

Dear InnerCity,

During our Sunday worship services yesterday, the InnerCity elders spoke to those present about the possibility of the Murphy's moving to Hong Kong later on this year. We wanted to take this opportunity to expand on that announcement and also to be able to share with those who weren't there.

As a church, we have always been passionate about and focused on the mission which God calls us to: We're not a church which exists for our own comfort and convenience but we are trying to take seriously Jesus' call to join Him in the renewal of all things. This has been particularly true of our focus in Cape Town, but we've always had the nations on our horizon as well.

Towards the latter half of last year, Kevin and Claire were approached, asking whether they would be willing to make themselves available to lead Watermark church in Hong Kong (<http://www.watermarkchurch.hk/>). At first it seemed very far-fetched and unlikely, and not what they were thinking about at all, but over the next couple of months, it seemed like God kept on speaking to them in profound and unlikely ways: through various Scriptures, through amazing prophetic words from people who didn't know what they were processing, through prophetic pictures from people in the congregation. God spoke from their own devotions and Bible reading and through various other means. The whole time, they were processing this with Rigby Wallace and Ryan TerMorshuizen from Common Ground, as well as Steve van Rhyn from Jubilee Church. In November last year they spoke to us as elders and brought us into the journey asking us as elders to pray with them and to seek God together. Around the same time, they engaged in several Skype calls with the Pastoral Search Team from Watermark, and more and more it felt like God might be in this potential move. As one could imagine, there were many questions and concerns in their own hearts and yet it felt like God kept speaking to them, addressing each one of those questions and concerns as they arose.

In the early stages of this year, some of the InnerCity Elders – along with Rigby and Ryan – engaged with various members from the Watermark team, over Skype and email, in order to get our own read on Watermark Church and in order to grow in our own levels of confidence with this potential move.

After much prayer and numerous Skype calls the Watermark team have now invited Kevin and Claire to come over to Hong Kong for two weeks in May to get to know each other and for Kevin and Claire to minister there, all with the view to possibly offering a position as lead pastor of Watermark Church to Kevin.

Obviously, nothing is finalized and there is nothing confirmed at this stage; it may still be that God closes the door and that nothing comes of it but over the last 7 months or so, it has seemed like God has been speaking to Kevin and Claire and to us as elders about the very real possibility that the Murphy's might move to Hong Kong to take up the leadership of Watermark church.

The reason we're wanting to tell you as the congregation about this now – rather than a later stage – is because we want to include you in the journey and ask you to pray with us for God to continue to speak clearly and to make known His will. We didn't want to just announce a decision but rather include you in the journey so that should the Murphy's move to Hong Kong, we will be able to *send* them with our blessing, knowing that this is God's doing.

And so please will you as InnerCity members be praying that God will speak to us and make known his will in this regard; whether or not he is leading Kevin and Claire to relocate to Hong Kong to take over the leadership of Watermark Church.

What does this mean for InnerCity: We rest secure in the fact that Jesus and no human being is the head of his church. We rest secure in the fact that this is His church and not the elders' church; and so, our hope and confidence is in Him. So please continue to pray with us; pray for Watermark church and pray that in all situations God's will is done and his name is glorified.

The InnerCity Elders