

Team China Preparation

The Lutheran Church of the Prince of Peace in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin is sending 8 of its members to Hong Kong, China for a two-week Missions trip. Our group has a wide variety of talents that God has blessed us with and has called us to serve and make disciples of all nations. Our members from Prince of Peace are Mert & Star Troeger, Nancy Brandon, Elizabeth Jentz, Mary Droegkamp, Victoria Droegkamp, Roger Kautz, and Kyle Re. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we await our assignment and prepare to deliver the good news of the Gospel. Our Missions trip is March 5-19th, 2018.

Preparation efforts have been ongoing since Aug 2017 as we have monthly meetings and bi-weekly meetings now that we are just under 60 days of heading to Hong Kong. We have partnered with our fellow Chinese Christians that use our Church facility and have attended their church service and fellowship afterwards to gain insight on etiquette, language and other things to prepare us and educate us on safety. The synod has tasked us with training materials for discussion and videos to watch. We have also been tasked with reading one of the two books: *Toxic Charity* or *When Helping Hurts*. These books led us to a better understanding on charity and mission work.

To help raise funds for our Christ centered missions trip, our congregation will be hosting a Pot-Luck gala with a Silent Auction. This event will assist with purchasing of teaching supplies along with any living arrangements during our stay and transportation to and from the airport. Our fellow Chinese Christians will be attending and possibly providing entertainment and food. We are also inviting our fellow Boy Scout troop and their families. It will be a Chinese themed gala event. We currently have more than 20 auction items to be sold. Our non-stop flight was funded by the church mostly in part from our Dollar for Missions pilot program, where each member of the congregation donates one dollar per week. We have also received a grant through Thrivent which we will use to offset the transportation costs to and from the airport.

Although, we do not have our specific assignment yet from the synod or where we are staying, we know that God is working through his people here and overseas to deliver this to us on His time. We are patiently waiting! We do know that we will be teaching students the English Language through relationship building while modeling Christ. Our mission is to plant the seeds and for some we may be the first Christian they meet. Our team will also be teaching Christian holidays such as Christmas and Easter. Our team is buying cards and small gifts to pass out. It is likely that we will be meeting the parents of the students and dining in their homes. The synod has provided us with culture tips, responsibilities of team members, classroom tips, safety tips along with history and overview of short-term teams in Hong Kong.

We ask that you keep us in prayer while our team prepares and serves in Hong Kong. This is our congregations first ever mission trip and will hopefully set the bar for many more to come.

Respectfully in Christ,

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