

# HongKongLens

No. 5



**Dear HWE Leaders,**

Choice greetings from Hong Kong in the wonderful name of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ!

I find belonging to a big family like Hope has its up and down sides.

**The up side is that it is great to have members in many parts of the world.**

Although we do not yet have a HIM church or fellowship in Hong Kong, the fact that I am here allows visitors to meet up and fellowship.

I met up with Theodore (ex-London member now back in Singapore) and his dear wife Kim last month.

Two weeks ago I met up with 10 Hope Hatfield /ex-Hope Hatfield members for dinner.

Yesterday, 2 Hope Singapore sisters visited Hong Kong. The younger sister is hoping to come to Hong Kong University to study medicine next year.



**Hatfield People Chilling Out**



**Hui Min & Hui Yu**

## **The down side is that it is extremely sad to see people leave!**

Some of you may know Albert and his dear wife Clare of Hope Netherlands. Here is Albert's farewell story:

It was October 1998, when I visited Tor and Wanda in Thailand. They took me to the Hope Leaders Conference, where I was very touched by God and how the people lived with Jesus. After three days, and a good beach walk with Joel (Switzerland), I knew it, I could not do if I have never seen it, I should be part of this.

I also met Ps. PK and I should visit London once a month, to be trained to plant a church. This was the beginning of a long and good friendship. London is 10 hours travelling away from Utrecht. All other people planting a church in Europe had at least three years experience and were at least with two persons. In London there was directly a 5 persons team, and a countless number of Asians followed the years after to build up Hope UK. In 10 years we never had any leader in Utrecht with a Hope background. Mark Tan, Edmund Pak and Chee Kin Leong did a mission trip to Holland in 2000, but in the end they didn't make it to Holland, Still thanks for the effort!

Though I was alone and had no experience at all (came fresh from the traditional church), I had faith in God, and if the other person would have the heart to share their giftings, it would be possible. We had quarterly councils, where all people were welcome, and were the focus was Europe. These were very good camps, where there was time to fellowship and to go out for evangelism together. Wow, who does remember April 1999, London? January 2000, Berlin? October 2000, Oslo? October 2001, Zurich?

In Utrecht by Gods grace, the first member was Richard from Nigeria, and Ps. Ben laid his hands on me summer 1999 to get started. We started in September 1999. First service two Malaysian boys climbed over the fence, so in the very first service, we had the black/white and Asians together.

The years we have been able to get internationals to Hope Utrecht, but in 10 years time we never broke through to reach the locals. Holland is of course one of the most evangelized countries in the world. For many years we came together in a hotel, and later in a school. We were not a home group, as we were sometimes introduced at camps.

If you go for Gods Kingdom, God will take care of the rest. God gave me a beautiful, Godly wife, and 3 beautiful, healthy, lovely children too.



**Nice Welcome at Airport**



**Beautiful Family (Youngest not in picture)**

What was important for me and my wife is to have fellowship not only with people in your region but to have teams who have the same interests so the blessing of God can cross regional boundaries. My wife has been leading the intercession team for many years, and I led the IT team since 2002.

And why are we leaving? Actually the last year, 2009, definitely had been the best for Hope Utrecht, a stable team, every week more than 10 people in church?

Well, Jesus asks us to look forward, not look backward, so I won't elaborate on that anymore (with relevant leaders I discussed improvement points of course). Let me just give some points that are important for small churches like us:

- 1 Regular shepherding for both man and woman
- 2 Being informed and welcomed at big camps
- 3 Leaders from big countries encouraging their people to fellowship with people in the smaller ones, even if it would mean crossing a regional boundary
- 4 Having teams like the prayer team and IT team in area's like evangelism

One thing I appreciated very much at Hope, is that they celebrate communion very regularly. I preached about communion twice, see [hopechurch.nl](http://hopechurch.nl) for the preaching. There's also a YouTube video from a camp with Ps.PK there.

We now have joined New Frontiers, the movement in which I am baptized which feels like coming home. If you want to say goodbye, drop us a

line. Thanks for the fellowship we had. Especially our shepherds, Ps. PK, Vincent and Christine. And of course Ps. Ben who send me out, and over the years I've always been in contact with and all our other friends from the prayer and IT team and Ps. Prakich for the friendship. And a special thanks of course for Ondra and his team for organizing so many Euro camps in Prague! And let me not forget dear Marcus and our German friends!

If you want to stay in contact with us, do let us know, as our email addresses and web site will soon be gone.

Albert and Claire Eikelenboom and the Utrecht team

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### **Concluding Remarks**

I take full responsibility for what happened to Albert and Hope Utrecht. I am sorry that I have not been a better shepherd for them. I thank Albert and his team for their heart in serving God in these past 10 years, despite of challenging circumstances. I thank Albert and Clare for their valuable contribution to Hope Europe in the ministries of IT and intercession. I want to bless them as they start a new chapter in their walk with God.

**With love & prayers in Christ,**



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Hong Kong  
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