

The Changing Face of Wanchai

I live on Spring Garden Lane, between the Hopewell Centre and the Wanchai MTR Station. All around my flat are sights of old Hong Kong. Fish flop about in the market, old women do their morning shopping and chat with one another in the street, butchers hack up whole pigs. But amidst the old Hong Kong, something new is emerging, a new day is dawning. Building supply shops distribute concrete and bricks to construction crews next to the newest coffee shops. Young professionals step out of their trendy flats wearing the latest fashion. New restaurants and wine bars spring up almost daily.

This eclectic mix of Hong Kong's old and new is what makes Wanchai so delightful. One never knows what to expect to see from one corner to the next! Last week a young groom-to-be wearing the long traditional Chinese wedding outfit; this week someone in a Star Wars costume. But the interplay between the old traditions, the newest culinary fads, and the intriguing foreign languages spoken on every corner makes for a quirky, creative, 'bizarre bazaar'. It is much like many of the cities where the early Christian church emerged.

In the middle of this ever-changing crossroads of life, MIC stands as the beacon of God's steadfast love which never changes. Built on the solid foundation of Christ our Lord, our mission is to reach out to non-Cantonese speaking people and share the life and love of Christ. On any given Sunday, our church is much like a 'bizarre bazaar': a place where people from around the globe come to share stories, intertwine their lives, feast together and share resources. In the midst of our life together, the light of Christ shines in word and deed, in prayers and offerings, in service and in personal sacrifice.

Thanks be to God for the changing face of Wanchai, and the never-changing goodness of God as a new day dawns.

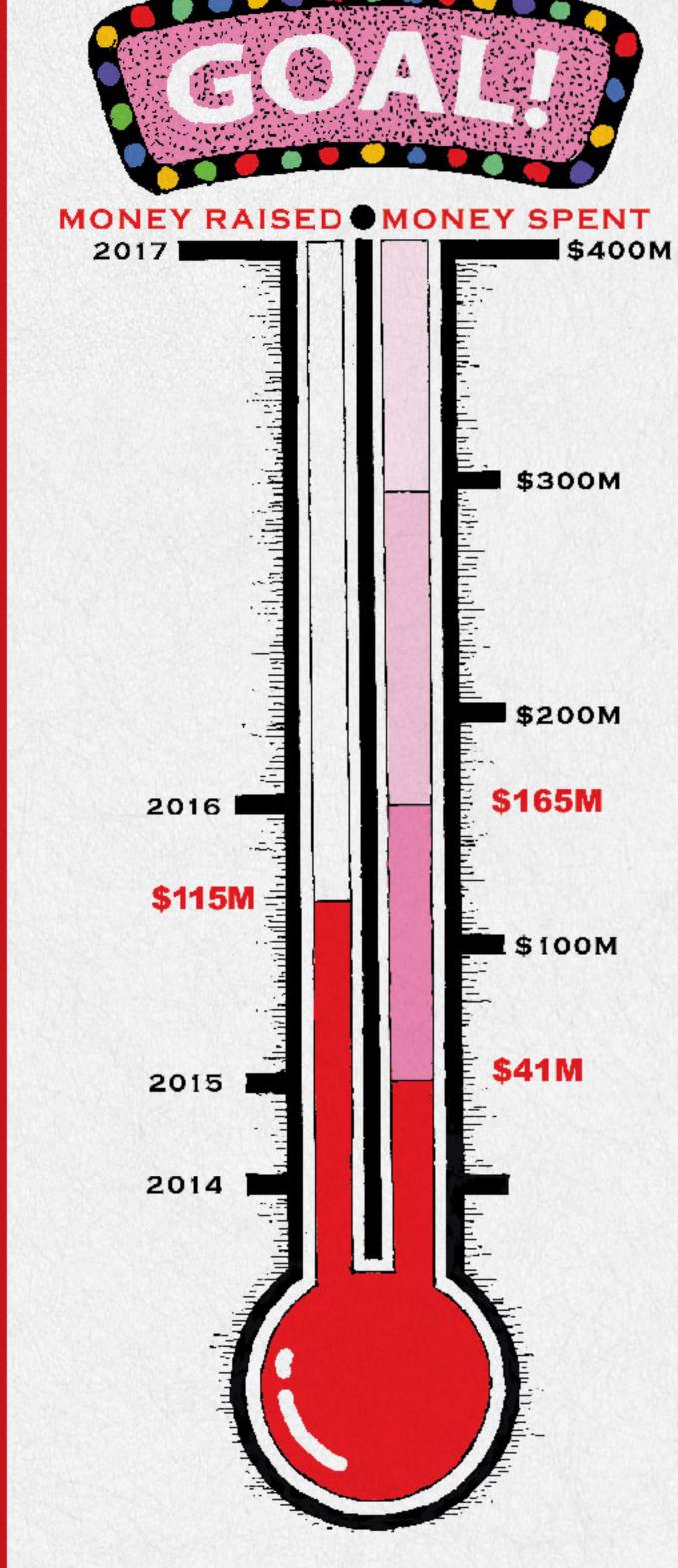


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We are Progressing... Summer 2014 Demolition in progress 7th Sep 2014 All Six Sunday Worship Services on Hong 5th Oct Kong Island take place at the SKH Tang First Holy Communion Shiu Kin Secondary School(TSK) Sunday with all MIC 11th Oct congregations on Hong Kong Island "Heritage & Pilgrimage" 12th Oct Revival Meeting at 2nd phase of Prayer Warriors Campaign Kowloon Methodist Church launched 19th Oct 31st Oct Walkathon 2014 at the Peak 2nd Submission of General Building Plans 7th Nov 20th & 21st Nov Tendering for Lift Contract started Judicial Review by the government on Site Classification was heard at the High Court 8th Dec **Demolition in progress** 22nd Dec **Demolition works** 24th Dec completed An agreement offering a stand-by revolving loan for \$100million was signed with the Bank of China 1st Feb 2015 Our Facebook 9th Feb www.facebook.com/michkrp **Excavation and Lateral** page launched Support works (ELS) started 3rd Mar 23rd Mar Schematic Design Presentation by the Architect 3rd Submission of **General Building Plans** Easter 2015 "I love praying" campaign launched 22nd May 4th Submission of General Building Plans 5th Jul Prayer meeting "Let us fly" for Children and 13th Jul their parents at Ma On Shan Methodist Church Tendering for Main Contract started 4th Aug 17th & 21st Aug **General Building Plans approved** Tendering for Fire Services, Air Conditioning 4th Sep and Electricity contracts started The Court accepted the Building Authority's judicial review on Site Classification 13th Sep ■ Pastors Fund-raising 19th Sep Basketball Match 919 Carnival at Chinese Methodist School. Tanner Hill 8th Oct ELS works in prgress 5th Nov 7th Nov 1st Detailed Design **Ground Breaking** Presentation by the Architect Ceremony 15th Nov 18th Nov Walkathon 2015 at Award of Main Contract Ma On Shan 26th Nov Waterfront Promenade Award of Fire Sevices, Air Conditioning, Electricity Contracts 9th Dec | Award of Lift Contract 13th Dec 22nd Dec "Vision of Grace" 23rd Dec **Excavation and** fund-raising CD launched **Lateral Support works** completed Foundation and 2016 3rd Jan Superstructure works started 1st Revival and Prayer Meeting at TSK 4th Jan 2016 Monday Prayer Campaign launched 21st Jan 2nd Detailed 23rd Jan Design Presentation by the Architect Reinforcement fixing in progress at B/F 14th Feb 6th Mar 2nd Revival and Prayer Meeting at 3rd Revival and Prayer Meeting at TSK Chinese Methodist Church, Wanchai (CMC) 17th Mar 27th Mar 3rd Detailed Design Presentation by the Architect Faith Warriors Campaign enrollment ended 3rd Apr 17th Apr "Tree of Life" & "Brick Builders" Third Sacred Music Festival at Kowloon Methodist Church Fund-raising Campaign launched

Alleluia! Rejoice! We have raised \$115million for the redevelopment!



\$50m Funds Raised:

Funds raised MCHK \$41,544,115 Funds raised MIC \$8,576,073

Plus:

From MIC reserve \$18,558,457 Interest free loan \$46,270,617 received

Total: \$114,949,262

Total expenditure \$40,960,005

*Figures as of 22/2/2016



Offerings can be made by:

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John Wesley in his sermon on 'The Use of Money' (1744), urged Methodists to :

Gain all you can - with 'honest wisdom', 'honest industry' and without demeaning others.

Save all you can – live carefully and simply, 'not wasting God's gift'.

Give all you can – 'that you may give good account of your stewardship'.