



mic Herald

循道衛理聯合教會國際禮拜堂



a new day dawns

The Changing Face of Wanchai

I live on Spring Garden Lane, between the Hopewell Centre and the Wanchai MTR Station. All around my flat are sights of old Hong Kong. Fish flop about in the market, old women do their morning shopping and chat with one another in the street, butchers hack up whole pigs. But amidst the old Hong Kong, something new is emerging, a new day is dawning. Building supply shops distribute concrete and bricks to construction crews next to the newest coffee shops. Young professionals step out of their trendy flats wearing the latest fashion. New restaurants and wine bars spring up almost daily.

This eclectic mix of Hong Kong's old and new is what makes Wanchai so delightful. One never knows what to expect to see from one corner to the next! Last week a young groom-to-be wearing the long traditional Chinese wedding outfit; this week someone in a Star Wars costume. But the interplay between the old traditions, the newest culinary fads, and the intriguing foreign languages spoken on every corner makes for a quirky, creative, 'bizarre bazaar'. It is much like many of the cities where the early Christian church emerged.

In the middle of this ever-changing crossroads of life, MIC stands as the beacon of God's steadfast love which never changes. Built on the solid foundation of Christ our Lord, our mission is to reach out to non-Cantonese speaking people and share the life and love of Christ. On any given Sunday, our church is much like a 'bizarre bazaar': a place where people from around the globe come to share stories, intertwine their lives, feast together and share resources. In the midst of our life together, the light of Christ shines in word and deed, in prayers and offerings, in service and in personal sacrifice.

Thanks be to God for the changing face of Wanchai, and the never-changing goodness of God as a new day dawns.



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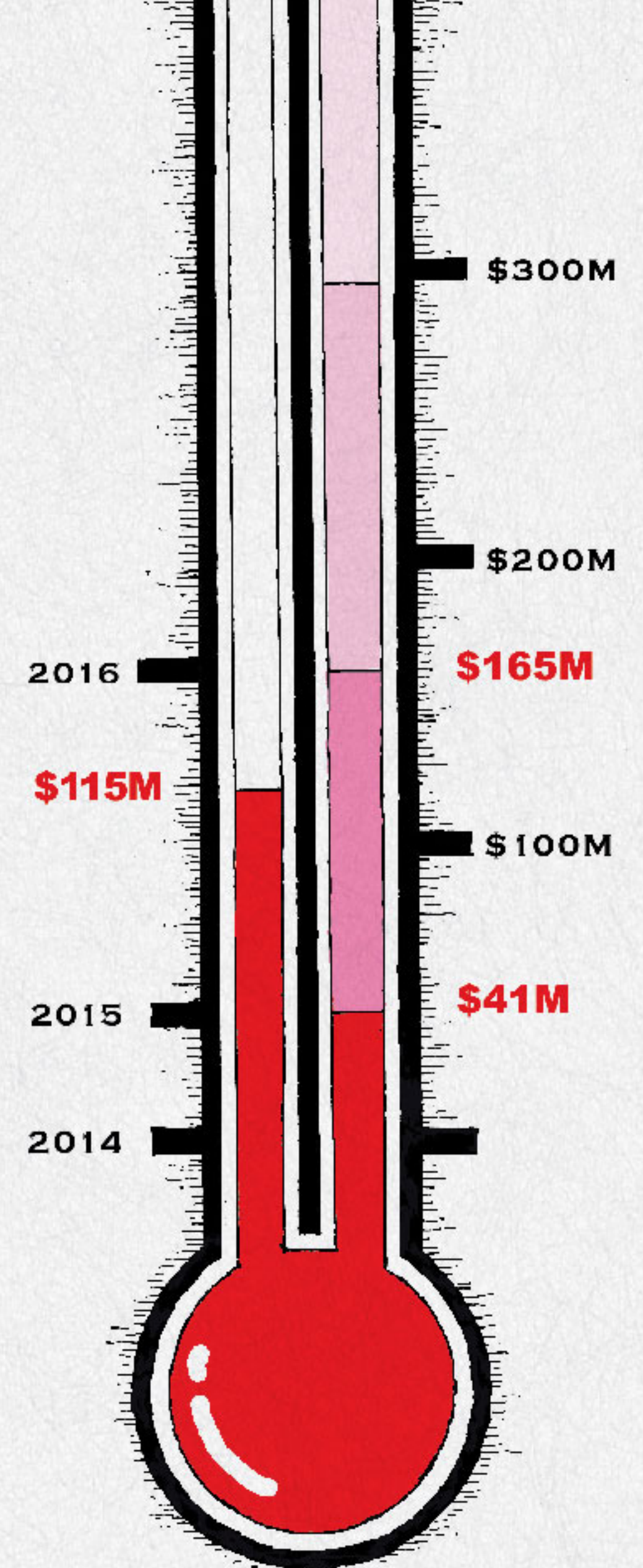
We are Progressing...



Alleluia! Rejoice!
We have raised \$115million for the redevelopment!



MONEY RAISED ● MONEY SPENT



\$50m Funds Raised:

Funds raised MCHK \$41,544,115
Funds raised MIC \$8,576,073

Plus:

From MIC reserve \$18,558,457
Interest free loan \$46,270,617 received

Total: \$114,949,262

Total expenditure \$40,960,005

*Figures as of 22/2/2016

Offerings can be made by:

Crossed Cheque payable to 'Methodist International Church, Hong Kong' and send to Room 801, 8/F East Town Building, 41 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Direct Deposit to 'Methodist International Church, Hong Kong', HSBC HK A/C #048-054605-001. Please forward the bank pay-in slip for our records.

John Wesley in his sermon on 'The Use of Money' (1744), urged Methodists to :

Gain all you can – with 'honest wisdom', 'honest industry' and without demeaning others.

Save all you can – live carefully and simply, 'not wasting God's gift'.

Give all you can – 'that you may give good account of your stewardship'.

