

# Immigrant Hope

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Pray for Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn



**Praise God for a recent client who prayed to receive Christ!** Pray for this client as we help look for a church for her that will disciple and care for her.

**Please pray about supporting the work of Immigrant Hope and Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn.** One way you can support us is by supporting one or more of the missionaries that work with Immigrant Hope and Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn. By our staff raising their personal support, we can keep costs low for the immigrant clients we serve. This is important to those clients. Ask God what He would have you do to help.

**Please pray with us for more clients to come to Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn.** We want to be able to help more people in our neighborhood with their immigration needs and with that, give our volunteers some much needed - hands-on training with actual clients. Please ask God to help us build a good reputation in the neighborhood, quickly, so clients will want to come to Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn for their immigration needs.



## Touching the Life of a Young Girl



L to R: Lisa Yeung, Legal Director & Minister; Yaoyao; Joanne Chan - Volunteer Caseworker.

Here at Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn we've been seeing a number of clients. For many of them, we are waiting for case approval or interviews before the USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services). For one of our recent cases, though, we had a quick resolution on the citizenship question and have more opportunities to minister and to help.

We came to know Yaoyao through our participation in the 5th Avenue Festival - an annual street festival in our neighborhood of Bay Ridge. Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn set up a booth there and we had the opportunity to answer a few immigration questions, to hand out our flyers and Lisa and Renee had opportunity to go around and introduce Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn to

she thought we could help with her case. Legal Director Lisa Yeung, and volunteer caseworker Joanne Chan went to meet Yaoyao. Yaoyao had been brought into the U.S. legally by her father. Her mother remained in China. Yaoyao was attending school while caring for her father and after only 1 year here in the U.S. her father died. She was left alone at only 18 years old.

Katie had already given a lot of help to Yaoyao and a local church helped her get a room to stay in. But Yaoyao was having a difficult time. She has to work to pay rent and study to finish school - she hopes to go to college. Yaoyao is a responsible, hardworking and motivated individual. In order for Yaoyao to receive her much  
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The Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn Team at the 5th Avenue Festival.

L to R: Renee, Roy, Lisa.

## IH Staff in Focus



**Lisa Yeung - Legal Director**

Lisa Yeung is the legal director of Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn, an immigration lawyer and a seminary graduate. She has a unique skill set that allows her to serve in multiple capacities. Born in Hong Kong, she can speak, read and write fluently in Mandarin, Cantonese and English. She is an attorney who practiced immigration law in Maryland for 6 years and in other law practices for 9 years before that.

God was also calling Lisa into ministry and in 2006 she enrolled in Alliance Theological Seminary, earning a Masters of Divinity in 2009. In 2009 -2010 Lisa served as an associate pastor of the NY Chinese EFC and was the Executive Director of Dorcas Ministries which serves the needs of the Chinese immigrant community in Brooklyn. In February of 2011 she began serving with Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn. Lisa & her husband Herman are ministering together to the immigrants in Brooklyn, NY.

Lisa enjoys traveling, reading and taking scenic drives around parks and lakes with Herman. She enjoys her 20 years of marriage to Herman for which she gives great thanks to God!



**Lisa Yeung, Legal Director of Immigrant Hope-Brooklyn, with Her Husband Herman.**

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needed public assistance while she gets on her feet, she needed to become a U.S. Citizen. Lisa Yeung and her husband Herman went with Yaoyao to the citizenship interview. Lisa acted as her legal advocate and Herman as the interpreter. Despite some possible legal issues and incomplete evidence, Yaoyao was immediately granted citizenship in the U.S.! What a blessing and a relief for her!

This was not the end of our involvement in Yaoyao's life, though. Because Yaoyao was struggling financially, working at a job AND going to school, she was not always able to eat nutritious meals. Different Christians, including Lisa, are helping her with food, housing and tutoring. Lisa is also working to help Yaoyao get the necessary documents to get her father's Social Security benefits. Please pray about this as one of these documents - a valid birth certificate - now must be obtained from China. (The certificate she has was accepted for Yaoyao's citizenship but not for Social Security.) Renee Young - the community outreach liaison - is also talking with local agencies about food stamps and other benefits to help Yaoyao out while she finishes high school and goes on to college.

Recently, Lisa and Joanne were able to take Yaoyao out to celebrate her citizenship (see photo on page 1). While at lunch, Joanne shared her story and Christian experience with Yaoyao. Please pray that there will be more to Yaoyao's story as she experiences the wonderful plan God has for her life through the message of Jesus. Pray for us at Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn to make the right connections to get Yaoyao the benefits she needs to finish school and go on to college.

## Volunteers Awarded Certification by BIA

Some of our volunteers at Immigrant Hope - Brooklyn choose to take a 40 hour class in order to be certified by the Board of Immigration Appeals to offer legal advice and services in the area of immigration. They must also get many hours of practical experience once the class is complete. These volunteers are essential to our ministry because of their ability to act as legal advisors to our clients! Three of our volunteers were awarded their BIA certification this spring: Judy Larsen, Claudia Williams and Howard Williams.



**Howard and Claudia Williams Awarded with their BIA Certification**