

Breakthrough Overseas Missions Annual Bulletin 2019

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Rev. Simon Li
Chairman,
Breakthrough Overseas Missions

Message from Board Chairman

Over this half year, we as overseas Chinese have been deeply touched by the tumult in Hong Kong. "What do the young people of Hong Kong need?" has become a most urgent question and increasingly complex matter. In a time such as this, the abiding Christian values of faith, hope and love are all the more needed at deeper levels by our next generation. In the face of violence, we need faith that human sin and created goodness have been bound together on the wood of the cross, awaiting redemption and restoration. When the way ahead cannot be glimpsed, "let us never forget that though the wrong seems often so strong, God is the ruler yet!" As hatred increases, it is a real daily struggle to love and forgive, following Jesus, Word made flesh to live among us. Let us support the labour of love of our Breakthrough people, to sow the seeds of faith, hope and love among the next generation in Hong Kong, and to nurture their growth to maturity. May glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill be to people near and far.



Hope Against Hope

Joyce Man
General Secretary, Breakthrough

In last July, I visited Vancouver at a time when there are escalating violence and protests in Hong Kong. Thanks to the hospitality of Albert and friends, I had a chance to reconnect with fellowship buddies from the college years, which gives a big boost to my heavy heart.

During this difficult time, Breakthrough is committed to stand with the young in their struggles and will do our utmost to uphold the mission of God. 2018-19 has been a year of many trials and blessings. By God's grace and your unfailing support, we shall continue to partner with schools and churches to help transform life and values of this generation and the city through our work.

1. Love over Fear

One of the most prevalent concerns about teens today, is the increased tendency to experience depression and anxiety. The campaign "Listening to the Unbearable Darkness in Life" is a cross-disciplinary effort to raise public awareness of mental wellness as well as to **ease stress, pains and biases among youths**.

2. Hope over Fate

At the same time, young people are getting increasingly anxious about their future. Yet, we believe **there are more ways than one**. Hence, program such as the Trial & Error Lab at Breakthrough Cultural Space is to encourage creativity and thus, reimagine vocation. Seeing youths in despair and desperation, adults should try appreciate their yearnings and help them to strive for a better world.

3. Truth over Fakes

In this "post-truth" era, our books and Breakazine will insist on seeking facts, showing the good and sharing our Christian values. As social media plays a pivotal role in shaping opinion and worldviews in this generation, we need to help young people to **listen, learn and discern** while being accountable for the use of information.

With Hong Kong further polarized in terms of political views and wealth, it is more urgent than ever to engage all stakeholders in dialogues and to rebuild trust. "Being with" is something we do, and will keep on doing.

Last year alone, we reached out to over 100,000 youths and 150 schools/ churches. Being a non-sub-vented ministry, 1/3 of our income comes from donation and sponsorship. Despite challenges ahead, we shall humbly walk with the Lord and pray that together, we may be able to empower the young with Love, Truth and Hope, making them leaders for tomorrow and keepers of one another!



Art activity of the campaign "Listening to the Unbearable Darkness in Life"



Trial & Error Lab at Breakthrough Cultural Space



Pray for Breakthrough Hong Kong

Albert Tam
Chairman,
Breakthrough Overseas Missions Vancouver Chapter

Breakthrough (BT) came into being as a result of the silent grumbling of the youth in Hong Kong (HK) during the seventies. The movement helped bring attention to the needs of the forgotten generation in all levels of society, private and public institutions. BT also helped nurture that generation through various ministries and media platform, thus assisting them to find their direction and meaning in life.

After forty years, Breakthrough is facing an even more severe challenge! Youth in HK are no longer low-key quiet protesters. They are now a generation who knows what they want and will express themselves with a loud and clear voice! However, their thinking and actions, dreams and role in society continue to require wisdom from above. They need collaboration with our society as well as affirmation from their parents! BT has provided for these needs throughout these years. Ever since I joined BT as volunteer member, I pray weekly for the ministry and staffs. Now that the young people BT serves is facing such a critical hour as they never have before, should I not pray even more fervently for them?

Pray that the current turmoil in HK may have yet another divine – Breakthrough!

Breakthrough Overseas Missions 2018 Financial Report

	2018 CAD\$
Revenue	
Donations	136,800.00
Miscellaneous	362.40
	<u>137,162.40</u>
Expenses	
Overseas Ministry	199,040.00
Office and Administration	10,800.00
Miscellaneous	4,581
	<u>214,421.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>214,421.00</u>
Deficit for the year	<u>(77,258.60)</u>

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