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LANGUAGE

Chinese

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Training and Capacity Building

BIRTHDAYS

Emerson 3/1
Ivy 12/10



LOCATION

China



ABOUT

Emerson and Ivy serve as the co-coordinators of Global Chinese Mission for International Ministries. They work with their IM area director to establish a network of global Chinese churches and Christian non-governmental organizations (NGOs), through which the network members will develop and implement

common strategic missions, including those from the IM's strategic planning process, Responding to the Call. Ivy and Emerson also represent IM in relating to church and NGO partners in Hong Kong.



Pastor Albert is leading a Bible study with the church's elderly group.



MINISTRY STORY

When we visited the Swatow Baptist churches in Hong Kong, we met Pastor Albert, whose gentle wisdom caught our attention. Learning he had just finished his Master of Divinity degree but had been serving the church for many years, we asked about his spiritual journey.

As a child, Albert spent Sundays at church for worship and Sunday school. In senior high, he was a Sunday school teacher, and later he directed the Sunday school.

He told us, "I always believed in God; however, my struggle was following him. I never really surrendered to his calling, either to follow him wholeheartedly or to serve him as a full-time minister. For about 30 years, I pursued careers in social work and law, meanwhile also serving the church as a deacon, a Sunday school teacher, and a participant in short-term missions. Finally, I came to realize that a person can only be transformed and have an abundant life when a person lets God rule his life directly."

Albert kept listening for a clear calling. He

heard a preacher say that, if a person has been doing God's work for a long time and is willing to devote himself to ministry, *that* is God's call. Now Albert has finished his seminary training and will be ordained as a reverend. Hallelujah!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for God to guide and bless Reverend Albert as he takes on more responsibilities to shepherd the church.

Please pray for the peace in Hong Kong; for reconciliation and reconstruction in society and the churches.

Please pray for God to direct the building of a strong mission network among the Chinese churches in the world.

SCRIPTURE

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!"

Romans 5:8-9 (NIV)