



Summer Outing

This year's summer trip was held on June 17th, with the destination being Kew Gardens. The entire trip was filled with love, with sunshine all day, cool mornings, hot afternoons, and temperatures as high as 28°C. Everyone felt God's love and companionship, and each other's support.



It is amazing to have God by my side in the difficult journey



Enjoying the summer weather @Kew Gardens

Looked down upon? Look in

The English proverb "Once a thief, always a thief" warns us about the consequences of a single crime. On the one hand, the criminal tastes the sweetness of stolen water and finds it hard to resist stealing again. On the other hand, even if he has reformed himself, he cannot regain the trust and acceptance of others and will always be looked down upon.

"Can the gospel really help people quit gambling?" When the church community sees the helplessness of gamblers and their families, and is willing to walk with them, give them a hand, and walk a mile together, they can all see God's mighty deeds. The church is to preach the gospel, heal and accept. Everyone has made mistakes and hopes to have a chance to change again. We also sinned and offended God in the past, but now we have become children of God and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go! From now on, sin no more." (John 8:11) I pray that Chinese churches and Christians in the UK can go from not seeing to seeing, and learn to help people quit gambling and prevent gambling correctly. In the world, "once a gambler, always a gambler" may be true, and people cannot change. But what people cannot do, God can do everything! If a family harmed by gambling enters your church this Sunday, will you welcome them? And how can you help them? Are you and your church ready to see God's work, turn curses into blessings, and help people become disciples of the Lord Jesus? !

Self-help and helping other series 1: Emotion relief and transformation

Due to the enthusiastic response to the March course, the center held the second "Emotional Relief and Transformation" course from July 2 to August 13 (Wednesday). Help participants to be aware of and understand their own and others' emotions; and through learning to apply psychological knowledge about emotions and biblical values and wisdom, help themselves and others relieve and transform negative emotions, build a healthy body, mind and spirit, and thus serve the Lord and others more effectively. This course recruited a total of 15 participants, mainly from three churches in London (CCiL, KXMC, LCAC) who are brothers and sisters who are interested in pursuing life growth and aspiring to become volunteers at the center.

Students' reflections

Thanks to Teacher Natalie for teaching me in these six classes. I have learned some preliminary knowledge about emotional issues. I hope there will be advanced classes in the future so that I can learn more about how to practice self-help and helping others in accordance with God's will, to help myself and others. Thank you! 🙏

Thank you Natalie for walking with us and giving selflessly in these six lectures. God used this lecture to establish helpers in people's lives to help those whom God loves. Natalie experienced God's love and then loved everyone in need ❤️ May the glory and praise be to God!

Thank God for giving me the opportunity to participate in this course. Natalie's teaching is dedicated and progressive. It is not boring and practical. Ivy enlightens us to understand emotions through the Bible, and the classmates' sharing, all of which benefited me a lot. Natalie is right: this kind of course is because of love. Thank you center, thank God! ❤️

Coordinator : Natalie (Centre counsellor)

Natalie has received various psychological professional training and is committed to the research of emotional and trauma treatment. She has obtained a master's degree in professional counseling and a bachelor's degree in psychology. She specialises in family, marriage and emotional trauma treatment. She continues to organize psychological and parent training for the community, helping many beneficiaries to deal with various problems such as personal emotions, psychological trauma, parent-child relationships and marriage.

Prayer for ministry

- Please remember the Chinese in the UK who have been harmed by gambling and lost their wages, friends, family, and self-esteem. Pray to God for grace and help, and raise up churches everywhere to see the importance of anti-gambling missions and cultivate the gospel field
 - The second self-help and helping series 1 will be held in July: "Emotional Relief and Transformation" Pray for 15 applicants experienced God's powerful help, self-help and helping others, and renewed their service
 - The course "Growing Smart Without Gambling" designed for children aged 8 to 12 years old, Chinese and English teaching materials can help more churches teach children to prevent gambling (download at ccgr.org.uk)
- * If your church hopes that the center's colleagues will preach in the Sunday worship in the second half of 2025 or lead the fellowship workshop to promote anti-gambling missions, please contact us.

Income & Expenditure

	Year 2024/25 (before audit)	Year 2023/24
Churches Donation	£29,507	£37,921
Individual/online Donation	£16,694	
Overseas Donation	£250	
Other Income	£923	£970
Total Income	£47,374	£39,343
Staff/Volunteers Allowance	£51,680	£41,114
Rent & Insurance	£2,818	£2,398
Office Expenses	£1,612	£1,017
Ministry/Activity	£1,184	£2,438
Other	£230	£237
Total Expenses	£57,524	£47,204
Surplus (Deficit)	-£10,150	-£7,861

We are so grateful for those of you who support us with your prayers and your gifts!

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