

UNION CHURCH MISSIONS

YOUTH MISSION TRIP (OCTOBER 3-7)



AJ, Director of Youth Ministry - As I reflect on this trip, I can't help but be reminded of Philippians 1:5-6, which speaks about the significance of partnership in the gospel. Paul expresses deep gratitude for the Philippians' unwavering support, emphasizing that the God who began a good work in them will carry it to completion.

In this same spirit, we have been immensely blessed to partner with Kids International Ministries for many years. Our commitment has not only deepened our bonds with one another but has also amplified our impact on the lives of children and families in need.

This year, we had the privilege of bringing some of our youth along for a transformative five-day mission trip to KIM. I'd like to share a few highlights from this incredible experience. First and foremost, witnessing God's hand at work throughout our years of faithful partnership was truly inspiring. We had the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the vibrant Filipino culture and connect meaningfully with the community surrounding KIM through the feeding programs and construction work that they provided for us to do. Another highlight was observing our youth's heartfelt responses to what they experienced during the trip. It may have been a brief journey, but it was rich with purpose and connection.

Encouraging our youth to embrace this journey is vital, as they are part of something much larger than themselves—an ongoing mission to share the gospel and serve others. Together, we are not just making memories; we are building a legacy of faith and hope that will resonate for years to come.

Kayla - when I went to Tondo I expected to feel sad but instead I felt so happy to meet so many nice, welcoming people and it really warmed my heart to hear so many kids worshipping the Lord.

Desi - This trip makes me realize how privileged and blessed I am and how much God had got me through and provided for me and it also taught me that people there are so joyful and welcoming even if they have been through the most traumatizing experience and they made me feel loved and I also really enjoyed being able to share my testimony with people and hope it brought people closer to Jesus.



Lois - I'm so shocked by how the kids were so joyful and are filled with so much love when we arrived it made me feel glad that I was able to go on the trip and they showed me that I should be grateful for everything I have in my life even when it may seem hard.



Scarlett - This trip made me feel really grateful, especially when we went to Tondo and everyone was so welcoming and nice even though their houses were burnt down just a week ago.



Jayla: This trip showed me how powerful God's love is because even though our living environment compared to the kids in the Philippines living environment is so different, they still have so much joy and happiness. I also felt very lucky and happy that so many people including myself get to know God and feel his love for us in different ways.



Jasmine - My experience in this mission trip was extraordinary; I had the opportunity to experience the close-knit community at youth LAB and also step out of my comfort zone to new environments during the Feeding Programs. Throughout the mission trip, I was welcomed by many amazing communities and it made me very grateful that we are able to spread God's love and provide for those who need it. I would definitely come back if I had the chance and reunite with the friends I made there.

UC Missions October 2025 highlights

October 3-7: Youth mission trip to the Philippines with Kids International Ministries (12)

October 5: HOME (Mongolian ministry) lunch sharing (15)

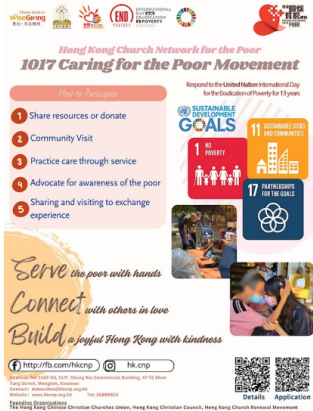
October 11: ICM Kids' Club (7)

October 12 & 19: Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor love offering collection

October 25: St. Barnabas Kids' Learning Club

October 26: Kindness Walk

October 26: Missions Table



The Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor (HKCNP) acts as a vital, city-wide platform, unifying churches, Christian organizations, schools, and businesses across Hong Kong to combat poverty. In October, HKCNP mobilized the community with its “10.17 Caring for the Poor Movement,” a direct response to the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, emphasizing practical steps to meet the needs of the underprivileged. Union Church is pleased to support this critical work and, thanks to the generosity of our congregation, has collected over HK\$20,000 through a special love offering for the NGO.



On Oct 11, the Union Church volunteers served at the ICM Kids' Club in Jordan. We had loads of fun with the children - we did games, arts and crafts, and told the story of Jesus healing a paralyzed man, thanks to the extraordinary effort of his four friends who lowered him through the roof! 



Once a month, the St. Barnabas outreach pairs dedicated Union Church volunteers with young students for individualized literacy support. Guided by Christ's love, the program focuses on building a meaningful relationship with the children, helping them improve reading skills and cultivate interests in learning. Please join our next outreach on Nov 22!

We had a Mid-Autumn Festival dim sum lunch on Oct 5, bringing together university students from Hong Kong, Denmark, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, and China. What a fantastic and delicious way to connect students from wildly diverse backgrounds and help them feel welcome!



A special lunch sharing was held on October 5th featuring HOME from Mongolia. The HOME team inspired us by sharing their vision and stories of faith in action. Stay tuned for updates on more of their amazing work!



Prayers

- **PRAY** for the Holy Spirit to set our hearts on fire for 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 UC community be united as a church that loves unconditionally, serves sacrificially, and proclaims your truth boldly.
- **PRAY** for Union Church missions. As we approach the end of the year, we give thanks to our Lord for his blessings and provision, enabling us to participate in the Great Commission through local and overseas outreach and mission trips, sharing the Gospel and the love of Christ with others. As we look ahead to 2026, we pray for his continued blessings to sustain this work, grant us wisdom to align our efforts with the need of the global church, and mobilize our congregation to serve zealously. May every step be guided by the Holy Spirit and brings glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.