

## Children's Message

2022 Gift of the King  
United Kingdom – Hong Kong New Church Development



Visual Aid: A butterfly

Did you know that butterflies migrate? What does that mean? That means they fly great distances from one place to the next to find food and a comfortable place to live. As the weather changes and it becomes cold and the plants die, they migrate to better weather where it is warm, where they can find food. Butterflies can fly thousands of miles to new places for food and a better life.

Humans also migrate. For example, lots of people who live in Hong Kong, which is on the other side of the world, decided they needed to leave their homes and move to a better place. They moved thousands of miles away to Scotland and England. They moved to a different country. Many of these Hong Kong people are Christians and they were part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They attended church each Sunday in Hong Kong, just like we do. When they migrated to Scotland and England they wanted to go to church. So, they found other Christians from Hong Kong, people that spoke the same language they spoke, and started gathering to worship God. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church helped them form churches so they could be with other people who had come from Hong Kong. Did you know we have four new Cumberland Presbyterian churches, two in Scotland and two in England that serve people who migrated from Hong Kong?

Did you know that people plant special gardens to help the butterflies migrate? They plant flowers and bushes that the butterflies like to eat to help them as they fly thousands of miles. The butterflies stop and eat, then they continue to fly.

The Bible says in 3<sup>rd</sup> John, “Therefore, we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for truth.” John is talking about people like our brothers and sisters who migrated from Hong Kong to Scotland and England to find a better life. We should pray for them and help them. They are part of our church family. This year our church is receiving an offering to help the churches in Scotland and England. We are going to help the pastors of those churches continue to lead worship services, preach, and share the love of Christ. We are helping feed their hearts with the gospel of Christ.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we ask you to bless and encourage our friends who migrated from Hong Kong to Scotland and England. Help them find warm homes, good jobs, great schools, and a loving church. In Christ's name we pray - Amen.