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Greetings from Hong Kong,

Everything is going well as I finish up my sixth week here. Last Sunday, I had the opportunity of preaching at Tuen Mun Faith. While I was there, two teenagers visited the church. They said that they recognized me because I had sat at the same table with them at supper in the restaurant below my flat. This was a good reminder of the importance of keeping a solid testimony.

I've gotten to experience many styles of food since I've been here in Hong Kong: Shanghainese, Cantonese, Thai, Vietnamese, Taiwanese, and Japanese. Along with these styles, I've experienced new foods such as ox stomach, pig tongue, bird's egg, and chicken feet; however most dishes are not so extreme. Rice and noodles are common and form the basis of most dishes. Chicken, pork, beef, and seafood are also very common. Most of the food also contains various vegetables, some of which are only found in this part of the world such as baak choi and choi sum.

Dim Sum is quite a dining experience. It is an important social event served at a round table with a turntable in the center. Various teas are available. If someone pours you a cup of tea, you thank them by tapping your bent middle and index finger on the table. Dim sum includes dishes like cheong fun, a rice noodle filled with a vegetable or meat, and lai wahn bao, a bread filled with custard.

Please continue to pray for me as I preach at Butterfly Bay Baptist Church this Sunday and teach English next week.

In Christ,

Patrick Tilson



Taiwanese



Pork and noodles



Ox Stomach



Shanghainese



Vietnamese Shrimp Cake



Dim Sum



Japanese – Salmon, Egg, and Rice