

## **WWPM 18.01.18: Hong Kong and Macau Command**

### **Pray for Officer Candidates:**

Our last intake of Cadets was in 2010. Over the last seven years there have been no Candidates. This is a priority for the Command as we face a 50% reduction of our active officer strength by 2024. In addition to the pressing need to staff our existing ministries we are unable to respond to the emerging ministry opportunities.

Pray that our soldiers and officers will become acutely aware of the needs of the communities which they serve and minister to.

### **Pray for our new Queen's Hill Primary:**

We celebrate the efforts and successful application of our Education Services Department in applying to the Hong Kong Government for the new Primary School which will be located at Queen's Hill, New Territories.

It is anticipated that this school will be fully operational by 2021. This means that TSA will be ministering to over 800 students and their families. This school will also serve cross border students giving us an impact zone in mainland China.

Pray that all the administrative and building processes go smoothly and for the recruitment and training of the staff who will serve in this school.

### **Pray for our new Elderly Dementia Centre:**

The Macau Government has invited TSA to open and operate an Elderly Dementia Centre which is scheduled to open in 2019. This Centre will not only meet the acute needs of families in the Ioa Hon district but serve as a flagship for new approaches to dementia care. Staff will not only minister to the needs of residents but also support and encourage their families.

Pray that all the administrative and building processes go smoothly and for the recruitment and training of the staff who will serve in this centre.

### **Pray for our newly registered Regional Offices in Chengdu and Kunming:**

With the successful completion of our registrations in the provinces of Yunnan and Sichuan there is a great deal to accomplish. New staff are being employed to take on the expanding project opportunities. This of course requires in service training and orientation not only to our Mission, Vision, and Values but also to our FBF methodology. In addition to this, it is that time of year for Government officials to change appointments so we are heavily involved in relationship building.

Pray that we approach this time of capacity building with wisdom and sensitivity.

### **Pray for our Corps:**

Over the last four years we have been giving intentional focus to building an understanding and appreciation of 'holistic ministry'. Both in Hong Kong and Macau, God has blessed us with four streams of work; corps, schools, social services, and business enterprises. It is our desire to see these streams of ministry work supportively together to serve and minister to the communities which surround them.

Pray for our soldiers and officers to embrace 'holistic ministry' and to actively engage in community care ministries.

**Pray for Command Leadership**

Over the last four years, there has been significant restructuring to produce an organisation which can proactively embrace the new ministry opportunities while not only complying with good governance but exceeding it with best practise. This change process has placed stress on both staff and officers alike as we transition to a new culture, new policies, and new practise.

Pray that Leadership will have wisdom and discernment as we open this new chapter of ministry.

**Pray for China**

This is a significant period of change for China as it establishes and defines its international role for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Internally, China is experiencing huge population migrations as 50% of the population transitions from rural communities to 6 mega urban centres. This relocation process places stress on individuals, families, and community relationships and often results in individuals left alone without support networks.

With regard to the 'one country, two systems' policy, the Pearl River Delta or Greater Bay Area is rapidly moving forward to create a mega urban city of 48 million inhabitants which includes Macau and Hong Kong.

Pray that this urbanization process will benefit individuals and families rather than increase their isolation and dependency. Pray that Government departments will successfully partner with experienced service providers to enhance the quality of life for all. Pray that TSA Hong Kong and Macau will find a suitable to minister to the 'Greater Bay Area'.