

**Pray for us,  
that God will  
open doors for  
telling the  
mystery of Christ.**

**Colossians 4:3**



**An army bold, whose battle cry is love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.**

## **Welcome to the Journey!**

Kowloon International Baptist Church has the greatest story to be told! Jesus Christ! You don't have to be here very long before you discover the many stories of our people. Some have been the first to come to Jesus Christ and then led their entire family to know Him. Frequently, I hear that someone invited them to attend, or to participate in a bible study, or to come and learn English, and as a result they learned about Jesus and gave their life to Him.

**And Christ will have the prize for which he died:  
An inheritance of nations.**

Originating from over 30 different nations, many from countries throughout Asia, our people truly are "an inheritance of nations." As work and educational pursuits bring them to Hong Kong, we have the divinely given opportunity to introduce them to Jesus Christ. **God has placed us in a wonderful position to be a strategic church in Asia.**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride;  
Give grace for every hurdle.  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.**

Our Mission at KIBC is simple, biblical, and crucial. God has told us to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Everyday thousands of people encounter thousands of others along the sidewalks, in buses, and on trains. Most of these individuals pass by each other unnoticed and untouched and even more so during the pandemic. The drive for personal safety encourages us to withdraw. For many people, any sense of purpose is often lost in the crowd.

Over 90% of Hong Kongers, by their own admission, claim to have no relationship with Jesus. Many have NEVER heard a clear presentation of the Gospel in a way they can understand. Most have no Christian friend. Statistics suggest that in Kowloon there are about 980,000 English-speaking individuals who are lost, without Christ. Can you see why we are on an important mission? Why we “run with faith to win the prize” of sharing Jesus with a lost and broken world?

In all this lostness, Kowloon International Baptist Church seeks to share God’s love with them. God has called us to reach out and share the message of hope with every individual, child, youth, university student, young professional, adult, family, and grandparents with the “good news” of salvation in Jesus. Our friends, family, co-workers, and acquaintances need to hear about Jesus.

The mission of reaching people for Jesus has led KIBC to embrace a bold plan of rebuilding our facility. It is not about the building; it is about the people. We desire to provide room for more people to come and

experience the transforming power of the “Church.” That calling, that mission, that vision is still as important as ever! Nothing has changed our mission. Events around us continue to remind us of the urgency of sharing God’s love. We have an open door and we will be found “a good servant and faithful” to the mission, the calling, the cause, the challenge!

To make room for more people we responded in 2017 with the Open Campaign to position ourselves for a harvest of souls. Our offerings proved that we are “doers of the word, and not merely hearers” (James 1:22). The extraordinary generosity “exceeded everyone’s expectations” and became a sacred moment of rejoicing in the goodness of God, the obedience of God’s people, and their willingness to invest in eternal things as their highest priority.

Now, in 2021 we turn the page and embark on our next chapter. So, with great confidence and certainty we launch Open: Next Chapter. The goals of which have always been clear.

First, is the structural expansion of our church facility to be able to reach more people with the Gospel and train more disciples. Prior to Covid-19, we were out of space. A post-Covid-19 will require even more space. Our mission is too great, our calling too strong, to declare “no room” and turn people away. I feel that response would grieve God. We feel compelled to move forward to build a place where lost individuals will hear God’s Word and choose to follow Him. It’s always been about people.

Second, replace an aging facility. Our building has exhausted its lifespan.

Third, was the challenge of providing the financial resources to pay for the rebuild. At 245 million HKD’s we knew it would require heroic sacrificial generosity. Our first Open Campaign was our first wave in providing funding. Those gifts made a grand statement that we are committed to reaching people for Jesus. Now we embark on our Next Chapter of Open.

Even though this is a season of great uncertainty, it doesn't surprise our God. In fact, from a spiritual perspective, it is during times of great change and challenge that people's self-sufficiency is broken, and they are awakened to their need for something more, something eternal, something that might be found in a relationship with Jesus. Our presence in this place, through our new building, will position us for a great harvest. Yes, our mission and building are as relevant as ever. Let's eagerly move forward in **Open: Next Chapter** and see the dream become a reality.

I want to encourage you to be open, informed, and engaged in this next chapter of Open. As I have said before this is about **investing the next 3 years with the next 50 in mind**. Let's be a church a people – that's open to be ALL IN!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Butch". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Pastor" and "Butch" being capitalized and prominent.

**Dr. James Butch Tanner**  
Senior Pastor

# **Our Mission**

**Go and make  
disciples of  
all nations**

**Matthew 28:19**

# Our Goals

The 7-week OPEN faith journey  
combines four different goals:

- 1. vision**
- 2. prayer**
- 3. surrender**
- 4. generosity**

## **1** Open to **Vision**

- That our hearts would be open to reach the lost.
- To share Jesus with six people each year for the next three years.
- To bring at least six friends a year to church for the next three years.

**"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples."**

**1 Chronicles 16:24 (NASB)**

## **2** Open to **Prayer**

- Everyone praying "Dear Lord, what do you want to do through me?"
- 100% participation in the Open faith journey.
- Complete the 30-day devotional guide and use the daily prayer calendar.
- Establish a daily prayer time for the next three years.

**"Ask, and it will be given to you;  
seek, and you will find,  
knock, and it will be opened to you."**

**Matthew 7:7 (NASB)**



### **3** Open to **Surrender**

- 100% All In with our entire heart.
- Present and engaged each week of OPEN: NEXT CHAPTER and learn what it means to fully and faithfully trust Jesus.
- To offer my life as a total sacrifice to be and do what God wants.

**"Then Jesus said to His disciples,  
"If anyone wishes to come after Me,  
he must deny himself, and take up  
his cross and follow Me.""  
Matthew 16:24 (NASB)**

### **4** Open to **Generosity**

- Prioritizing Open in generosity above all other spending, savings, and giving opportunities.
- Expressing generosity that truly represents giving up something I want, something I need, and something that represents security.
- Make a 3-year faith commitment on Sunday, November 21st.

**"Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works,  
to be generous and ready to share..."  
1 Timothy 6:18 (NASB)**

# Current Building Challenges

- Existing building is nearly 55 years old and near the end of its design life.
- Incidents of failing pieces of concrete, dilapidation, leaking roof, electrical failure and basement flooding are more commonplace.
- No wheelchair/ barrier free access into the church.
- No passenger elevator.
- Insufficient classrooms to meet ministry needs, requiring rental space outside church.
- Inadequate number of toilets; handicap toilets.
- Inadequate space for church offices.
- Auditorium: insufficient seating; poor acoustics, audio, and video capability.
- Easy penetration of traffic noise from Junction Road.
- Basement has temporary classrooms with poor facilities, seating, and acoustics.
- No fellowship space available.
- Basement is in bad condition because of humidity and water seepage issues.
- Limited central air-conditioning and no heating provision.
- No large kitchen, no drink dispensers, no water fountains.
- Numerous issues with children' areas.

Our current building has served its life span and limits ministry to every generation! Our calling to be a durable, permanent, accessible church for future generations compels us to respond in building a new ministry tool – for us, for others, for everyone – to know Jesus!

# New Building Solutions

- Welcomes everyone with a beautifully stunning building that will stand out as a witness to Jesus as the true path to heaven, to salvation, to hope, to purpose.
- Expands ministry opportunities by providing triple the floor area.
- Creates room for more people by building 8 stories, including basement.
- Inspires worship with a modern multifunction sanctuary design with seating for over 460 per service.
- Builds connection and friendships with a dedicated multi-purpose hall for fellowship and recreation.
- Improves accessibility with a fire-rated passenger lift to all floors.
- Allows barrier free access with a wheelchair ramp and handicap toilets.
- Allows safe bus transfer for kindergarten children from inside the basement allowing protection from traffic and weather.
- Provides adequate toilets on six floors.
- Provides centralized air-conditioning and heating to all parts of the building.
- Provides 8 basement car park spaces that can be multi-purpose space.
- Provides an open office plan, with 8 individual offices for staff, all on one floor.

**Total estimated remaining project need**

**HK \$125 million**