

# Then and now

God's vision for Kowloon International Baptist Church has always been to reach people.

Obviously, it was this vision that led Southern Baptist Missionaries, in **1953**, when they had a desire to also share the Gospel with English speaking people in Hong Kong. Begun as an outreach Bible study, the result was a newly organized mission church in **1957**, meeting at Pui Ching Middle School in Kowloon.

o **1961** january

The first officially recognized English-language Baptist Church in Kowloon – now known as Kowloon International Baptist Church – opened with

**39** charter members

o **1965** october

## Amazing faith and bold vision

resulted in the purchase of the property at 300 Junction Road, Kowloon Tong.

**THEN...** The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention provided a huge blessing to KIBC, when it gave grants covering the majority of the land costs in the amount of HK \$822,000, with members of KIBC contributing HK \$1,143. This blessing allowed them to turn their attention to building our current church facility.

**NOW...** We have a land premium that is required to be paid before we can build our new building. (Soon we will hear from the government what that amount will be.)

o **1966** october

## Groundbreaking at Junction Road

**THEN...** As a small struggling church which significant needs, the group was blessed again when it received a second grant that would pay for 63% of the building cost. For a church that would struggle for over two decades to reach 200, they were showing amazing faith to build a building that was designed to handle approximately 250 people.

**NOW...** For over five decades, KIBC has been blessed by God's provision through others. Today, we are regularly approaching four times the building design number each week. Now we are a vibrant and well-established body of believers here in Kowloon Tong. God has blessed our members with good jobs and favor in the community. He has placed each of us here at a time such as this to show our great faith. We can now be part of building for future generations.

1968 march

## Open doors

Finally, the time came to open the doors for a brand new building and home to KIBC **then** and **now**!

**THEN...** KIBC opened the doors to its new facility as a “city on a hill” clearly visible to all who travel through this area of Kowloon Tong.

**NOW...** We have chosen to remain in this highly visible location. With the construction of our new building, we will remain a visible symbol of the love of Jesus to all who pass by. Students who come from all over the world will be impacted by the Gospel. Patients who come to the Baptist hospital will find a source for HOPE. The masses that travel Junction Road will see the amazing commitment to an awesome God.

*“Thank You Lord for sending missionaries [from the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention] and using them to help purchase the land and build KIBC. I am grateful for all those who gave sacrificially then, not even knowing us.*

*I was born the year KIBC opened its door to people from all parts of the world. I moved to Hong Kong and began coming to the church at 22 yrs old. Thank You, Lord, for writing my story and sending spiritual leaders to guide, mold, and polish me, until I am a reflection of You. Thank You, Lord, for this journey and allowing me to help build Your Kingdom now. It has always been about You.”*

- Sangu

hope

Contemporary  
Worship

2004 july

## To reach more people

A second service was added to KIBC’s Sunday morning worship time. As a result, the church would be introduced to Contemporary Worship.

2011 april

KIBC charged a committee with the responsibility of making recommendations regarding possibilities for future growth and expansion and allocated funds for a building application to Hong Kong government authorities.



○ 2017 march

## Because people matter

3 Sunday services

Kowloon International Baptist Church opened its doors for 3 Sunday morning services to provide room for more people. The goal **then**, is the same **now**. It's all about reaching people for Christ, because people matter to Him. Jesus has called us as believers, to reach out and share the message of HOPE with every individual... children, teens, university students, young professionals, adults, families, grandparents - all people matter!!

*"Last year, we began seeing people turning away, because there was no space at all in the second worship service. Both the auditorium and the foyer were filled, leaving the only available seating in the stairways."*

“You shall remember all the ways which the Lord your God has led you ...”  
**Deuteronomy 8:2**

○ 2017 july

Again, because reaching more people for Christ matters, a huge summertime challenge focused on the facilitating of two sessions of Vacation Bible School. Mission accomplished - one in the morning, and one in the afternoon! What a blessing to have almost 250 children each day along with a dedicated team of leaders!

Openness to God's direction **THEN**, required amazing faith; and for us **NOW**, it requires no less than being open to a bold vision. Bold equals something that will require 100% of us praying, and 100% of us participating - and even then, it can only be accomplished with God's help! **If we approach this NOW with the same passion as THEN, we'll see great things happen!**

100%

praying,  
participating