



YWAM Tuen Mun
HONG KONG

IMPACT REPORT 2020-2021





Thriving in the Midst of Hardship

2020 and 2021 have been challenging years for all as Hong Kong faced the COVID-19 pandemic that disrupted society at all levels.

In the midst of that, YWAM Tuen Mun was able to press on in serving the community. We saw that there were greater needs, but also greater resources being given to meet those needs. Throughout the pandemic, we continued in our service to act as a channel to distribute to those that were suffering from lack and also to grant them a sense of their great value as a person.

As you read this report, we hope you are encouraged that even in the midst of hardship, there is hope!

What is YWAM Tuen Mun?

- A non-profit organization focused on holistically serving the needs of the vulnerable and marginalized in Hong Kong
- A group of volunteer staff from 10 different nations with a variety of different backgrounds and expertise
- A community of people who are passionate about God and about **caring** for those around them, **sharing** resources with those who may be lacking, and **serving** with a humble and willing heart

CARE ❤️ SHARE 🍲 SERVE 🙌



It is humbling for us to look back on the lives that we have been able to touch over the last 2 years. Each life has a unique story with its own struggles and victories. Some stories have lifted our spirits and challenged us in our own sense of what it means to live life with gratitude. Other stories have left us with a heavy heart but also reminded us that there is always hope in the midst of difficult circumstances.

We are privileged to be able to step into each of these stories and to walk with them in their journey.

A brief look at 2019



Food Bank Simulation



Looking back a year prior, our food bank had grown to the point where we needed a separate warehouse to store the food and goods that we were receiving. We moved the food bank into a new unit and quickly saw the space filled as we started receiving many more pallets of food. Our partnerships were also continuing to grow with different charities, as well as companies, giving us more avenues to meet the needs of those in Hong Kong. One of these partnerships was with a clothes recycling charity that enabled us to distribute second hand clothing regularly to our charities and beneficiaries.

We also saw many school and church groups come through our doors to serve through programs like the Blessing Bags, an interactive program distributing bags of food and promoting social integration, and the Poverty Simulation. Through these programs, participants were given a greater understanding not only of the issues of poverty in Hong Kong, but the motivation to go out and make a change themselves!

DREAM Camp



FOOD BANK

For Such A Time As This

COVID-19 rocked the world, affecting not only global financial markets and economies but individuals too. Through COVID-19 and the loss of jobs and stable income, Hong Kong's poverty rate hit a 12-year high. As we prayed in the midst of the unprecedented global pandemic, we found ourselves compelled to expand our reach to the needy.

The local ministry to the needy not only grew but went deeper into the lives of people as we were delivering food to their doorsteps and visiting them. Suddenly, as travel was restricted, companies, churches and individuals began wanting to do something for the poor. Even in the midst of great restrictions, there were many opportunities to grow in our reach to the city.

Churches and organizations began contacting us to ask if they could receive food so that they could distribute it to those in need in their community. We gained 21 new charity partnerships that we distribute food to. We are thankful for these God-given connections to be a blessing to Hong Kong!

The Hot Lunch Boxes Program became regular, distributing nearly 2,000 hot meals a month to street sleepers, cardboard collectors, low-income families and the elderly-at-risk.

8,000+ *people*
fed per month



Every Grain  is a Blessing

粒粒福

粒粒皆祝福

In 2020 we began a regular rice program, "Every Grain is a Blessing," providing nearly 2 tons of rice regularly to those in need. We are thankful we can meet one of their most important basic food needs.

96,512 masks distributed

COVID-19 Response

In January 2020, COVID-19 broke out in Hong Kong. During this time, we witnessed a timely and abundant provision of masks and hand sanitizers coming into the food bank.

We went out into the community to distribute those items to those that might struggle to find access to masks and hygiene products, the prices of which had become highly inflated. During the distributions, we found people that did not have any masks and still others who would use tissues under their masks to reuse one mask many times to protect themselves. We are thankful for God's generous provision that enabled us to offer protection for those in need.



Loving Our Neighbors

This year, the Food Assistance Program multiplied with our model of distribution not only in Tuen Mun, but also into 14 other locations around Hong Kong in partnership with different charity organizations!

When COVID-19 tightened restrictions and we were no longer able to meet in public to distribute, we visited each of our beneficiaries' homes to drop off food and goods. We are thankful we were able to still provide needed provision even during the height of COVID-19 in Hong Kong. The pandemic challenged us to find different ways to continue serving our beneficiaries.

In August 2020, we started a new Food Assistance Program at one of the lowest income housing estates in Tuen Mun. Due to the circumstances of the residents in this estate, the atmosphere of this location was much rougher, but even as we met our beneficiaries and built relationships with them over the course of a year, we could feel them becoming softer. We are excited to see the impact as we continue to serve the local community!



Changing Perspectives

In 2020-2021, we had opportunities to run the Poverty Simulation for a wide variety of groups, from international educational academies to companies to local churches. After going out to the streets to deliver bags of food to the cardboard collectors, one of the groups from a banking corporation shared how many people in their group had never been in that kind of local environment before, much less interacting with those in need on the streets. Their eyes were opened to a very different side of Hong Kong.

Another group shared how they noticed changes in their kids after the simulation. They were now more aware of the cardboard collectors and street sleepers and had a desire to help them, not just to pass them by. We look forward to helping people gain a heart for the needy through this creative tool!

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Ran **23** Poverty Awareness Programs

We have been partnering with schools, churches, organizations, and charities to run group programs that raise poverty awareness and give the groups opportunities to meet and serve those in need in our community.

In 2020, as we saw a rise in inquiries from corporations and companies, we pioneered a program tailored for the corporate world which coincides with company Corporate Social Responsibility. We also began the first corporate Food Drive. We had organizations and schools running Food Drives to collect food and goods for us to distribute to others.

The English Schools Foundation (ESF), which is the largest international school organization in Hong Kong, began to partner with us for their service internship. One of the boys shared that he hadn't wanted to come one day because he had been feeling quite down. But after helping to distribute food, he recognized that when he took his focus off of himself and instead served others, he was much happier!

Not only are we thankful for the groups that have come, but also for the individual volunteers that have invested their time to help us at the food bank and Food Assistance Programs!

Our desire is that those coming through our doors will gain a heart for the needy and be moved to meet the needs of those in their own community.





Newly Launched!

The citywide arts camps are designed to provide a holistic learning experience through the creative Bible lessons, teaching of positive values, performing arts, and hands-on creative activities, all done to encourage them to choose joy and make good decisions for their future. We ran a "Summer" and "Christmas Edition" Camp FIRE. Children from 30 different schools and 14 churches across the city participated!



ART CAMPS

We recognize that more than ever, it is a crucial time for us to reach the children and youth of Hong Kong. In the midst of COVID-19, we have seen the great challenges the children are facing as their normal schedules have been disrupted and as they adapt to online learning. We felt that it was necessary to focus on teaching and training the children of Hong Kong to increase their resilience in hardship. In 2021, along with running the annual DREAM Camp, we pioneered a series of citywide arts camps called Camp FIRE, drawing children from all over Hong Kong to learn about positive values through creativity.

D.R.E.A.M. Camp

Since 2014, YWAM Tuen Mun has been organizing English and performing arts-focused summer camps for underprivileged kids. It is run in partnership with the Rainbow Foundation and partners that focus on education for the underprivileged – Noah's Ark Theme Park and the Diocesan Girls' School, an elite school that recruited their senior year students to serve as "Youth Leaders" in the camp. This partnership not only impacted the lives of the children, but also the sponsors, the young leaders and even the parents of the children, too! Through arts and education we are influencing for a better future!



REACHING THE CARDBOARD COLLECTORS

If you walk on the streets of Hong Kong, you will surely find cardboard collectors who scour the streets looking for cardboard to sell to recycling centers, who will pay as little as \$0.7HKD/\$0.08USD per kilogram collected. They work long hours outside with little rest and the vast majority are elderly.

Starting in 2020 with the support of a foundation, we distributed four rounds of COVID-19 Relief Kits to all the 200 cardboard collectors in Tuen Mun. During one of these distributions, one cardboard collector cried as she thanked us. She said, "Thank you so much! Nobody ever gave me masks before!"



SHINE HONG KONG

At the end of 2021, we launched a new initiative, Shine Hong Kong. This initiative's aim was to go citywide and reach the 7,000+ cardboard collectors in our city by engaging organizations, companies, and churches to adopt a district to sponsor and distribute Shine Hong Kong kits. Each kit contains items like masks, hand sanitizer, work gloves, band-aids, and muscle balm, to help protect and support these hard workers.

Our initiative is designed to engage and mobilize groups across Hong Kong in partnering to show care for this group at risk. In the past year, we saw that our work of advocacy for this voiceless group was bearing fruit. We have since witnessed organizations and churches reaching out to this group.

After 6 years during which only one charity apart from YWAM was paying attention to them, it is such an encouragement to see schools, churches, companies and even a kindergarten coming together to serve them. They are no longer invisible, but now they are seen and cared for by many!



THANK YOU

Our impact in the community was amplified by the help of many good Samaritans and kind partners who contributed their time, finances and resources generously, enriching this city with love, kindness and care. Their invaluable contribution and support has been a wonderful source of encouragement for the team!

In 2020-2021 with your help, we have been able to:

FEED 196,320 *people*
COLLECT 186 *tons of food*
DISTRIBUTE 24,000 *hot lunch boxes*
DISTRIBUTE 27,000 *pieces of clothing*
TRAIN 397 *children*

5 Loaves 2 Fish

Aegon

Alpha Nature

Ambassador International Church

ANZ

Asian Charity Services

Assembly of God Yuen Long Gospel Centre

Baker & Bloom

Beauti-Creation International Ltd

Branches of Hope

Caritas Jockey Club Aberdeen Social Centre

ChariGreen

Charis Bible College

Chiu Fat Trading Company

Christ Baptist Church Hong Kong

Christian Action

Christian Canaan Church

Church of the Highlands, USA

Christian Perfect Church

Chudleigh Parish Church, UK

Community Healthcare Frontiers

Conservative Baptist Yan Mun Church

Cornwall Elderly's Home

Crossroads Foundation

Diocesan Girls' School

Drouin Baptist Church, Australia

EFCC-International Church

E.F.C.C.- Shan Fook Church

EFCC Yan Fook Church

ELCHK Grace Lutheran Church (Tsuen Wan)

ELCHK Tuen Mun Lutheran Church

Emmanuel English Church

Emmanuel Medical Mission

Enabay

English Schools Foundation

Evangelisch-reformierte Gemeinde Larrelt, Germany

Faith in Grace Christian Association - Jesus

Friend Church

Family Mask

Father Financial

FB Solution

Feeding Hong Kong

FOOD-CO

Food For Good

Food Grace

Foodlink

Full Gospel Business Mens' Fellowship

International (HK)

Gala Gold Hong Kong Ltd

Genex Watches

Grace Baptist Church

Giving Bread

Gold Coast Yacht & Country Club

Good Ideas Mission

Henrietta Secondary School

HKEC Tai Hing Neighbourhood Elderly Centre

Hong Kong Airlines

Hong Kong Bible Society

Hong Kong Cheil Church

Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor

Hong Kong Gold Coast Hotel

Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service

Hong Kong Shifts

Hope of the City

HSBC

Hung Hom Baptist Church

ImpactHK

Impex Quality Products

Innofoods

Island Christian Academy

JEMS Character Academy

J.P. Morgan

Kallimount Capital (HK) Ltd

Kei Tak (Nam Dai) Home for Aged

Lingnan University

Love & Care for the Sick Foundation Ltd

Marcolin Asia

Market Place by Jasons Gold Coast

Mighty Oaks International Nursery and

Kindergarten

Mother's Choice

Morgan Stanley

Noah's Ark

New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association

NVIDIA

Our Daily Bread

Pandamart

Pang, Hon & Partners

Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Sheltered Workshop

People Service Centre

Peter Life Counselling Center

Rainbow Foundation

Redeemer Foundation

Redress

Refugee Union

Remar Association Hong Kong

Rosewood Hong Kong

Rotaract Club of Victoria

Royal View Hotel

Sam Shing Lutheran Church

Shan King Church Network

Shatin Church

Shinsegae Mart

Singapore International School (Hong Kong)

Sino Hotels

Soap Cycling

Solomon's Porch

Sound N Light Animatronics Co.

Stand Asia

S.T.F.A. Lee Shau Kee College School

Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd

Sunshine Action

Swire Properties

Tai Po International Baptist Church

Tin Shui Wai Community Development Network

The Amber Foundation

The Church on the Rock - Hing Tin Church

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong

The Salvation Army Tuen Mun Integrated Service for Young People

The Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship

TPK Kwok Charitable Fund

Tuen Mun District Christian Churches Union

Tuen Mun District Women's Association

United Christian College

United Christian Hospital

VAM Advisory Ltd

Vitasoy International Holdings

Yao Dao Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Yan Chai Hospital Tsin Man Kuen Elderly Home

Yang Won Sun Foundation

Yau On Lutheran Centre for the Elderly

Yan Oi Tong

YMCA of Hong Kong

YWAM Gateway

Your contribution will make a LASTING IMPACT



We welcome you to be _____ a part of our work!

Our Full-Time Volunteers

All of our staff members raise their own finances to cover their living expenses. Your financial contribution enables them to carry on serving Hong Kong.

Our Daily Operations

YWAM Tuen Mun relies on the generosity of others to continue running. Your financial support ensures that our services to the community remain free of charge. It also allows us to continue working among the marginalized, youth and needy in Hong Kong!

Friends from Developing Nations

We have people who are interested in getting trained or staffing who are from developing nations, but are limited because of the high cost of living in Hong Kong. Help support them to come!



HERE'S HOW YOU CAN DONATE! _____

For Hong Kong Donations:

You can transfer to HSBC account: 747-041887-838.
Please notify us by emailing info@ywamtuenmun.org.

For US or Other Country Donations:

Visit our website to donate online or email us for more instructions if you would like to receive a tax-deductible receipt.



TOUCHING HONG KONG ONE LIFE AT A TIME

YWAM Tuen Mun (Master's Beauty (HK) LTD.) is a registered charity under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. All monetary donations over \$100HKD will be issued a tax-deductible receipt.



THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED!

CARE ❤️

We love to partner with charities, churches, schools, corporations and other organizations for our food bank, cardboard collector distributions, and outreach to the children and youth. If you'd like to care for Hong Kong, please consider partnering with us!

SHARE 🍚

We are always happy to receive food and goods, along with financial support so that we can bless the Hong Kong community!

SERVE 🙌

If you have a heart to serve others and the local community, we welcome you to volunteer or join one of our programs! Whether you're an individual or a group, we have a place where you can serve!



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