

## **Newsletter (July 2014)**

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

It has been two years since the Centre moved to its current address. We are grateful to King's Cross Methodist Church for taking us in. Initially, we had a hectic time settling into the new environment. However, with God's guidance, our work has seen further development, and the co-operation between the staff and volunteers has seen new arrangements. We thank God that we have settled in quite well in the past year.

This year, the Centre is entering its 18th anniversary. We are grateful to God that, with the co-operation of faithful leaders, volunteers and others, the Centre is now becoming a place where gamblers and their families can repair and rebuild their lives.



Award winners of "Say no to gambling" table tennis tournament last November

### 1. Success in the "Say no to gambling" table tennis tournament 2013

We thank God for leading the Centre and the Chinese Church in London to co-host the inaugural "Say no to gambling" youth table tennis tournament last November. The aim of the event was to raise awareness about the perils of gambling, to prevent the spread of its ills. As a result of the loving co-operation of siblings in Christ and volunteers, more than 50 people (including competitors and volunteers) participated, our aim was well achieved. Praises be to God.

### 2. Planning the "Say no to gambling" youth badminton tournament 2014

After years of experience, the Centre believes that prevention is better than cure. This November, we will host another youth tournament - a badminton event, for our "Say no to gambling" campaign. The aim of the event is to continue to teach young people about the ills of gambling, to prevent them from becoming addicted to it and suffering as a consequence. We are expecting at least 70 participants. Please support and pray for us, so that more young people will participate in the event.

### 3. Launch of an English-language recovery group

This year, the number of English-speaking people seeking help increased significantly. The Centre therefore launched an English-language recovery group. Although we were initially worried about our language abilities, thankfully, God prepared for us an English-speaking pastor and a volunteer to assist us. His power is manifested in our weakness, and He sends rain when we are in drought.

### 4. Assistance to gambling rehab ministries in Liverpool and Birmingham

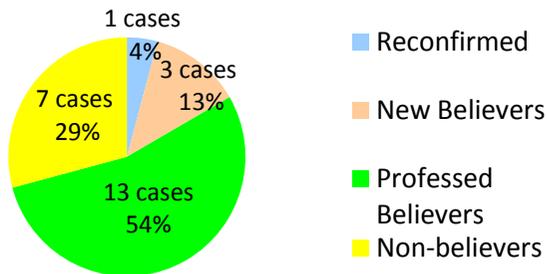
We thank God that siblings in Ebenezer Chinese Christian Church in Liverpool and Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church had their eyes opened to the need in those two cities and have launched their local gambling rehabilitation ministries. They invited staff from the Centre to share our experience and information to help them kick-start their ministries. May God have mercy and lead those who require help, and their families, to seek assistance.

## Newsflash: 2nd Pan-Europe Christian Problem Gambling Conference

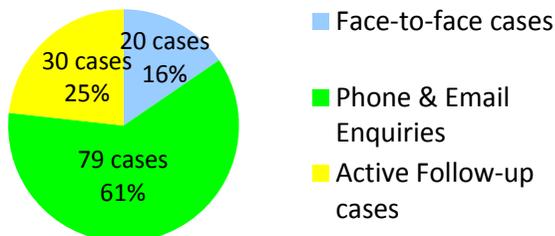
The Centre hosted its inaugural pan-Europe Problem Gambling Conference six years ago, with participants from Britain and Europe. Reflecting on the changing environment and demand, and in order to help gamblers and their families more effectively, the Centre is currently planning a second conference for 20 to 22 April 2015. More details will follow. Please support us with your prayers and save the dates in your diary if you are interested in helping those affected.

### Statistics on users of our services, 2013-14

#### Distribution of Conversions among New Clients 2013-2014



#### New Cases & Enquiries 2013-2014



## Prayer requests

- 1) Pray for the newly established gambling rehab ministries at Ebenezer Chinese Christian Church in Liverpool and at Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church. Pray to the Lord for strength and for leading those in need to seek help.
- 2) Pray that the “Say no to gambling” badminton tournament in November will reach and be able to educate more young people.
- 3) In addition to the regular Chinese-language group meeting, the Centre has recently started an English-language recovery group. Pray that members will experience the power of the Gospel.
- 4) The Centre plans to host the second pan-Europe Christian Problem Gambling Conference in April 2015. Pray for active participation and a fruitful learning.
- 5) Pray that God will empower the Centre’s staff and volunteers, particularly Centre Manager Peter Chan, and co-worker David Li, so that they will be able to help those in need more effectively.

### Financial report 2013-14 (Unaudited)

Local donations	£35,177
Overseas donations	£0
Other income	£6,765
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£41,942</b>

Wages & expenses	£32,479
Rent & insurance	£2,285
Office expenditure	£379
Other expenditure	£3,077
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£38,220</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£3,722</b>

**The Centre is financially dependent on  
the support of churches and siblings in Christ.  
Please support our mission by prayer, donations and volunteering.**



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