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Father Sean Burke was born in Croydon, United Kingdom and later moved to the Far East to become a Maryknoll missionary. Burke has devoted his life to Hong Kong's poor and lived amongst the squatters in the squatter camps for many years. He worked as a prison chaplain and as a volunteer helping the Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong.

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Narrates his parents' background in England and his own missionary path and his decision to become a priest. Recounts his culture shock experience when he first came to Hong Kong and the challenges he had faced when setting up charity. Further describes the living conditions of the homeless and the Vietnamese refugees during his time as a volunteer, as well as the changes in the church's involvement in the social development of Hong Kong.

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