

# Our Historical Journey

**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.

**➤ 1961** January

## 39 Charter Members

The first officially recognized English language Baptist Church in Kowloon – now known as Kowloon International Baptist Church – opened with 39 charter members.

 **1965** October

## Amazing faith and bold vision

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

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.

We have recently received and paid our land premium that was required prior to being able to build our new building. The only thing that stands in our way is to fund the remaining amount needed, which is the financial goal of Open: Next Chapter.

 **1966** October

## Groundbreaking at Junction Road

As a small struggling church with significant needs, they showed amazing faith to build a building for 250 people.

For over five decades, KIBC has been blessed by God's provision through its people. Now we are a vibrant and well-established body of believers. Now we are being called upon again for great faith, sacrifice, and generosity.

 **1968** March

## Open doors

Finally, the time came to open the doors for a brand-new building and home to KIBC.

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. The masses that travel Junction Road will see the amazing commitment to an awesome God. We truly are a light on a hill.

 **2004** July

## Contemporary worship 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. This new means of relating the timeless good news of Jesus opened a new door for reaching people for Jesus.

 **2011** April

## Future building planning begins

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

Kowloon International Baptist Church opened its doors for 3 Sunday morning services to provide room for more people. 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!!

 **2017** December

## Open Campaign and amazing generosity!

In the fall of 2017, the KIBC family united in a spiritual journey to address the aging facility, the need to make room for more, and to provide the place and space to reach thousands of people in the future. This two-month spiritual journey opened the hearts of the KIBC and resulted in extravagant generosity that exceeded everyone's expectations. The united voice of the KIBC family demonstrated that we are OPEN to God using us, in this place, for many more generations to "go and make disciples."

## **2020** August

### Terms Accepted

KIBC received and accepted the Provisional Basic Terms offer for our future development.

## **2021** April

### Plan Approved

Our General Building Plan for redevelopment was approved by the Building Department.

## **2021** June

### Land Premium Issued

KIBC received the Binding Basic Terms issued by the government.

## **2021** July

### Land Premium Approved

On July 18 the church voted during each of its three morning worship services in a special called church conference to accept the government's Land Premium offer of HK \$40 million without appeal.

 **2021** September

## Paid in Full

**Now...** After sending the 10% deposit with our Land Premium acceptance letter, on 27 September the remaining balance was paid. Our HK \$40 million land premium is paid in full. We can move forward with great confidence that what God called us to do He is enabling us to accomplish. **Now...** it's in the hands and hearts of the KIBC family to embark on a spiritual journey of seeking God once again for how He wants to leverage our resources so we can participate, once again, in extravagant generosity to fund our new building through **Open: Next Chapter** and reach people.

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

**Deuteronomy 8:2**