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Fall Baptisms

Brenda's Testimony | Photos By: Richard Lee and Wai Lam

I first heard about Christ through CampToons in 2nd grade. In elementary school, however, my knowledge of Christianity was limited. I thought that being a Christian meant doing good works and loving everyone because that's what God wants, and to refrain from sin because God hates sin. My mindset was so legalistic; looking back now, it's obvious that I was missing a core piece of Christianity: Jesus himself!

Thankfully, though, in 7th grade, after hearing a church message that helped me finally understand what Jesus has done for us and why, that was when I truly decided that I wanted to be a Christian and believed that Jesus was my Savior from all my sins: past, present, and future. I was more proactive in learning about God through His Word and seeking Him in prayer.

Then, going into high school and throughout it, I saw God working in me by shaping me to be less self-centered, and more God-centered. Serving in CampToons with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ really helped me to learn what it means to live for Christ, and what it looked like for His body to come together to worship and serve one God. And that even when I'm in places where I'm not surrounded by Christians, I have no reason to be afraid because our God is bigger than the thoughts and words of man.

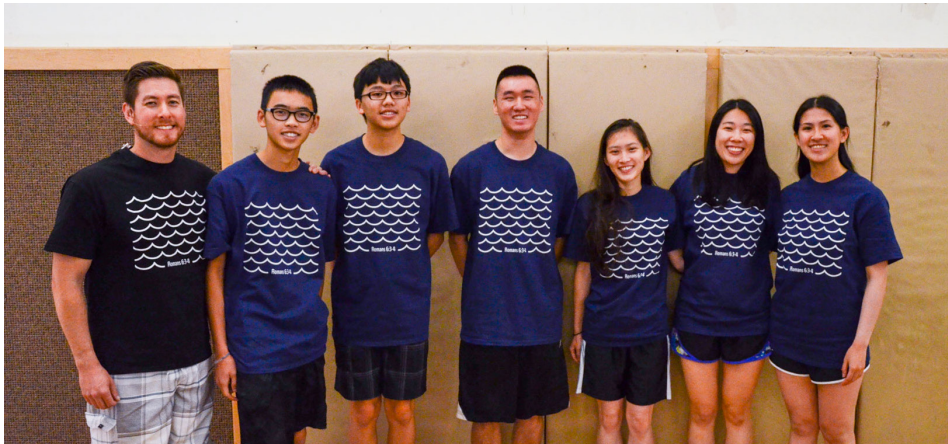
But transitioning into college was a big change. With random blocks of free time, as a college freshman, I easily gave into the idol of comfort and put my relationship with God on the backburner. However, I knew Satan was testing my heart at that time, and I had to keep fighting in my faith by holding on to the truths I knew about God, and keep my eyes open to how His love was and has been so evident throughout this church. I was also encouraged by His Spirit's work through my on-campus Christian fellowship.

And here we are today, post-college. I still struggle with ►



resorting to being comfortable rather than being active for God, and I fall into the lie that everything I do will never be enough to anyone, even myself. But I don't have to worry about that. Christ's death on the cross is and has been enough. Wherever my shortcomings were and will be, I believe that He will redeem those moments and still use them according to His plan. This verse comes to my mind as to how I want to move forward: From Galatians 5:13 "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

I don't want to feel weighed down by the standards others or I hold for myself. I want to live in the freedom Christ offers, and use what we've been graciously given to serve out of God's love, and live for God's glory. ■



Baptism Participants (Left to Right)

- Pastor Clark Fobes
- Curtis Lee
- Joshua Mack
- Justin Cheng
- Kristi Jou
- Samantha Mar
- Brenda Wong



Baptism Participants (Left to Right)

- Elder Thomas Fong
- Elder Patrick Lo
- Pastor Simon Cheng
- Bik Wah 李余碧華
- Sai Hung Lam 林世雄
- Frances Lam
- Pastor Paul Ho
- Elder Wayman Sit
- Elder Byron Chun
- Elder Victor Yan



2019年教會中文部感謝聚會晚宴 2019 Cantonese Appreciation Dinner

Quotes By 撰寫: Dinner Attendees | Photos By 拍攝: Wai Lam



在11月10日晚，教會中文部為感謝眾弟兄姊妹在事工上忠心服事而舉行感謝聚會晚宴。首先由何牧師帶領大家用一首「在耶穌裏我們是一家人」唱出洋溢著彼此相愛，彼此擁抱和祝福的氣氛。鄭牧師感謝弟兄姊妹在過去一年忠心地事奉而感謝神，同時為晚宴獻上禱告。在感謝晚宴中，甄長老代表教會牧長會感謝何牧師過去一年忠心地牧會，何牧師將離開我們，大家依依不捨，都異口同聲向何牧師說「我愛你」將宴會帶到高潮！甄長老也向鄭牧師和教會各位同工表達謝意！何長老謝謝各位服事在教會不同事工上的義工們。今年將近有180位弟兄姊妹在14個不同的事工服事。其中有15位弟兄姊妹參與3個事工，4位弟兄姊妹服事在4個或以上的事工。弟兄姊妹因著事奉經歷到神的帶領而充滿喜樂與感恩。除了美味豐富的食物，大家很開心投入問答和抽獎遊戲。當晚有190位弟兄姊妹參加了一場歡喜快樂的晚宴。晚宴結束前，弟兄姊妹都忙著和何牧師，鄭牧師合照留念。感恩晚會在何牧師祝福之後大家說聲「晚安」而結束！

我感謝神，見證弟兄姊妹過去一年在不同的事奉崗位上犧牲他們的時間默默的付上。

感謝主，讓我參與籌劃這次聚會晚宴，很開心和弟兄姊妹彼此配搭，彼此鼓勵。謝謝非比姊妹小組在當晚晚會的幫忙。 - 由薛偉華長老Wayman Sit寫 ▶





On November 10th, Sunset Church hosted a lovely Appreciation Party to honor all the Christian brothers and sisters for their faithful service to God's church! The 200 guests enjoyed a joyful evening filled with inspirational songs, prayers, warm fellowship, fun games and a delicious banquet dinner! May God continue to bless our ministry volunteers who serve joyfully and faithfully in their ministries to build up our church!

在十一月十日，教會為感謝眾弟兄姊妹事工服務而舉行感恩聚會。有二佰位嘉賓參加了一場歡喜快樂的晚宴，豐富節目包括牧師鼓勵的禱告，讚美的詩歌，問答遊戲，抽獎和豐富的食物。願主祝福和帶領事奉的弟兄姐妹，因著事奉經歷更多愛，充滿喜樂與感恩。 - Julie Choy

Overall impression: I give it 5 stars Because Shin & I had a jovial time. And we give thanks.

整體印象：我會給5星評級。因為我與先生當晚都十分享受整個晚會。 - Lily Jung

The most memorable moment for us was Pastor Paul came & sat with us for a little while & had a photo with us. Loved it when we could interact with our pastor so freely & casually. Other than that, it was the fellowship around the table & working on the trivia questions. It was good team effort!!

我很深印象的，何牧師曾經坐底與我們傾談及拍照留念。很愛每次與何牧師的相處及閒話家常。另外問答遊戲時同桌的弟兄姊妹一起合作，有講有笑。體驗很好的團隊精神。 - Cath Cheng

We really enjoyed the appreciation dinner. The food and the program were good. Especially each small group had a picture together with our pastors. Thanks for your hard work and appreciate you organizing the program.

我們十分享受今次的晚宴。食物和節目都十分好。特別是每個小組有機會與兩位牧者合照留念。很感謝幫手預備，統籌的弟兄姐妹和各人的分工合作。 - Maria Chin



慶祝益康團契廿八華誕

28th Anniversary of the Yut Hong Fellowship

Written By 撰寫: Kin Chuck Sit 薛健策 | Photos By: Mike Chinn



益康團契在主的光照下，昂首闊步邁入第二十九個年頭
The Yut Hong Fellowship is growing towards their 29th year.



詩二首
贈何伯昌牧師
薛健策

(一)

信靠順服跑在前，
廣傳福音年復年；
帶領教會行主路，
榮耀父神樂綿綿。

(二)

頻頻探訪送真理，
學效耶穌“我愛你！”
責無旁貸紓民困，
熱情親切笑微微。 ■

親愛的何伯昌牧師：我們感謝你，我們愛你，我們祝福你，我們期待再見到你。愿神的恩惠永遠伴随你！

CampToons from a Director's Perspective

Written By: Caleb Yee aka Moogle | Photos By: CampToons Staff



A typical day at CampToons: The CampToons staff comes to church at 7:55am, where we start each day with a time of worship to focus our hearts and minds on God and the Gospel. After worship, there is either a director-led devotional or a time where the guys and girls split off to discuss various things in groups. At 9:00am, the day with the kids begins with a time of large group worship before breaking off into our individual grade-level groups. In the individual groups, the kids enjoy a time in lessons (for the 1st-5th grade) or small groups (for the middle school CTX grades), then do the planned activities of the day (such as making food, doing a scavenger hunt around the city, or even solving a murder mystery!). At 4:00pm, all the grades come together again for a final time of worship and a large group game before the kids are picked up and head home with their parents or guardians.

Over my 10 years of serving at CampToons, I have seen a lot of growth in CampToons as a ministry and as a day camp: not only logistically, but also in the spiritual direction, and I praise God for how He has worked in and through this ministry. We have grown a lot in our intentionality with the CampToons mission statement: that is, first, “to disciple our youth (staff) to maturity in Christ and have them live it out in life and model it in service”, and second, “to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the children and families in our community and nurture those found in Jesus Christ”. This year, we had 76 staff (which includes the directors, counselors, gophers, and extended care staff) and 235 campers altogether, and for each of the six weeks, our counselors would care for roughly 20-30 kids per grade group. Even as I consider these numbers, tremendous gratitude wells up for the prayers and support you gave us throughout the six weeks! It takes a village to raise a child, and to likewise preach the Gospel to each child in a way that they can hear and receive it is no small feat. The proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to both our kids and staff has taken the mighty work of God through our planning, lessons, preaching, and activities, and He has been faithful to this ministry for the past 27 years of its existence!

It has been a tremendous joy to see the Gospel proclaimed to our staff and kids - both in action and in word - and I cherished being an integral part in seeing our staff grow in desire and skill to serve others. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” – Deuteronomy 6:5-7 ■



Witnessing What God is Doing in Zambia

Written By: Pastor Theo Low | Photos By: Zambia Team

Thank you all for your prayer and support during my trip to Zambia Africa! It was an amazing opportunity to see what God is doing in Zambia through our partnership with Hands at Work. I want to share three highlights of my trip with you all.

The first highlight of my trip was working with a group of 15 pastors in Kafubu Block (an impoverished rural town). Though they lacked access to basic resources like internet, Bible apps, biblical books and commentaries, these pastors were hungry for the Word of God, biblical training and pastoral wisdom. I was encouraged and stirred by their excitement for the gospel of Jesus Christ and biblical truth. As I sat with them, I was filled with joy at the work God is doing in and through these men. I was sitting among faithful men who are trying to do exactly what we are trying to do at Sunset—these brothers are trying to preach the gospel and live it out in their lives. I am confident that right now they are in their community working with their neighbors – taking care of their physical needs and preaching spiritual truths into their lives.



The second highlight of my trip was visiting the homes of the kids in the Zimba community. Zimba is the community that our church specifically supports through Hands at Work. It was exciting to see the families that our church has a direct impact on. Our church is known by these families as “the church in San Francisco that cares for them, knows them, prays for them, and feeds them.” These kids live in extreme poverty and would mostly go without food if not for the support of our church and Hands at Work. We saw one toddler trying to cook leftovers for himself, because he was hungry. I saw another 13-year-old looking after his siblings and trying to make bricks to rebuild his home because his mom is unable to do so. I was encouraged to see Hands at Work volunteers step in to make sure these kids are taken care of moving forward. In my time in the communities I saw Hands at Work caring for their physical and spiritual needs.



The last highlight of my trip was the Hands at Work volunteers and community. Hands at Work is made up of selfless volunteers who sacrifice so much time, money, energy, and well-being to serve the poorest of the poor in Africa. Most of these long-term volunteers are young adults who are unpaid and are usually living on their savings and partial support from their home church. I saw them tirelessly work day-after-day to care for the orphans and widows solely because of their love for God and the gospel. I was encouraged and confronted by their self-sacrifice to love others as Christ has loved us. They work hard to provide for the physical needs of these communities, so that they have a platform to share how Jesus answers our greatest need, salvation.

My trip was eye-opening and refreshing! I would encourage you to continue (or start) praying for and supporting the Zimba community – God is doing a great work there and His love is being shown and proclaimed. We’re hoping to send a team next year so please start now to pray about and consider going to see for yourself what God is doing in Zambia! ■

Cambodia STM Trip

Written and Photos By: Cambodia Team

From August 22 to September 3, a team from Sunset Church traveled to Cambodia for a short-term mission trip to serve alongside Fullness In Christ Fellowship's (FICF) Pleroma organizations in Phnom Penh. Pleroma Ministries include:

- A girls' home: girls under 18 who have been trafficked are able to start afresh and regain confidence by learning about God's love.
- An elementary girls' school: where they are taught not only quality education but about the bible and God's love.
- A community center: neighborhood boys and girls have the opportunity to worship and learn bible lessons after school and on weekends.
- A women's center: women over the age of 18 who have been trafficked and abused can come and learn job skills and receive restoration through knowing God's love.

The Sunset team was able to participate and work with each ministry including a local church. This is the third year Sunset Church has been serving in Cambodia. Please consider joining the Cambodia STM team next year during August 2020! – Lauren Gee



Returning to Cambodia for short term missions was a wonderful adventure in re-self-discovery. I had been feeling discouraged and displaced due mostly to struggles at work and knew that I had to focus back on my identity in Christ. God was able to show me how important it is to remember that He had created me to be the person He needed me to be and that I had to embrace His creation.

After being a part of the first team who traveled to serve with the Pleroma Ministry in Cambodia, I felt called to utilize my God-given gifts to assist the ministry from the U.S. We have been considering different strategies for raising awareness of the trafficking situation in Cambodia and raising funds to support the ministry but hitting different barriers caused it to be discouraging and delayed. I knew that I would have to travel the 7851 miles again in order to have a better grasp of the ministry needs and to see how God has continued working since I had last been there.

My heart was warmed as I was reunited with friends that I had made last time and seeing the progress of the students. I recall vividly feeling helpless as I tried to converse with students my first year because there was a language barrier, but this year was different. This year, many of the students were able to speak English enough to hold basic conversations.

I was pleasantly surprised to receive a letter written in superb English from a student who remembered me from two years ago thanking me for coming back to care for and teach them. This and many other interactions and moments renewed the passion I had for serving this ministry from the U.S. We have faced various barriers in planning, but I am reminded that we

must work past our discouragements and trust God and persevere for the sake of His children and His work.

If you'd like to know more about how you can partner with Pleroma missions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the team members from the Cambodia Short Term Missions team. If you'd like to hear more stories and more details on what God is doing overseas in Cambodia, please feel free to stop and chat with me. Thank you and God bless. – Melody Gawliu ▶

There were so many highlights of the trip! Shirley and I were glad to be able to impart enough knowledge to have the students be able to share a ukulele song with their fellow students. Hopefully, what we taught will be a foundation for the students to build a musical tapestry to enrich their lives.

Our God is a gracious God, and that it's only through Him that we could've accomplished all of what was done.

We are thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the Cambodia STM team, and hope we did make a difference. I am somewhat sad that there's still so much to do! If we allow and trust Him, our Lord is gracious to provide us the opportunities to serve Him with the gifts He's given us. He will also provide challenges that will stretch our faith to achieve more than we can imagine." – Robert Quan



"It was hard not to have a smile for the kids even with the heat and feet aching from teaching in stocking feet. They caught me off guard with their warmth and desire to be good students." – Stan Pun



My daughter, Lauren, and I had a very meaningful experience during our 2nd trip to Cambodia.

We were privileged to teach the 3rd & 4th grade girls in Pleroma School and God provided many hours of meaningful discussion on various topics ranging from family and romantic relationships to bible lessons, God and heaven.

All the discussions gave us an opportunity to explain the Gospel and we praise God for providing an opportunity for the girls to talk about these sensitive topics with us. We pray that the students gained some godly wisdom so they can make important life decisions. God especially used us to express love and compassion to a troubled 16-year-old girl in our class.

Our entire team were truly blessed by this mission experience and from all the friendships that we made. We were faithful to

share the good news of the Gospel with every group that we interacted with and it was such a joy to see many hands raised to verbally accept Jesus Christ as their Lord & Savior!

Thank you to our church and all our supporters for partnering with us on this amazing mission's trip! Your prayers gave us strength and protected us to complete our assigned tasks and we hope that we were an instrument of God's grace and love to everyone we encountered.

Please continue to pray for the staff, students, young girls and women at the Pleroma Ministry. Consider joining the Cambodia Missions Team next year so you can experience for yourself how God can work through you to display His love to the Cambodian people! – Lucy Gee ■



為尼泊爾短宣隊感恩

Give Thanks for the Nepal STM Trip

Written By 撰寫: Kim Ng | Photos By 攝影: Po-Ming Chu

獻上感恩

獻上感恩的心，歸給至聖全能神，
因祂賜下獨生子，主耶穌基督。
如今軟弱者已得剛強，貧窮者已成富足，
都因為主已成就了大事。感恩、感恩、感恩。

這感恩佳節，感謝神賜給我機會在八月中參加尼泊爾短宣隊。短宣隊成員包括何牧師，師母，青年人，青年夫婦及兒女和兩位退休女士。我寫這感恩話時也同時唱着‘獻上感恩’這首歌。實在感到神豐富的恩典為我們成就大事。

我體會到神聽我們的祈禱，特別為以下事項感謝和讚美祂：

- 神保守祂子民
- 何牧師成功帶領溢樂短宣隊到尼泊爾事奉
- 溢樂教會以禱告及金錢全力支持這事工
- 雖然隊員年齡 工作背境及忙碌但仍然合作愉快 忠心擺上 以主為首
- 青年夫婦盡心力教導子女認識神 預備子女短宣負責工作
- 孩子們都友善的和當地的孩子們玩在一起見證神的愛
- 我們和當地的翻譯員(聖經學院學生)順利的將神的話語傳出去
- 很多尼泊爾人 到來溢樂教會及當地教會合作的醫療短宣隊服務
- 體驗到神的愛
- 我們拜訪村落及麻瘋區 雖好像有點困難 但是沒有人埋怨 都是樂意參與事奉
- 我們值着神的大能及聖靈的工作，將福音傳出去
- 大約四十至五十位接受基督作他們的救主
- 十分高興的知道尼泊爾基督徒在世界增長律是最快之一
- 年青的尼泊爾學生不怕路途遙遠都在新健的聖經學校學習神的話語
- 我們將這些神的恩典與工作在於教會宣教月和弟兄姐妹分享，路得會學校早會中分享
- 願神繼續保守我們的信心和愛心去傳揚祂的福音



阿們!!

GAVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. ▶



*And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say,
"I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks!*

In this Thanksgiving season, I would like to thank God for the opportunity to join the church's STM serving Him in Nepal on August 1-10. The STM team consisted of team leads Pastor Ho and Mrs. Ho, young adults, young families with children and a couple of retirees. I am singing the song, "Give Thanks" as I am writing this reflection. I feel I am richly blessed because God has done great things for us.



- I have seen God answered our prayers and I thank and praise Him for the following:
- God protects His people.
- Pastor Ho successfully led the first Sunset STM team of 20 to Nepal!
- Our Nepal STM Team received overwhelming support from the church, both in prayers and in financial support.
- Despite our differences, ages, backgrounds, busy work schedules, the team worked in harmony, unity and committed to the tasks and put God first.
- Parents were dedicated to guide their kids to know God's love and to perform the assigned tasks for the children programs.
- Children were able to witness God and extend their friendship to local children little ones
- Our team and the Nepali interpreters worked well together to present God's messages.
- Many Nepali people came to the medical clinic sessions and was helped and were able to experience God's love through Sunset Church and the joint effort with local churches.
- We visited villages and the leprosy colony, which may seem a bit scary but there were no complaints and it was a blessing to show God's love to the colony residents.
- We prayed for the Holy Spirit to be with us and we freely shared the Gospel in His power!
- Praise God that about 40-50 Nepali people accepted Christ!
- We are glad to learn that Nepal is one of the fastest growing Christian populations in the world!
- Young Nepali students attend the newly established Bible College, despite the lengthy travel distance.
- We shared about the Nepal STM trip in the children program during the church's Mission week and at Zion Lutheran School's Assembly program.
- We ask God to continue to strengthen our faith and love to spread His Gospel at home and abroad! Amen! ■



Engage Global's Missions Education

Quotes By: Jon Lee and Chris Wu | Photos By: Engage Global Team

Engage global was a great experience for me in how I was able to learn more about God's mission and how our lives need to be completely shaped by it. We went through many bible studies to see how God's hand was at work to save his people while learning about different cultures and world views. My favorite part about the trip was going on cultural excursions, it felt like I was fully immersed into a different place while still being in the US. One place we visited was the Somali market where we were able to interact with Muslims and learn about their cultures, tradition and beliefs. We had meaningful conversation with a bookkeeper and a barber who also happened to cut Jon's hair. It was an amazing experience trying different cuisines and interacting with different people while on this trip. – Chris Wu



The highlight of my trip was learning about how to engage the Buddhist worldview with the Gospel. The teaching by Rick and Jeremy (EG staff) helped me understand Buddhism in much greater depth than I had before, especially its core teachings and the underlying assumptions behind them. Afterwards, I had the opportunity to build on that when our team toured a local Buddhist temple. I spent a lot of time asking our tour guide questions, and his answers gave me a better grasp of what the religion looks like from an actual Buddhist's perspective. Specifically, the more I listened, the more I saw one crucial reality Buddhism lacks: redemption. For a Buddhist, life itself is suffering, and their ultimate goal is merely to escape that cycle. Seeing that drove home how much greater the hope of the Gospel is, that Christ will return not only to end our suffering, but to give us renewed lives in a wonderful restored creation. Since leaving EG, I'm more confident that I have the background knowledge and cultural context to evangelize to my Buddhist friends, relatives, and classmates. – Jon Lee



Left-Behind Children English Camp

Written and Photos By: Lauren Eng



This summer, I had the amazing opportunity of going to East Asia to help teach the Left-Behind Children at a week-long English camp. The Left-Behind children of East Asia are children whose parents have left their small villages to work in larger cities so that they can provide for their families' future opportunities. The children are often left-behind at home with relatives who are not adequately equipped to take care of the children's mental and emotional needs. Since there is almost no contact between parents and children, the children struggle with feelings of abandonment and suffer emotionally. I was so blessed to serve this particular group and the love that the other foreign teachers as well as the national teachers displayed towards these children spoke to the love that God has for all people.

During the first week, I taught first grade. There was not much one-on-one communication with the students on my part as I am not able to speak Mandarin. Fortunately, I had two wonderful Chinese teachers who helped me to navigate classroom management, discipline, and situations that I was a bit at a loss for. During our second week, I taught fourth grade. The fourth graders were very engaged with the work and my co-teacher/translator helped me to keep the students motivated. Even though we never seemed to get enough sleep, God provided rest and wisdom so that the camps were able to run smoothly. Outside of the camps, I was able to bond with the other teachers (both believers and non-believers) during meetings, hangout time, and food. They were all very kind and welcoming!

After the camps were finished, we were able to fellowship with the Chinese teachers and deepen our relationships. This was a time where we had a chance to have discussions about our testimonies and share about our faith. I saw God's orchestration in allowing me time to talk with some of the non-believing teachers about their beliefs and share God's love with them. There was one teacher in particular who I bonded with when we first started teaching (she was one of my helpers in the first school) and that bond allowed us to have more open discussions about who God is and the role He's played in my life.

After we spent time together with the other teachers, I was able to head to another part of East Asia and visit with a family of missionaries I met earlier this year. It was wonderful seeing the work that they do in the community and how they interact with the locals there. I was able to get a small glimpse into what life overseas would look like. It was also an eye-opening experience for me to see how worship and everyday life is altered while living in an environment that is heavily regulated and controlled by the government. But what an encouragement to see this family's dedication and heart for making disciples of all peoples and nations!

Throughout the entirety of my time in East Asia, I was able to see God's providence in all things. Going to a new place, not knowing the language, having to rely on others to help me navigate life, and not always knowing what the plan was or what would happen next was a challenge for me. Knowing that God was there and that ultimately, He is in control was a big joy and comfort to me. I was also in awe of how good He has been and how good He continues to be. Through discussion I had with missionaries and other believers, I was able to reflect on the big events that have happened in my life and helped shape who I am. I've been able to see even more clearly how amazing our God is and how He has been with me every step of the way. I see even more clearly His guidance and care in everything that has happened in my past, is happening now, and will happen in the future.

Another key encouragement during this trip was the reminder of how amazing it is that we have an eternal hope in Jesus. Even while the world and the many situations we hear about seem bleak, He is in full control and will come back to right every wrong! While we have this hope, many people do not. There are still many people who have never heard about His love for them, who do not know Him, and do not love Him. Our job is to share the Good News with all! Whether it is supporting missionaries financially, being a sender, or sharing the Good News in the capacity that God wants you to, our calling is to make disciples of all men and nations so that God will be glorified! ■



City Impact Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration City Impact 中秋節慶祝會

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Many of you have heard of City Impact, a Christian organization in the Tenderloin founded by Pastor Roger Huang. But do you know that City Impact began a Chinese worship service in September 2017? God has continued adding numbers to the congregation. As of today, there are 40 people attending the 4:00 pm Cantonese service every Sunday. This Chinese worship service started with a request for a Bible study group from the Tenderloin residents. As members of this Bible study grow, the need of starting a Chinese worship service became apparent.

In order to broaden awareness and be an outreach for this new Chinese worship service in the neighborhood, volunteers organized events to celebrate major Chinese holidays like Chinese New Year and mid-Autumn festival in the same worship location. Invitations were sent out to the Adopt-a-Building residents, who invited their families and friends. The recent mid-Autumn festival celebration on September 14th attracted over 300 people. To accommodate the large number of attendees, two sessions were organized. There were two choirs singing at the event, one of which was a choir formed by the City Impact Chinese congregation. Their neon green shirts stood out in the crowd. There were also games and of course food for everyone to take home.

The volunteers came from different churches, with different backgrounds and professions. When we arrived at the City Impact front door, we saw a van with many boxes of food filled to the ceiling of the van. Immediately, volunteers started moving the food boxes into the kitchen. We worked side by side in an assembly line putting BBQ pork buns, cakes, moon cakes and a variety of goodies into individual boxes for distribution. Another team of volunteers set up tables and chairs and put dinner boxes in individual bags.

What stood out for my husband and I were the efficiency, the harmony and the unity that exemplifies team spirit. Because of the love of our Lord for each one of us, He motivated us to spend a Saturday afternoon to serve those who don't know the Lord. It's all because we have seen and experienced God's mercy and blessings in each of our lives. How much more we want the Tenderloin residents to receive this same gift that was offered freely to us all. Because many of the residents are seniors, they now know this gift is for young and old.

相信你們當中許多人也聽聞過 City Impact,一個由 Roger Huang 牧師先生在田德隆區創辦的基督教機構。但是你是否知道 City Impact 於2017年9月開始了一個中文崇拜?神使這中文崇拜的人數與日俱增。截至今日,每個星期日下午四時,也會有約40多名會眾一起用廣東話敬拜。這中文崇拜起緣於一班要求組織查經小組的田德隆區華裔居民。隨著這查經小組的成員不斷增加,開始一個中文崇拜的需求變得顯而易見。

為了在附近社區宣傳這個新的中文崇拜, City Impact 的義工組織了一些慶祝中國節日的外展活動,在崇拜的地點舉行農曆新年和中秋節的慶祝會。義工們透過 City Impact 的 Adopt-a-Building (領養一座樓) 事工,向田德隆區內多幢大廈的住戶發邀請帖,而住戶繼而亦邀請了他們的家人和朋友。最近, ▶





在9月14日舉行的中秋節慶祝活動吸引了300多人參加。為了容納大量的參加者,義工們籌辦了一連兩場的聚會。

聚會中,分別有兩個合唱團獻唱,其中一個是由 City Impact 中文崇拜的會眾所組成的合唱團。他們全部也穿上霓虹綠色的「團衫」,在人群中份外搶鏡。慶祝活動也包括遊戲時間,而會後,每位參加者還獲派一袋盛滿賀節食品的便當,供帶回家享用。

義工們來自不同的教會,具有不同的背景和專業。當我們抵達 City Impact 前門時,我們看到一輛輕型貨車,車內盛滿了食物盒子,數目之多直重疊至貨車的天花。義工們隨即將食物盒子移進廚房。我們在一條「裝配線」並排工作,在每個獨立的小盒子逐一放進一件叉燒包,一件蛋糕,和一件月餅等糕點。另一組義工則搭起桌子和椅子,並將盛着餸菜和飯麵的便當逐一放進獨立的袋子裡,方便分派。

對於我丈夫和我而言,最令我們印象深刻的是義工團隊的效率,和諧和團結,充份體現了團隊精神。由於我們的主對我們每個人的愛,祂激勵我們付出一個星期六的下午,來服侍那些不認識主的人。這全因我們每一個也曾經在我們的生命中看到,並經歷了神的憐憫和祝福。我們希望田德隆區的居民也能獲得這從神而來,並白白賜給我們每個人的禮物。因為很多田德隆區的居民是長者,所以他們現在知道這是一份給不同人生階段,包括年輕人和長者的禮物。■

Mobilizing God's Love

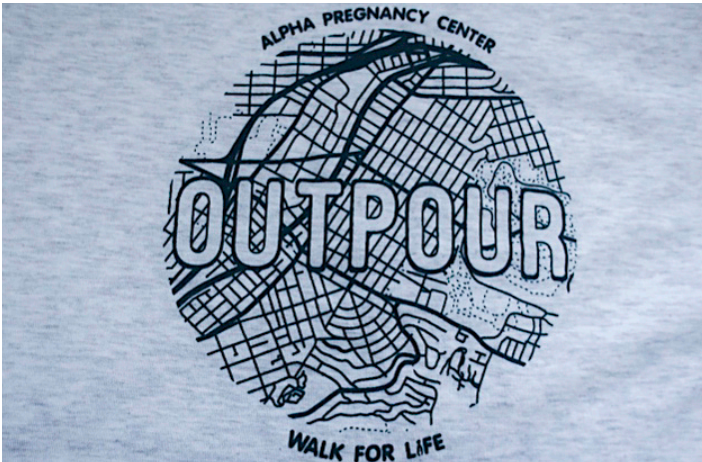
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Thank you so much Sunset Church for supporting us this past year. Our main goals this past year were to build the trucks and serve the city in 23 pop up outreaches. We intentionally stayed under the radar and served without much fanfare. Next year, we will be choosing 2-3 communities and committing to serve them on a regular basis. 2020 is dedicated to consistently loving and serving fewer neighborhoods with more frequency. In addition to this, we will roll out our mentorship program for a handful of the children. This is our next phase at Mobilize Love. Our five-year plan does include scaling, but that will not take place until we've dedicated ourselves to a few communities and practiced our weekly ministry and mentorship program. We look forward to our continued partnership in bringing the Good News to these children, youth, and families. Mobilize Love exists to SHOW UP and GIVE kids hope. Without your support, this could not happen! Thank you all again! ■



APC's 2019 Walk For Life

Written By: Lei-Chun Wang | Photos By: Gary Gin



On Saturday, October 19, Sunset members were the core of three teams of walkers participating in Alpha Pregnancy Center's Annual Walk for Life. The teams joined many other teams in delivering gifts to APC client families. They concluded the walk at McLaren Park for a BBQ where they were joined by several client families. There was great food, fun activities for the kids, and wonderful fellowship. Sunset's Men's Ministry was there to help with the BBQ. The following is some walker insight from Lei-Chun Wang who has been a faithful walker for years.

I always enjoy the opportunity to team up with the English congregation brothers/sisters from Sunset Church and other churches. There is wonderful fellowship as we walk through the streets and sharing about how God is using each person in their respective ministries. I learned about the women's ministry from Sherise and got to know Sarah and Jojo from the English congregation.

There were a lot of highlights from this day.

- I loved visiting family clients of APC. They are so appreciative of what APC offers them-e.g. baby clothes, diapers, counseling/ support for expectant moms & her family.
- I am most excited when we visit Chinese speaking families. I can use Cantonese to talk with them, meet their young children, and tell them that Jesus loves them. They are so open to listen, feel comfortable with us, and allow us to pray for them and their families
- I was happy to see both families we visited come out to the BBQ picnic. For one family, I met the grandparents who mentioned they used to go to a church in Chinatown. I prayed that they could find a church close to where they live now.
- I hope more Sunset brothers/sisters can join the Walk for Life or volunteer at APC, so you can experience the joy of reaching out to God's people.

Lastly, I want to thank brothers/sisters for supporting me on the Walk. Praise God!

For more information on APC, contact their website at alphpc.org or contact Gary Gin, Sunset's liaison for APC, at dr.gin@sfpeds.com. ■



3D Gospel: How To Minister In Guilt, Shame, And Fear Cultures

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The Gospel is good news, yet how we effectively communicate this good news varies from culture to cultures.

In a series of sermons presented in June and July on Shame and the Gospel, 2 guest speakers spoke eloquently to that issue. Pastor Fred Mok and Missiologist, Jayson Georges. Worldview is the biggest obstacle in the presentation and understanding of the Gospel. Yet by examining worldview we can effectively present and understand the complete message of Gospel salvation.

Based on Jayson Georges book, The 3D Gospel: Ministry in Guilt, Shame and Fear Cultures, the author teaches how to communicate the gospel to **all** cultures, in a 3 dimensional way. According to the author, worldview **not** language is the biggest obstacle. He defines worldview as the lenses through which we see and interpret events around us.

Like group personalities, 3 world views allude to 3 major cultures of the world. The three types of Culture:

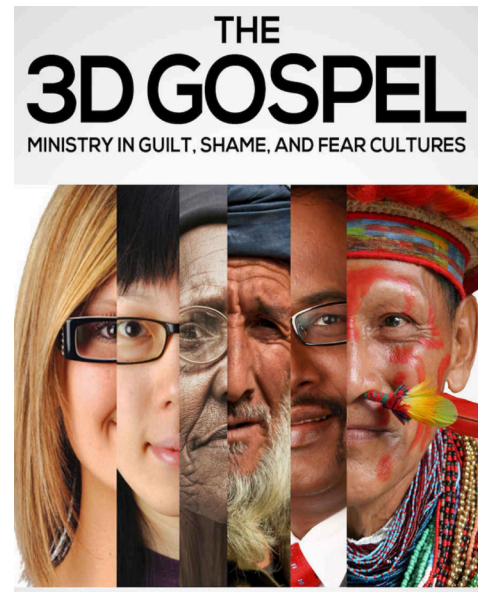
- 1. Western** – Guilt- innocence cultures where rugged individualism and rights are valued. Morality is based on right and wrong, as defined by law. Right to opinions, happiness, beliefs. If law is broken, the only solution is to suffer punishment proportionate to the crime. Driving force in western culture is constant search for solution to guilt.
- 2. Eastern** – Shame-honor cultures where family, community are valued above all else. Personal relationships, reputation, social status, are primary motivators. Culture bestows honor for doing good; dishonor for doing bad. People are shamed for not fulfilling group expectations. Driving force is to avoid shame.
- 3. Tribal/Sub Saharan Africa** – Fear-power cultures where reality is based on evil forces and spirit world. Driving force is based on perceived positive/negative reactions to spirits around them. Magical rituals, superstition, spells, sacrifices result in living in constant state of fear.

Fear, shame and guilt are the results of 3 different types of reactions to sin. However, Salvation is being saved by grace from sin. Christians find that it is by God’s grace, that God remedies guilt, shame and fear.

- **Guilt-innocence** – “In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins”. (Eph. 1:7a).
- **Shame-honor** – “In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ (Eph 1:5). You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household”. (Eph. 2:19)
- **Fear-power** - “That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at His right hand in heavenly realms”. (Eph 1:19-21).

By reading Ephesians in 3D, (three dimensionally), Christians can carefully examine the individual facets that gives a complete understanding of salvation.







With the holidays upon us, here are some practical ways we can intentionally observe and be aware of how our own worldview has been shaped by the culture of guilt, shame and fear. ▶



	Guilt	Shame	Fear
Where a guest sits at a meal	Is randomly chosen	Indicates their status and age	May affect what happens later
Where to spend family holidays	Fulfill own interests and passions	Observe family/community expectations	Appease unseen forces
People long for	Equality and fairness	Status and face	Security and peace
The concept of family	Parents spouse and children	All extended relations	Extended relations and deceased ancestors.
People should act according to	Right and wrong	Roles and expectations	Techniques and tactics
Inappropriate behavior causes	Punishment	Ostracism	Weakness

Ref: page 30-31. 3D Gospel Jayson Georges

Although overlap is inevitable and groupings are not always black and white, the chart illustrates how culture functions and some practical ways people groups express their surface values.

CULTURAL VANTAGE POINTS How the West and East perceive each other's cultural values.		
WEST		EAST
EQUALITY Seems disrespectful	 Relationships	HIERARCHY Seems oppressive
TASK-FOCUS Seems unkind	 Time	EVENT-FOCUS Seems inconsiderate
HONESTY Seems rude	 Speech	HARMONY Seems dishonest
INDEPENDENCE Seems stingy	 Money	PATRONAGE Seems corrupt
EFFICIENCY Seems neglectful	 Food	HOSPITALITY Seems ostentatious
GUILT-BASED Seems shameless	 Ethics	SHAME-BASED Seems lawless

To help discern which culture type you belong, Jayson Georges 3D Gospel offers a free culture test. www.TheCultureTest.com. The 25-question quiz reveals your primary culture type. It takes 5 minutes to complete and results are received immediately.

Next in series: [Shame and the Gospel Jesus ministers to the Samaritan woman.](#) ■

Sunset Profile: George Lee

New English Elder

Question: Tell us a little about yourself, your family, your background and your spiritual journey.

George Lee: I was raised in San Francisco. I went to elementary school in Chinatown, then Presidio and Lowell. I lived in Chicago for 6 years while in college and grad school. However, I've been working in Oakland Chinatown for the past 24 years (!) at a community health center called Asian Health Services. We provide primary care to low income and mostly monolingual patients.

I'm the youngest of 3 children (yes, I was spoiled as a child)! My mom passed away 7 years ago after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. My dad is 89 years old and lives in SF. Liz and I just sent our daughter Erika to UC Davis while our son is a junior in high school.

Spiritually, I became a Christian in college after seeking for over a year. It started off with a lot of head and theoretical knowledge, but over the years, God has shown me where my personal idols were through painful life lessons. God has shown me (and I'm still realizing) the depth of his love for me.

Q: What are your hobbies or interests?

GL: I enjoy playing sports, but injuries have taken their toll! So, I've semi-retired and now only take leisurely bike rides, go hiking and take photos. I love being in nature and spending time with friends.

Q: If you can go anywhere and do anything, where would you go and do?

GL: I would like to be a park ranger at a national park! I would be able to combine being outdoors with teaching and interacting with guests from all over the world.

Q: You are an English Elder. What is your vision for this role? And what are your hopes and dreams for our church?

GL: I see myself as being part of a team of elders, pastors and others who are called to love and serve the church. Our primary purpose is to shepherd and teach, bringing everyone into a closer and more mature relationship with Christ. In the short term, my primary goal is just to understand how our church works and listen to people in order to understand their history, viewpoints and ideas. I'm also spending time in prayer and meditation to seek God's guidance in this important role.

Q: How do you see God working in your life?

GL: Many places! (because I need it!) As our kids are getting older, trusting that their lives are in God's hands. Starting off as parents of young children, we have the innate desire to protect our kids -- trying to control their environment etc. For me, our children became an idol that God wants me to release.

Q: What is something that people would be surprised to know about you?

GL: I used to bowl a lot. My high score is 234!

Q: What Bible verse has been the most impactful to you in your Christian Journey? Why?

GL: Wow, there are so many. One is Micah 6:8.
He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?



George with his wife Liz and their two children.

I really enjoy the idea of walking "humbly with your God". It reminds me that I belong to Him, that he is nearby and of my proper (humble) relationship with Him. The verses also imply an active relationship with God (in order to know what is good) as well as actions I can focus on (do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God). ■