTTC 2010**

Praise and thank God for the Youth Theological Training Course this year. By His grace, the local members were able to serve and host the 1st and 3rd year classes, which were held in Sunderland. Thank God nearly sixty students were able to give up many physical comforts to come and draw close to God through training (and closer to each other in what were, at times, cramped conditions!) May God bless His youths and may we all continue to learn under His grace and mercies.

### **Timothy Youth Fellowship (TYF)**

Thank God for guiding TYF, moulding the fellowship and the youths through His word and works. By God's direction, the youths have grown through Bible studies, sharing sessions, and sharing God's message of salvation through street preaching. Thank God the youths have really grasped these opportunities and find much joy in sharing this communion and service together!

### **Racing to the Mountain Top**

August to September saw the return of the post-NSSC summer fellowships, where the youths shared the teachings and experiences they gained at NSSC. This year's theme was "Let's Race to the Top of the Mountain". The youths were encouraged to build upon what they had received at NSSC, so they could continue to "run the race with endurance" and "exercise themselves

towards godliness" throughout rest of the year. May God continue to bless and strengthen the youths.

### **Society Youth Service (SYS)**

Praise and thanks to God that we have completed a full year of Society Youth Service in Sunderland. We are halfway through the Book of Daniel, from which we have already gained many teachings about how we should uphold our Christian principles whilst living and working in society. We will continue to study the Book of Daniel in the new term, and we will also utilise SYS to get the older youths involved in caring for the lost sheep of the younger generations through a range of activities. Please continue to pray for the leaders and the youths involved.

### **Departures and New Arrivals**

By the grace of God, Brother Anthony Ho has moved down to London to study. We also say farewell to Sister Carmene Chin, who has returned home to Malaysia after studying and working in Sunderland for three years. May God be with them both in their future endeavours.

Praise and thank God that Brother Michael Shek and Sister Karen Shek have had another baby girl—named Chloe Shek. May God bless their expanding family.

In July, two beloved sisters were called back to the Lord within two successive weeks. Deaconess Lois Shek and Sister Tsang Lai Tang were both great examples of steadfast faith, faithful service to the Lord, and love for the brethren, despite suffering debilitating illnesses. Their lives are an inspiration and testament to us all. Thank God they were able to shine His light so brightly in this world, and that He received them back in mercy. We pray that God will continue to comfort and guide their families to follow in their footsteps of faith, walking the heavenly path, so we can all be together again in our heavenly home.

## leicester Church

### Spiritual Growth

Praise God that many youths returned from student convocations and YTTC having gained spiritual knowledge and spiritual growth. During the RE end-of-year service, the youths demonstrated their learning to the congregation through the presentation of hymns, words of encouragement, and sharing their experiences of God. The RE teachers listened with hearts of thanksgiving as another year has passed in which we have truly witnessed the spiritual growth of our students.

Thank God that many students from the senior RE class are joining in Sunday activities, where EPG training takes place. We pray that through various training, such as door-to-door role plays and doctrinal discussions, the youths will be equipped to serve the Lord Jesus with a courageous and joyful heart.

### In Lord Jesus We are One Family

At the beginning of August, a group of ten Leicester brethren visited Cardiff to have service and fellowship with the members there on a Sabbath day. Thank God it was an encouraging visit as we exchanged hymns and shared testimonies of how we all came to believe in God. Cardiff is a pioneering area for evangelical work, and we pray that more volunteers can put themselves forward to assist with the work.

As the summer ends and the new academic year begins, we say goodbye and God bless to Brother Louis Loo and Brother Wei Hseng Chan, who both returned to Malaysia after completing their studies. May God guide them both in their search for a career. We warmly welcome back our Brother John Lin, who has returned to the UK to finish his studies, and we also sincerely welcome Sister Joyce Chen from Taiwan, who is studying her Masters in Leicester.

We thank God that Leicester Church has the opportunity to receive and look after many members from overseas. It is the love of God that brings us all together—truly, in Lord Jesus, we are one family.

## cambridge prayer house

### Cambridge Prayer House (CPH) Activities

In late August, we held a 'share and reflect' fellowship, which was an opportunity for returning youths to share lessons they learnt during their time at YTTC. Thank the Lord, as a result of their time at the theological training, the CPH youths expressed an interest and enthusiasm to do more work for God.

As the younger youths at CPH are starting to attend or are already attending university, we have begun to hold smaller fellowships, separate from the larger youth gatherings, as a means of providing individual spiritual support. We held a teatime fellowship one afternoon during the week, providing the opportunity for the youths to talk about their spiritual life. This was followed by mutual encouragement from the Bible, the singing of hymns and a prayer. The session proved important for youths seeking additional spiritual encouragement. May God continue to guide all the youths on their journey of faith.

### Prayer Fellowship

In September, a prayer fellowship involving the majority of CPH took place at Brother Vincent Yeung's home. Thank God, members from Milton Keynes and several truthseekers came together to study the Bible.

10th Anniversary Spiritual and Evangelical Convocation  
CPH held its 10th anniversary spiritual and evangelical convocation at the Caxton Village Hall, close to the prayer house. Thank the Lord for the smooth running of the event, with members from other churches visiting. Members

worked together with one heart and one mind to praise and worship the Lord, and we look forward to our convocation again next year.

### Farewells

At the end of August, Sister Anessa Liew departed for a year's study in Beijing. Please keep her in your prayers. Sister Eirene Yeung has also moved away to study in London. May God guide and protect them both while they are away from CPH.

## london Church

### YTTC 2010: Be Transformed!

The last few months in London has been jam-packed with events. The summer events kicked off with the YTTC for 2nd years, on 1–22 August 2010. The theme "Be Transformed" was a truly wonderful theme which also benefited the members who participated in the work for YTTC, as they came to listen to the sermons after busy days at work. We were especially touched by the junior youths who slept over at church so they could attend the lessons and help out with preparing meals and activities. We are truly thankful for the opportunity to learn alongside the 2nd years. We pray that the students will bury the word of God deep in their hearts and live it out in their daily lives. Thank God for the summer events—both the junior youths and the older youths returned from NSSC and YTTC with a renewed determination to study the word of God so they will not be deceived. Praise God!

### Evergreen Fellowship

We had a wonderful fellowship on 24 July 2010 with the elderly members. We were greatly reminded that these members, though advanced in age, bring much joy to the church, and continue to labour for God through daily prayers for the church and through the testimonies they share.

### **RE Day: Growing in the Lord**

Thank God for a wonderful weekend where we held the RE end-of-year service on 4 September. It was very wonderful seeing the progress the students have made in the last year, through the guidance of God coupled with the love of the parents and teachers. We also had a fun day out playing team games at Regent's Park on 5 September. Thank God for the sunshine!

### **Autumn Spiritual Convocation**

Thank God for an edifying autumn spiritual convocation held on 24–26 September 2010. The sermons, based on the theme “Living for the Lord & Spiritual Growth”, were wonderfully refreshing for the members. We were also joyful that members from all over the UK could join us, and we praise God for the truthseekers He brought to us during the convocation. We also praise God for the five brothers added to the fold (two adults and three children). All the glory and honour be to God!

### **Hello and Goodbye**

We give a warm London welcome to Brother Anthony Ho (Sunderland), Sister Ee Laine Tang (Malaysia), Sister Eirene Yeung (Cambridge), Sister En-Jieh Liu (Taiwan), Sister Susan Ho (Portsmouth) and Sister Yuenni Chan (Leicester). If you need anything during your time with us in London (whether it be help reading the tube map, or intercession prayers, or just having a chat), feel free to ask any of us! We hope your time in London Church will be blessed and fruitful!

We bid a sad farewell to our Brother Stephen Ho (Portsmouth), Brother Lik San Chan (Malaysia), Sister Marian Chan (Sunderland) and Sister Tara Liu (Sunderland). We miss you sorely as you became an integral part of the youth group in London, but we trust that God will continue to guide your future footsteps. We pray that you can shine God's light wherever you go, and be a positive influence to your local church. Remember God's love for you and live it out!

### portsmouth Church

#### **Comings and Goings**

Thank God Brother Stephen Ho has returned to Portsmouth, having successfully completed his studies in London. Sister Susan Ho and Sister Amy Ho have set out to tackle the challenge of studying and surviving as students away from home; we offer up our prayers for them and wish them well in their endeavours.

#### **Love One Another**

Youth fellowship has recently been focused on mutual love, and part of showing love for one another is to understand what difficulties we are facing, as a church and individually. James 1:27b tells us we must keep ourselves unspotted from the world; yet we must still live in the world. This is when we realise we are all facing the same issues, albeit in slightly different environments or circumstances. So it is good to talk and understand the problems each of us are facing—then we can pray for one another and build up this love we have for each other. In this way, we will understand how we can help each other on this heavenward journey.

#### **Imitating Those with Faith and Patience**

The things written in the Scriptures were written for our learning—to help us on our faith journey. Hebrews 6:11–12 teaches us that we should not be sluggish in our faith, but instead we should imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises of God. On this theme, Noah and Abraham were two characters we studied during Sabbath Fellowship, which is attended by both adults and youths. We learned that if we have the faith to trust and obey Jesus' teachings, and the patience to keep doing this, Jesus will reward our faith and actions by fulfilling His promises.

May God guide us all to imitate those with faith and patience, so that we too may inherit the promises of God. For this is His hope for us, and our hope for everyone!