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### **New York Lighthouse Baptist Church, SBC**

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Dear fellow brethren and sisters in Christ,

Please allow me, in behalf of all the members in our congregation, to bring you our best greetings in Jesus Christ our Lord!

I am the pastor and church planter of the New York Lighthouse Baptist Church, SBC. Three years ago, I was called by God to blaze a trail and start missionary work among the Chinese communities in New York City. The situation in New York City is very complicated. Its highest density in Chinese population in the U.S. and frequent mobility has made it unusually difficult for the missionary work to advance, let alone the planting of new churches. However, our total dependence upon and commitment to God has made it possible for us to be empowered to do His work beyond our capacity. With the previous two years' hard work in church planting and constant prayers at all time, we have managed to overcome one obstacle after another and reached the gospel to our fellow Chinese from different backgrounds. Our vision is: Through ten years' efforts and endeavors, motivated by prayers, supported by multiplied and scattered cell groups, based upon the biblical Truth and God's grace, we'll establish a mission-centered and across regional Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Starting from the scratch, our church has set up five family bible study groups among the Christian enquirers. Church members are active in evangelism and organizing prayer meetings. God has miraculously healed those who came to hear the Word and transformed their lives. There have been increasing baptisms in the church with each passing year. More have come to attend the Sunday School. The ministry team of the church is gradually taking shape. We have formed an accountable church accounting system and contributions keep coming from some local churches. "Immigration Guidelines for the Chinese in New York" we worked out has been highly spoken by the Chinese communities. Our pastor and church workers make concerting efforts and join hands together in building up the body of Christ. More people from the Mainland China, Hong Kong, Canton, Toisan, etc. are experiencing the fruits of God's salvation through Christ and spiritual healing. If you want to know the detailed information, please check our international website.

We are deeply thankful to God for His guidance in the past two years. We have found the situation in the Flushing area in New York critical for our mission. This area is over crowded with the Chinese population. The harvest is great and it needs our outreach efforts for the sake of gospel. Our daily opening of fellowship gatherings in the Flushing area is still a far cry from the moon in quenching the spiritual thirst of the people. We want the Baptist Convention in Hong Kong to earnestly pray for us.

We trust that God will provide meeting places in Flushing area for us to reach the gospel to more Chinese. We urge upon you to pray for us in the following fields:

### **(1) Soul Winning Project:**

- ⊗ The elderly Chinese immigrants residing in Lower Manhattan district will renounce the idols and return to Christ.
- ⊗ The tremendous obstacles to reach the gospel to those Chinese families in Lower Manhattan district will be removed and challenges met.
- ⊗ The hearts of the Chinese immigrants in Flushing, Brooklyn and other areas will open to the gospel.
- ⊗ Help us to get to know your relatives or friends and have them join our church family.
- ⊗ Healthy and wholesome development of evangelical work..

### **(2) Discipleship Training and Church Planting Project:**

- ⊗ A Cantonese and Toisan speaking lay ministry team to be well established;
- ⊗ A lay workers' team responsible for simultaneous interpretation and translation to be formed (for Sunday worship services and other activities);
- ⊗ A community caring and service team for Christian mission and church planting training center to be set up.

### **(3) Mission, Outreach & Building Funds:**

- ⊗ Funding for church outreach: Our goal for 2006 is \$38,000, yet we are still \$20,000 short.
- ⊗ Rental fee for Sunday worship services for 2006: \$300/per monthX12 months=\$3,600
- ⊗ Administrative expenses for the church for 2006: \$6,000
- ⊗ Expenses for the outreach ministry to the elderly Chinese immigrants for 2006: \$5,000
- ⊗ Funds for the purchasing of land for the church (our goal for 2006 to 2010): \$500,000
- ⊗ Church building construction fund (our goal for 2006 to 2013): \$4,000,000

Yours Sincerely,

*David Gu*

Rev. David Gu

**Personal Response Form**

**(1)Soul Winning Project:**

- I'll pray for your church weekly.
- I'd like to have further information about the challenges and difficulties in reaching the gospel to those Chinese families in Lower Manhattan district.
- I can recommend my friends to attend your church.  
 They live in \_\_\_\_\_ Flushing \_\_\_\_\_ Brooklyn \_\_\_\_\_ other districts.  
 Their contact phone number is \_\_\_\_\_ and the contact person is \_\_\_\_\_.

**(2)Discipleship Training and Church Planting Project:**

- I'd like to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ brother/sister to join in the Cantonese and Toisan speaking lay ministry team.
- I'd like to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ brother/sister to participate in the simultaneous interpretation lay ministry team.
- I'd like to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ brother/sister to take part in the follow-up lay ministry team.
- I'd like to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ brother/sister to be part of the community caring and service center.
- I'd like to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ brother/sister to get involved in the church planting training center.

**(1) Mission, Outreach & Building Funds:**

- I want to contribute to the mission funds starting from 200\_\_,  
 US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per quarter, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year.
- I want to contribute to the church's rental fee for Sunday Services,  
 US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per quarter, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year.
- I want to contribute to the church's administrative expenses,  
 US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per quarter, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year.
- I want to contribute to the church's expenses for the outreach ministry to the elderly Chinese immigrants,  
 US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per quarter, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year.
- I want to contribute to the church's land purchasing funds,  
 US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per quarter, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year.
- I want to contribute to the church building construction funds,  
 US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per quarter, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year.

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\_\_\_\_\_, City \_\_\_\_\_, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church belongs to: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send back this sheet to: Rev. David Gu, 567 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, #4, Brooklyn, NY 11209, USA

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