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Church Planting Missionaries to the Chinese People
Currently Serving in New York City

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- Church Growth:** Praise the Lord for blessing our midweek service on Thursday nights. Two months back, we were averaging about 5 or 6 people that would come each time, but lately, about 14 or 15 people have come each week. Praise the Lord for people being willing to come pray and learn more from God's word. Sunday mornings have been growing as well. Praise the Lord, lately we have had between 30-40 people on average coming to a Sunday service each week. Also recently a Chinese lady named Emma made a profession of faith during a Bible study. Praise God! Please pray for God to continue to work and move.
- Second Church Plant Opportunity:** As we have been planting the church here in Flushing, New York City, we have also been studying the area to see where the Lord might have us begin a second church plant. Over the last few months, as we have prayed and visited different areas, we have been interested in an area near a large high school and middle school in the neighborhood of Fresh Meadows, NYC. This area also has a high Chinese immigrant population. Recently, as we were riding around we noticed a "for rent" sign on a building in the area we have been looking at. We called and looked at it. It is a perfect size and layout for a church plant. (Very similar in size and style to the building we rent now for the church in Flushing) We are praying about how God might lead concerning this building. Last Sunday night, four Chinese young men came with us to pass out tracts and have a Bible study in this new area. Praise the Lord. We hope to continue doing evangelism and Bible studies in this area. We feel God's leading to begin a second church plant. We are praying for God to give us wisdom as to the specific details of what this should look like. Lord willing, we are hoping to begin having services in September.
- Request to Consider:** Would you pray if God might have you help out with a gift for rent for a second church plant? Currently renting a building to get started in will cost around \$2000-\$3000 a month in rent. (The building we have looked at is \$3000 a month, but we want to look at other options as well.) Here in NYC, most rentals require at least a two-month deposit + first-month rent + commercial insurance + 1/2 month agent fee to begin renting. Adding that up, based on a \$3000-a-month rental amount, we are looking at about \$12,000 needed to begin renting. We are also praying God would provide \$9000 (3 months of additional rent money) that could cover rent while the church plant gets off the ground and gives time for people to start coming and begin giving to help cover costs. Thank you for praying for us and the ministry here to the Chinese in NYC.

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