

# New ship to set sail in 2023!



**W**e are delighted to introduce OM's new ship, *Doulos Hope*. With five decks and a capacity of around 140 crew members, *Doulos Hope* is a smaller vessel with less draft than her sister ship, *Logos Hope*, enabling her to operate in shallower waters and travel to new regions. The ship will be based in Southeast Asia and stay in ports for extended periods to enable greater cultural engagement.

If you are interested in serving on board, please visit [www.om.org/ships/douloshope](http://www.om.org/ships/douloshope)



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## Meet our new Executive Director







## Nurturing the new generation

OM in Hong Kong enters a new chapter as our new Executive Director, Pastor Johnny Shen, joins the team! Previously, Johnny worked as a chef in fine dining restaurants and engaged in catering management for 20 years in Australia and Hong Kong. When he moved to Hong Kong in 1997, God opened his eyes to see the needs of the world, and he later became a Pastor with a heart to mobilise the church for missions. In October 2022, Johnny took on the role of Executive Director of OM in Hong Kong. Here, Pastor Johnny shares his passion and how he will lead the young generation in missions.

### I will go for the Lord

After moving to Hong Kong, Pastor Johnny joined several short-term mission trips in which he witnessed God's work. Johnny remembered: "I once had a trip to the Middle East. In an evangelical event, I saw 500 migrant workers accept Jesus as their Saviour. At that time, a scene from the Bible came to my mind—the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. I told the Lord that I would go for Him."

To prepare himself for missions, Pastor Johnny studied at the China Graduate School of Theology in 2009. On several different occasions, he heard the calling to missions again.

Johnny said: "When I was a seminary student, I had a summer internship in Thailand. I was woken up by the call to prayer in the morning, and I came to realise the presence of Muslims there and the need to serve them. In 2010, I saw prayer items for the Muslim community in Australia. Although I had lived in Australia for a few years, I did not know the needs of this people group. Later, I joined a short-term mission trip to visit Muslims in Australia."

He continued: "When I sought a way to join missions, God led me to work as a mobiliser in Hong Kong. In 2013, I joined the North Point Alliance Church as a Missions Pastor for mobilising missions in the church. At the same time, I explored ways to serve Muslims in Hong Kong, and so I joined OM in Hong Kong's Ethnic Minority Ministry as a volunteer in 2014 and visited Pakistani families regularly."

### Journeying with young people

As a Pastor, Johnny organised short-term mission trips every year, and OM was one of his partners. "These trips were inspiring, and I could see brothers and sisters respond to the calling to missions," he said. "It is also encouraging to see families supporting missions work together. I know a sister who saw her daughter transformed by God after joining a missions trip. This motivated her to join a missions trip with her daughter. I also knew a couple who supported their son to join missions and mobilised prayer for him in their fellowship group."

After stepping into the leadership role for OM in Hong Kong, Johnny hopes to partner with churches in Hong Kong to mobilise more young people to join missions. "We have to journey with young people to explore how they can participate in missions," he explained. "I also noticed that the length of service of missionaries in recent years has slightly reduced. Therefore, I also hope to walk with missionaries to tackle the challenges ahead. Locally, OM has to explore ways to serve the least reached in Hong Kong. I wish to establish a unified team so that missions workers in Hong Kong can help each other, follow God's will and live out love."



## Responding to God's calling

After graduation from university in Hong Kong, Jasper decided to step out of his comfort zone and join REACH, (formerly Missions Discipleship Training+), a five-month discipleship programme run by OM in South Africa. He served in various places in Africa for another six months after the training.

Jasper got a real taste of serving in the field as a missions worker, as well as experiencing the power of prayer support from afar.

### The feeling of being different

During REACH, Jasper met participants from across Europe and Africa. After the training, he served in different African countries with both local and foreign workers.

In this cross-cultural environment, the first feeling that struck him was that of being different. He said: "As a Chinese man, I look totally different, and I could hardly find another Asian there. I tried my best to integrate into the local culture, such as choosing local delicacies or dressing the way they do. The locals did appreciate it." The feeling that he had to accommodate others bothered Jasper and started him on a journey of better understanding the impact culture shock has on missions workers and how to personally cope with it by talking with people and using skills taught during REACH.

### Power of prayer support

Apart from cultural shock, Jasper struggled with other challenges that drew him closer to God. "I embarked for

South Africa from Hong Kong and served in other African countries subsequently," said Jasper. "My visa was rejected twice. I was once even detained at immigration for seven hours. When I made my first trip to South Africa, I was refused entry into the country. OM in Hong Kong quickly got me the emergency hotline number, and I urged brothers and sisters in Hong Kong to pray for me. Shortly, I received prayer messages one after another. Though I was physically miles away, I could feel the bonding among us and the immense prayer support. At that point, I was greatly relieved—no matter whether I could enter the country or not. I was able to leave it to the Lord."

### Should I respond to the call to missions?

The first-hand experience in Africa gave Jasper insight into missions. "It is clearly stated in the Bible that we should go and make disciples of all nations. Hence, it is definitely our duty to make a response," he shared. "God has called on us already, and we, depending upon each individual's own circumstance, should explore how to respond to His call."

*Jasper Kee is a member of North Point Alliance Church and, in 2021, participated in REACH in South Africa. Afterwards, he served in various locations across Africa for six months.*

