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Here's a post-trip review after visiting **eight churches in five UK cities**:

Observations on the Chinese new immigrants Community

An estimated **150,000 to 200,000 British National (Overseas) passport holders (BNOs)** have arrived in the UK from Hong Kong over the past **three to four years**. These individuals have settled across various UK cities, including London, Southampton, Camberley, Milton Keynes, Birmingham, Manchester, and Edinburgh.

The majority are **young families with children**, though some have also brought **older parents**. Many are currently **grappling with significant challenges**, such as housing insecurity, financial difficulties, family issues, and uncertainties about their children's education and their own future prospects.

Challenges Faced by Churches

All the churches visited are experiencing a **dramatic increase in attendance**, leading to several challenges:

- **Space Constraints:** Insufficient physical space to accommodate the growing congregations.
- **Leadership Shortages:** A lack of pastors and spiritual leaders to adequately nurture and care for new members.
- **High Demand for Children & Youth Ministries:** These programs are in high demand, but resources are stretched. For instance, people often have to **queue for Sunday children's program registration** without guaranteed acceptance, and organizing retreats without dedicated children's programs is difficult.
- **Women's Family Issues:** Many women in the community are facing numerous family-related challenges that require support.

Proposed Short-Term Mission (STM) Teams

Based on geographical needs and the specific challenges churches are facing, **MCBC can develop two Short-Term Mission (STM) teams**:

- **Team 1: South UK Focus**
 - **Target Areas:** Southampton and Camberley or London.
 - **Timeline:** End of July.
 - **Focus:** Children and youth programs, along with outreach to non-believers.
- **Team 2: Mid & North UK Focus**
 - **Target Areas:** Manchester, Milton Keynes or Edinburgh.
 - **Timeline:** May/June of the year.
 - **Focus:** Outreach to non-believers through home visits and flyer distribution.

Both teams will receive comprehensive **training from UK STM and Abundance Life Church**.