

Gathering and Sharing:

Rev. SIU Yu-Fat, Mrs Siu and Mr. Wong Hon-Chiu came to the Centre on 12th of October to share their experiences and insights on the services of Gospel Gambling Recovery to let people to quit gambling.



Mr. Wong Hon-Chiu (6th from right, front row) Rev. SIU Yu-Fat, Mrs Siu (5th & 4th from right, front row)

Farewell to volunteer – Wilson Chen has worked as a volunteer at CCGR in June and July 2023. May the Lord bless him in his third-year studies of Psychology at the University of Saint Andrews.



Annual Ministry Summary 2023

Praise the Lord! There are three ministry aspects in CCGR:



1) CCGR Centre

Monday - Bible Study (on-site or online) 13:30-15:00

Tuesday - Peer Group 13:30-15:00

Wednesday - Christian Counselling Services

Thursday – Gambling Therapy Class

Friday - Pok Hong Station 13:30-15:00

A total of 10 sessions of Christian counseling services were provided to 5 clients and their families while 3 people came in person, 2 people were doing online. The comprehensive gambling recovery supports were provided to 8 clients and their families (2 were English speakers and 6 were Cantonese), 3 of them have completed 10 rehabilitation sessions with regular follow-ups.

2) Educate

From February to October 2023 Sundays, we visited the following Chinese churches to worship, preach and fellowship, to spread out our gambling abstinence missions:



Belfast Chinese Christian Church

Chinese Church in London

- Hounslow Congregation

- Stratford Congregation

- New Soho Congregation

- NSC So Fresh Fellowship

Derby Methodist Chinese Church

Epsom Methodist Church Chinese Congregation

Gloucestershire Chinese Christian Church

King's Cross Methodist Church

London Chinese Alliance Church

Nottingham Enlightening Word

Congregation

Plymouth Chinese Christian Church

Portsmouth Chinese Christian Church

Reading Chinese Christian Church

3) Outreach

Distributing leaflets in Chinatown, visiting elderly homes, printing 2024 calendar cards and leaflets, and we would reach out to the young generation or those who participate in online gambling by various ways, either in person or by internet.



Volunteer's sharing – Wilson Chen

My two-month volunteering support at CCGR has come to an end. During the period, I was able to integrate well into the Chinese community, felt the impact of gambling addiction on individuals and families. I am grateful to work with dedicated team who are committed to support those struggling with gambling addiction, providing education, and the gospel. There is spacious and comfortable place at CCGR for peer group members for gathering and communication, and I am honored to be one of the co-workers.

As a volunteer, I had the opportunity to hear the stories of those struggling with gambling addiction. I was moved by their courage and determination to change their lives. I am inspired by the resilience of those who have overcome their gambling addiction and are now living healthy and fulfilling lives. The Centre's recovery model emphasises connection and communication, whether with God, with family, church or CCGR members, to provide support to people in tough time. This also reminded me that the importance of interpersonal relationship in the recovery process.

During these two months, volunteering at CCGR, I was able to learn more about the Chinese community in London. As a new generation of Hong Kong immigrants, I felt a special connection and close relationship with these people with the same culture and background of me. It's enjoyable to associate with them and listening to their stories and experiences. Their perseverance and determination to overcome their gambling addiction, and their attitude of faith in God deeply inspired me. I realised that the Chinese community may have more challenges, such as barriers of different languages or cultural differences. However, I was inspired by the efforts of the staff at CCGR to provide a welcoming and comfortable environment for the people in need.

Being the first time to touch the subject of gambling and recovering gambling addiction, I need to put aside my preconception and bias to those struggling with gambling if I want to support them. In fact, gambling addiction is a complicated issue which would affect any person who is in any background or any position in the society.

Each gambler is an individual who is worthy of compassion and support.

I have broadened my experience and let me feel humble when volunteering at CCGR in these 2 months. It reminded me that how a person makes his choice, it would have different impact on his life. I realised that community support is very important to those people overcoming gambling addiction. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such dedicated and compassionate co-workers, and I am deeply inspired by their perseverance and determination in gambling rehabilitation.

Income & Expenditure

Our work is funded by donations from churches and individuals. Your support to us via prayers, donations, volunteering is much appreciated.

	Year 2023/24 Apr- Sep (before Audit)	Year 2022/23 (before Audit)
Local Donation	£16,390.47	£38,052.80
Overseas Donation	£0	£690.00
Other Income	£1,515.62	£4,198.11
Total Income	£17,906.09	£42,940.91
Staff/Volunteers Allowance	£22,512.62	£46,621.43
Rent & Insurance	£1,317.37	£2,062.67
Office Expenses	£604.18	£945.67
Ministry/Activity	£1,274.03	£4,603.58
Other	£167.09	£1,117.48
Total Expenses	£25,875.29	£55,350.83
Surplus (Deficit)	-£7,969.20	-£12,409.92

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