

December 2025



UNION CHURCH MISSIONS

The devastating fire in Tai Po Wang Fuk Court on November 26th has deeply shaken our city. The tragedy caused the loss of over 150 lives and displaced more than 2,000 households. Our hearts are heavy, and we extend our deepest condolences and prayers to all who have lost loved ones and their homes. The whole city is in mourning, and we stand together in this time of grief. We pray for God's healing and comfort to surround the affected families and the entire community.

The immediate responses from Union Church included the mobilization of resources to provide practical support. From November 27th to December 1st, we collaborated with The Amber Foundation to collect essential personal care supplies for the displaced residents, ensuring their immediate needs were met. Additionally, on Sunday, November 30th, a special Love Offering was collected to support the emergency relief efforts carried out by our trusted partner, Crossroads Foundation, with the Union Church Missions Committee pledging a matching fund of HK\$150,000 to maximize the impact of the special offering. We are deeply grateful that as of December 5th, close to HK\$290,000 has already been received.

In this time of mourning, let us continue to pray for the victim families, those still hospitalized due to severe injuries, and for the healing of the entire Tai Po community.



CHRISTMAS MISSIONS MARKET 2025

The annual Christmas Missions Market took place on November 30, a lively event for connection with and support for mission. This year's event featured a strong showing of 18 Union Church ministry partners, friends of the church, and our own dedicated mission teams, reinforcing our collaborative efforts across both local and global ministries. We were pleased to welcome back many regular participants while also greeting several new friends who joined the market this year, including SAT-7, Stand Asia, International Justice Mission, and EDEN.

Each participant offered interesting items for sale. There were Christmas wreaths, children's Bible story books, handmade wool items from Mongolia, fabrics from Africa, designer jewelry, handmade candles, baked goods, and many others. The market served as a unique forum for the Union Church congregation to not only shop and support the various ministries financially, but to learn about the diverse missions that the church actively supports, spanning both our local community and international outreach. The event was also a gathering for the different ministry partners and friends, giving them the opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and strengthen their cooperative network!

Christmas Wreaths for Mission!

On November 29th, a dedicated group of UC ladies gathered with a shared mission: to craft beautiful Christmas wreaths for the annual Christmas Missions Market, and to raise funds for the Gabriel Project, an initiative Union Church plans to launch in 2026.

GABRIEL stands for **Get Audio Bible Recorded In Every Language** and is a part of Vision 2033 by Faith Comes By Hearing. Vision 2033 aims to work in partnership to record and freely provide the Word of God (Scripture) in every language that needs it by the year 2033, to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission in this generation. In 2026, Union Church will join the Gabriel Project and will adopt the Oral Bible Translation (OBT) of a tribal language that currently lacks scripture.

The Christmas wreath-making event served as the first fundraising activity for the Gabriel Project, and each and every one of the wreaths has already been sold during the Missions Market on November 30th, with all proceeds dedicated to the Gabriel funding!



Union Church invites you to join our **regular outreach programs** and become a vital part of our mission to serve the local community! You can volunteer to teach in the English program at St. Barnabas' Society and Home. You can join the Saturday Kids' Club at Inner City Ministries to serve Nepalese children in Hong Kong. You can visit and share the Gospel with the elderly at Chung King Ministries. You can also participate in our monthly Kindness Walk in the Wanchai district, where we go out to bless our neighbors and show God's compassion. These regular opportunities are core to our vision of living missionally; we encourage everyone to sign up and experience the joy of connecting with and serving others.

- UC Missions November 2025 highlights
- Nov 5 - Chung King Ministries (1)
- Nov 8 - Kun Sun Prison Ministry (6)
- Nov 22 - St. Barnabas. (14)
- Nov 23 - Kindness Walk (8)
- Nov 29- FCBH Christmas Wreath fundraising activity (19)
- Nov 30 - Missions Christmas Fair

Prayers

- PRAY for the Holy Spirit to move us to live missionally—reaching the lost, the hurting, and the marginalized in our own neighborhoods and in far-away places, and sharing the Gospel with them. May the Union Church (UC) community be united as a church that loves unconditionally, serves sacrificially, and proclaims your truth boldly.
- PRAY for God's guidance as Union Church missions make plans for 2026. We ask for wisdom in collaboration with our ministry partners, ensuring maximum impact in reaching the lost and vulnerable. We pray for good stewardship of our resources, that every gift may be used effectively for Your glory. We also pray for the mobilization of our congregation to actively participate in missions and outreach in the coming year!