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annual report

Spiritual Discipline

Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:7-8

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Vision of BCEC

Because God has blessed us, we strive to be a blessing to the Chinatown community, the Chinese-Asian community, and our neighbors, by sharing the love of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are compelled by a passion for God and a compassion for people, all for the glory of God.

One Church, Two Campuses

We are the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church community located in two places:

Chinatown Campus
249 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02111

Newton Campus
218 Walnut Street
Newtonville, MA 02460

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WORDS FROM CHAIR OF BOD AND BOE

Chair of BOD - Rob Huie

In the 9 months since attending my first BOD meeting I have been constantly amazed and thankful at how God has been working with BCEC. In just these few months, God has faithfully answered numerous prayers. First of all, God allowed that 120 Shawmut would actually be for sale, then that the owners would look favorably upon and choose us as buyers, next that the details of the purchase and sales could be ironed out, and finally after our due diligence that the congregation would be unified in our decision to purchase the property. I praise God, that He has allowed us to be part of His plan for His kingdom in Chinatown with His timing. I am so excited to partner with you, my brothers and sisters, to work through the coming hurdles we face in order to grow ourselves and to grow His kingdom. To God be all the glory!

BOARD OF ELDERS - Steven Chin

The Board of Elders (BOE) is the highest ruling body in BCEC. It is “responsible for carrying out the purpose of BCEC by overseeing the spiritual growth of BCEC through articulating and teaching Biblical doctrines; providing discipleship training and discipline; developing vision, philosophy of ministry, and strategic long-term plans for the ministry of BCEC; and determining the staffing needs.”

The BOE is currently composed of 9 members: 5 elders who are pastors and 4 lay elders. The pastors are Pastors Steven Chin, Daniel Chan, Thomas Lee, Kenneth Kwong, and Enoch Liao. The lay elders are Brian Hui, Chuk-lam Yuen, Jack Lee, and Bak Fun Wong.

The BOE usually has two meetings a month and has an additional meeting once a quarter for long term planning. The BOE spent considerable time this past year dealing a number of issues including the following:

Theology including divorce and doctor assisted suicide

- Personnel including promotion decisions, ordination decisions, and hiring decisions
- Ministry planning including annual church wide themes and Newton Mandarin congregation planning
- Expansion especially related to the acquisition of 120 Shawmut Ave.
- Church discipline
- Long term planning including a constitutional amendment proposal, vision clarification, understanding the future of the ethnic church, dealing with growing complexity of BCEC, and clarifying pastoral staff and BOE relationship.

Please continue to pray for the Board of Elders. Pray for wisdom and discernment to know the Lord’s leading for our church into the future especially as our church grows in complexity. Pray for continued unity in making decisions for the church.



Board of Deacons (BOD)

Back Row: Alice Tewksbury, Jasper Wong, Danny Yen, Sandra Chan, Mandy Yeung, Anthony Lai

Front Row: Jason Cheung, Andy Lui, Robert Huie, Billy Ng, Peter Sun, Andy Te



Board of Elders (BOE)

Back Row: Elder Kai Yee Hui, Elder Bak Fun Wong, Elder Jack Lee, Elder Chuk Lam Yuen

Front Row: Pastor Enoch Liao, Pastor Thomas Lee, Pastor Steven Chin, Pastor Daniel Chan, Pastor Kenneth Kwong

FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Steven Chin

We thank the Lord for an exciting year when we have seen God working to provide for our church in different ways. This past year God allowed us to take a major step in acquiring ministry space in Chinatown. We initially started to look for more space for ministry in Chinatown over 15 years ago. But it seemed we were impeded by different obstacles to expand in Chinatown. I am sure many of us felt very frustrated by the lack of progress.



But, unexpectedly about a year ago, God opened the door for us to acquire South Cove Manor's building at 120 Shawmut Ave. We recognize that we could not have done this without the Lord's intervention. Available large space in the Chinatown area is very rare. Even if space were available, it would be difficult for us to compete with developers in terms of price and quick decision making. Yet the Lord guided the process so that we were selected to be the buyer at a price we could afford. Already, we see new buildings going up around the area indicating the timeliness of our purchase and the new opportunities for outreach.

I want to thank the Expansion Committee that did a lot of work in a short period time that culminated in the congregation voting overwhelmingly to buy 120 Shawmut Ave. on June 16, 2013. I also want to thank all our members that prayed and gave sacrificially over the years toward the expansion despite the uncertainty and lack of progress at certain times.

Even after acquiring 120 Shawmut Ave., there is still much to be done and to pray for. (The closing of the sale is expected to be in the second quarter of 2014) The building at 120 Shawmut Ave. is suited for fellowship activities, meetings, and classes. However, it will not provide large worship space without a lot of costly renovation. The selection of a new mayor may have an impact on us as well. We need to pray for wisdom for our leadership to discern how best to proceed in renovating 120 Shawmut Ave. and in providing for the necessary worship space in Chinatown. We will need to raise more money no matter how we plan to add worship space in Chinatown. As God has blessed you, I hope you will begin to set aside additional financial resources to provide the necessary ministry space for the next generation.

The Lord has also provided for the church in terms of pastoral staff. We will miss Phil Chew, Adult Ministries Director for our Chinatown English congregation, who has moved to a new ministry in California. However, God helped us to hire three new pastoral staff this past year. Adding new staff is always a critical decision for our church. In the past year we have taken a deliberate process to try to make the best decisions possible regarding who would lead important ministries.

Calvin Chu was hired in July 2013 as Student Ministry Director for the Chinatown English congregation. He will oversee the huge middle school, high school, and college ministries. Peter Wong was hired in September 2013 as Assistant to the Pastor. He will work under Pastor Daniel Chan to start a new Mandarin congregation in Newton, which would be our church's 7th congregation. We praise the Lord that the Newton campus started ten years ago with Cantonese and English congregations. With the help of some hard working brothers and sisters, we see the potential to reach out to Mandarin speaking in the Newton area. Steve Liu was also hired in September 2013 to be the Project Destiny Ministries Director. In celebrating the 20th anniversary of Project Destiny, we have reviewed how this ministry has produced much fruit in terms of young people coming to Christ and people developed as servant leaders. I am glad to see our financial commitment to this wonderful outreach ministry.

All three of our new staff have served in our church in the past and can be considered internal hires. We rejoice that our church has helped to produce servant leaders who want to devote their lives to serving the Lord. We need to support their sacrifice with our prayers and financial support. Indeed our church budget will increase with more staff and with more repair and maintenance costs for our buildings in Newton and in Chinatown. Let us continue to pray, serve, and give as the Lord enables us to support the growth of our church.

In addition to new space for ministry in the near future and new staff, the Lord has continued to bless the church's ministry. Despite a more difficult spiritual environment and people moving away, the church attendance has been fairly steady. Our average total attendance for our six worship services has been 1142 (compared to 1159 in the previous year.) Our baptisms remain strong at 75 (compared to 75 in the previous year). For the English speaking ministries, total attendance has declined slightly from 436 to 408 from last year, but baptisms have increased from 21 to 29. We thank the Lord for His continued blessings.

The church had a church wide theme for the first time in many years. Spiritual Disciplines was chosen to encourage our members to adopt practices that are conducive to spiritual growth whether it be Bible reading, prayer, or some other practice. In the new ministry year starting in September, discipleship is the new church wide theme. Discipleship means actively following Jesus and becoming like Him in the way we think, feel, and act. As we intentionally train people to grow to be like Christ, we hope to fulfill our part in the Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20)

Finally I want to thank all the people who have prayed, given, and served in the past year. As you read this annual ministry report you will learn how God is blessing by changing lives in different parts of the church. I know many of you have personally sacrificed your time, talent, and treasures for God's kingdom. May the Lord bless you to see the fruits of your labors in Christ.

WORDS FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Pastor Daniel Chan

The Lord has been guiding and blessing BCEC Chinese ministry in the past year. I took my third sabbatical leave until October last year. But the Chinese ministry continued to progress until the leadership of the Chinese Staff and elders.

To augment our church-wide theme of "Spiritual Discipline," we started a book study campaign. Through our fellowships, Sunday school class and small groups, we studied the book *The Life You Always Wanted*. The feedbacks are very positive and we plan to do similar campaigns in the future.

We are very satisfied with the first year of Stephen Ministry. Eight Stephen Ministers and two trainers took up caring for many members who needed longer term caring. We recruited one more trainer this year and we plan to start the training of a second batch of Stephen Ministers soon.

After more than a year of need assessment, recruitment, screening and interviewing, we are happy to have added a second Mandarin minister to our pastoral staff. Besides taking care of Newton Mandarin ministry, Minister Peter Wong will also work with Minister Andy Su to grow BCEC Mandarin ministry as a whole. Vivian Cheung started taking a two-year leave of absence in January, 2012 to care for her family member. She has confirmed to rejoin the Chinese Staff in February, 2014.

Chinese ministry as a whole experienced a small growth quantitatively. The following are statistics for the attendance of the Chinese services:

In addition, there are 30 to 50 Mandarin speaking adults participating in various Mandarin gatherings every Sunday. The Lord willing, we will formally start a Newton Mandarin congregation—the 7th congregation—soon.

Including the September, 2013 baptismal service, 46 People received baptism through the Chinese ministry last year, a slight drop from 54 people the year before.

Service	Last Year (7/31/2012 to 8/1/2013)	The Year Before (7/31/2011 to 8/1/2012)
Cantonese 2nd	271	272
Cantonese 3rd	160	166
Mandarin	158	145
Newton Cantonese	145	141
Total	734	724
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EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE - A CONTINUED JOURNEY OF FAITH...

Pastor Steven Chin

We want to praise the Lord for blessing our church with numerical growth so that physical expansion is necessary. Praise Him for leading us in the current expansion journey which began way back in 1996. Owning only the buildings at 249 Harrison Ave. and 237 Harrison Ave., we struggled to accommodate the 700 adults plus children, who regularly attending church at the time. Some leaders went to Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and obtained a verbal agreement to an equal land swap with us on Parcel A which is the lot behind the church. However, in 1999, the Boston Public School department decided to place temporary classrooms for the new Quincy Upper School (QUS) on Parcel A. After 14 years those temporary classrooms continue to be there to this day and have prevented us from moving forward with the land swap.

Unable to expand in Chinatown, our church became more open to expand in the suburbs as our congregation grew to 1100. In 2003, the church bought 218 Walnut St. in Newton and started a Cantonese worship and an English worship there.

Even with the purchase of the Newton campus, our Chinatown congregations continued to grow. To relieve the space shortage, we requested of the Boston School Department and were granted permission to rent the Quincy Elementary School (QES).. Renting the auditorium, cafeteria, gym, and 26 classrooms eased our space needs on Sunday mornings. However, we have never been able to obtain a long term lease. Ministry leaders grapple with the setup and teardown on each before and after use of space.

We continued to raise money for our Expansion Fund to be ready if the QUS moved off Parcel A. Despite a down economy in 2009, our members with God's help pledged over \$8 million for expansion.

In 2012 we learned that there are legal issues complicating Parcel A, further delaying the land swap plan. In the spring, our church held a 21 Days of Prayer Initiative. We studied how the faith of Nehemiah and others helped them overcome opposition and obstacles, and learned about our God cares and provides for the needs of His people. In the week following the 21 Days of Prayer, BCEC leaders and representatives from South Cove Manor (SCM) met to discuss the possibility of acquiring SCM, a building located in 120 Shawmut Ave. which could address many of our space needs. In November we shared with SCM's board of directors about our ministries, our financial resources, and our commitment to Chinatown. As our members prayed fervently, SCM decided to sell their property to BCEC.

On June 16th, BCEC held a Special General Assembly meeting. Praise God for the 400+ brothers and sisters who participated. All six congregations were represented; all generations came. After a time of worship, prayer and information sharing, the congregation voted to acquire 120 Shawmut Avenue. The Expansion Committee and the church leadership are actively discussing and planning on how to use the space as we wait for the closing of the property tentatively targeting mid-2014.

Of behalf of the church, I want to publicly thank the Expansion Committee for all their hard work. People voluntarily worked hard for months negotiating with South Cove Manor, working with the consultants, interpreting the data received, and communicating all the information to over 1000 people in three different languages and multiple campuses. Though some of them had never worked together, especially under stressful condition (deadlines almost every week), I observed servant hearts, joyful spirits, and patient love for one another. I thank the Lord for raising up such a dedicated group of volunteers. Please continue to pray for the Expansion Committee, as there is still much work to be done in the coming months.

Thank you to all our members for their prayers and support. I can see that our people are concerned about the future of the church. They read the expansion handouts, sat through presentations, asked questions, attended the special general assembly, and, most of all...prayed. Since we still do not know the whole plan of how we will use the building, our congregation exhibited faith and trust that the Lord will guide and provide for the future. This was especially shown by the generous contributions to the Expansion Fund even when our expansion plans were uncertain. With God's help, your sacrificial giving allowed us to be able to buy 120 Shawmut Ave. As we acquire the building and make plans about how we will use and renovate it, let us continue to pray for the Lord's guidance and provision for our church.

MINISTERIAL STAFF



Chinese Ministry Staff

Assistant Pastor - Kenneth Kwong
Assistant to the Pastor - Barry Lam
Assistant to the Pastor - Peter Wong
Assistant to the Pastor - Andy Su
Associate Pastor - Daniel Chan
Assistant to the Pastor - Dora Lam
(top left to right)



English Ministry Staff

Children's Ministry Director (Chinatown Campus) - Lorraine Ho
Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator (Newton Campus)- Randall Myers
Student Ministries Director - Calvin Chu
Assistant Pastor - Enoch Liao
Senior Pastor - Steven Chin
Assistant Pastor - Thomas Lee
(top left to right)

SUPPORT STAFF



Newton Support Staff (left to right)

Office Administrator - Frances Lau, Chinese Secretary - See Yee Morante, English Secretary - Lillian Te, Operations Manager - Dennis Chin



Chinatown Support Staff (left to right)

Office Administrator - Frances Lau, Student Ministries Assistant - Emily Liu, Chinese Secretary - Connie Ho, Operations Manager - Dennis Chin



Pastor Emeritus - Jacob Fung

STAFF TRANSITION



Philip Chew has been on staff since 2005 serving as the English Adult Minister in the Chinatown Campus. Philip Chew left BCEC in late August for a pastoral position at Sovereign Grace Church in downtown Los Angeles. We praise God for his faithful service, loving example, and gentle leadership in the past eight years, and pray for God's continued guidance and blessing upon Phil, Linda, and their children as they serve on the West Coast.

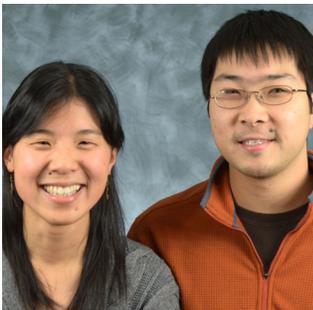


Calvin Chu joined BCEC as the Student Ministries Director in July, serving both English-speaking youth and college students at the Chinatown Campus. Calvin was born in Boston and has been attending BCEC since 1996. He studied management at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and then proceeded to work in a variety of industries before attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. After graduation, he worked in retail and continued leading the BCEC English college ministry until he joined the staff in 2013.

Calvin and his wife Lindsey were married in 2011.



Peter Wong joined BCEC as the Mandarin minister in September. Peter Wong graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in this spring. He became a Christian when he was a young boy and received the Call from God to be His fulltime worker in 2013. God puts a burden to make disciples of the Mandarin speaking Chinese people in his heart and guided him to participate in the Mandarin speaking ministry of our church. Peter and his wife have two lovely daughters. He was a professional executive in an international electronic corporation before he studied in seminary.



Steve Liu joined BCEC as the Director of Project Destiny Ministries in September, overseeing the after-school and summer camp outreach ministries for local youth and their families. He grew up in Quincy, MA, becoming a Christian as a teenager when he began attending BCEC. He has been a part of Project Destiny Summer Camp's staff since 1997 and served as a teacher in Boston Public Schools from 2004-2008. He is currently pursuing a degree at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and also holds a B.A. in Literature from Middlebury College. Steve met his wife, Emily, at BCEC while serving at Project Destiny.

Emily Liu has been on staff since 2006 serving as the Student Ministry Assistant in the Chinatown Campus. She stepped down at the end of April to take care of her family. We thank Emily for her faithful service in the past 6 ½ years and pray for God's continued guidance and blessing upon Emily, her husband Steve, and their daughter Talia.

BAPTIZED MEMBERS: 2012-2013



December 2, 2012 - 31 newly baptized members
Annette Lee, Charissa Lin, Vincci Fung, Kin Fung, Tim Chung, Jeremy Yu (Newton English), Rebecca Chin, Fiona Lin, Sam Su, Elysia Moy, Priscilla Yu, Wesley Leung, Amy Lee (Chinatown English) Min Ci Qiu, Fu Kang Lin, On Yin Tang Wong (2nd Service), Joyce Cheung, Ping Chuen Chan, King Hei Ng, Wilson Po (3rd Service), Anna Lin, Kris Wang, Min Zheng Cedric Henderson Sheng (Mandarin), Michael Chin, Kui-Yee Wong, Kit-Lan Tang (Newton Cantonese), Carri Zhou, Jenny Chen, Hong Zhou, Bing Yan (Newton Mandarin Group)



March 31, 2013 - 26 newly baptized members

Benjamin Ng, Caleb Ng, Calvin Chow, Jeff Cha, Nathan Wong, Nikki Kubicki, Brian Sou (Chinatown English); Brian Chan, Grace Chang, Jennifer Chan, Nathan Chiu, Nicole Yee, (Newton English); Bao Qiong Huang (2nd Service), Kou Cheng Gao, Zhen Zhen Geng, Chuan He Li, Sui Feng Wang, Fu Zhang, Qi Hui Ma, Jian Ren, Lan Lei, Liang Li, Ren Xian He (Mandarin), Man Lau (Newton Cantonese), Alice Lao, Jane Fan (Newton Mandarin Group)



September 15, 2013 - 18 newly baptized members

John Diep, Sophie Lee, Victoria Wong (Chinatown English), Joshua Lee (Newton English), Lin Betty Yuan, Jin Ge, Xuehua Chen, Feng Chen, Mu Quan Yu, Tian Lance Luan, Fei Chen, Zheng Zhou Xu, Zufan Ren, Xing Zhen Lin, Su Yue He, Joanne Huang, Johnny Au Yeung, Zeng Chyan Liang (Chinese congregation).



WORSHIP - Six Congregations

Chinatown Mandarin

Chinatown Cantonese 2nd Service

Chinatown Cantonese 3rd Service

Chinatown English

Newton Cantonese

Newton English

CHINATOWN MANDARIN CONGREGATION

Andy Su

We have more brothers and sister joining the Mandarin congregation. Most of the increase is from brothers and sisters getting baptized through years, but it's not very stable. Attendance to Fellowship and Sunday School has not increased proportionally, but more people have joined to serve in Sunday Service, and the serving standards for all Sunday Service have been documented. Teamwork is building up. We are continuing to buildup discipleship groups. We experienced quite a lot of precious challenges. With deeper understanding for each other, we are desperately in need of authentic transformation. Besides the material, prayer and caring could be a breakthrough for spiritual bottlenecks. We will continue to buildup discipleship groups to cultivate servants who love and serve our Lord. We will also plan outreaches for more active evangelism in the coming year.



CHINATOWN CANTONESE 2ND SERVICE

Pastor Daniel Chan

We welcome new technologies! We are thankful to the Board of Deacons for installing several flat panel monitor in the sanctuary and basement at the 249 Building. Because they are linked to the main LCD projector, now choir members, speakers on the podium, and brothers and sisters in the basement can finally see power point presentations projected on the big screen.

The air-conditioning system in the basement went out of commission for over 2 months in the summer. As a result, air quality in the basement was poor. That did not stop our members from attending the CCTV worship service there. Their commitment to worship God is certainly admirable.

Four brothers in the Cantonese 2nd Service and I completed a 25-lesson discipleship program last year, using Greg Ogden's book Discipleship Essentials. We hope that our experience in the process can help using the book more effectively as discipleship material for the Chinese congregations.



CHINATOWN CANTONESE 3RD SERVICE

Pastor Kenneth Kwong

Praise the Lord the Chinatown Cantonese 3rd Service has around 170 consistent attendees now. Even though many people who have graduated from school, completed research projects, or found jobs in other places have left, we continue to welcome newcomers because of job transfers or school. The number of people departing over the past years has caused our brothers and sisters to contemplate the times in life when we are together and apart! At a goodbye party one of our sisters lamented: "All my good friends who have grown up with me in the Lord have all left Boston." This really resounded with many of our brothers and sisters who reside in Boston. Even though it makes us sad, at the same time it reminds us that we do not serve just the community and city the church is in but also the entire world! At any time the person who worships next to you could be from the other side of the world, or next week the person you worship with today is far away living a different life. Still, we are all walking the same path towards Heaven, serving our God together. The coming and going of people is more rapid than ever. We have to use the short time together wisely to experience and serve God, so that He may continue to work in our lives to spread the good news. Perhaps this is the mission and meaning of transportation and social media.

In addition to the changes time brings to our service, the fluctuation of people also affects the quality of worship. Blessed brothers and sisters are responsible for important roles in our service. Once they leave it is hard to fill their places, and it takes time for new people to get adjusted. Transition periods test our patience and tolerance. With changes also come new breakthroughs, which practices our hope and faith. As long as we pray faithfully and wait patiently, Jesus Christ will reward us. While we witness the growth of our brothers and sisters, we should remember that such glory belongs to God. Also, there are members of our congregation who are seriously ill; the youngest is not even two. When tragedy hits one limb, the other limbs also feel grief. Healing takes a long time and will test our prayer ministry and our enduring care.

In the face of the convenience of transportation, we should use the blessings this time brings us and utilize every opportunity to contribute to short or long term ministries abroad. This year there's been a decrease in the number of people in the Chinese congregation who participated in short term ministries abroad. Hopefully this coming year will bring changes, and hopefully people of different ages can all contribute, so that we may bring God's blessings to the whole world.

Third Service Worship Planning Team:

Choy, Tommy, Jeff Liu, Wendy Liu, Brenda Situ, Pastor Kenneth Kwong



CHINATOWN ENGLISH CONGREGATION

God Positioning His People for His Plans

Pastor Enoch Liao

Introduction

When God is at work in a church, change happens. The 2012-2013 ministry year was no different. I give thanks and praise to God for His faithfulness to our BCEC family, and particularly for what God has been doing in the life of our Chinatown English Congregation. Permit me to offer this Annual Report article along this theme: God Positioning His People for His Future Plans

Getting into Position

In the game of chess, much of the strategy is about the position of the pieces on the board. (Ask Pastor Daniel. He's a chess-playing machine.) Sometimes in life and ministry it seems like God is randomly moving the pieces around. But in hindsight, sometimes the Holy Spirit gives us a hint of understanding as to what God has in store.

Positioning God's Workers

Perhaps the most significant update in the life of our congregation is God repositioning his workers, specifically the church staff. Emily Liu had served faithfully for almost 6 years as the Student Ministry Assistant. Then God saw fit to position her to be a full time mother and wife. Philip Chew has served with dedication for about 8 years. Then God saw fit to position him and his family in a young church out in Los Angeles.

But God also added leaders to our team, even as he positioned others away. We thank God for the addition of Calvin Chu as the Director of Student Ministries, as well as the addition of Steve Liu as the Director of Project Destiny Ministries. God has perfect timing. We thank God for how He moves His workers in His kingdom work.

Positioning God's Church

Obviously, a highlight of this ministry year has also been the Chinatown Expansion project. We rejoice in the progress made towards acquiring the South Cove Manor facility at 120 Shawmut Avenue. Again, God's timing is perfect. We eagerly await what God will do.

Positioning God's Worshipers

Our church theme last year was "Spiritual Disciplines." Along that theme, our congregation considered sermons, Sunday School classes, and other initiatives to cultivate these disciplines that we hope will grow our relationships with the Lord. Plant by the Stream was a brand new initiative in which we challenged the English congregations of both campuses to read a Bible devotional for 21 consecutive days. Praise the Lord over 80% of the participants read for over 80% of the days. And praise the Lord for this small but significant step towards digging deeper into God's Word.

Positioning for the Future

This coming year, I pray that the Lord will move in our congregation in a greater way as we desire to highlight the call to make disciples. As I also have the newly added role of being the Interim Adult Minister, I ask you to pray for us as we seek God's direction for all the adult ministries, including fellowships, small groups, and Christian Education. I also pray that our congregation can participate more in the global missions movement, perhaps by participating in events such as CMC2013.

Positioning for God's Greatest Glory

In all these things, we trust that God will continue to glorify His name among our church family. We pray that God will save more souls and bring them into His family. And we pray that all the glory goes to our God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



NEWTON CANTONESE CONGREGATION

Barry Lam

In the past as I wrote annual reports, I always gave thanks for the growth of the ministries. Whenever I witnessed the effectiveness of the ministries as brothers and sisters grow in the Lord and/or partake in baptism and new friends come to believe God, I was overjoyed. These were all fruits of God's work. However, this year God reminded me of another source of thanksgiving. One Sunday morning, ten minutes before worship service began, I suddenly saw a sister, whom I had not seen for a while, sitting in the last row. Because she had an illness that required long term treatment, she had not attended any church services for some time. When I saw her, her body showed apparent weakness; however, she had a radiant smile on her face. When I went over to welcome her, she said to me: "When my physical body gets better, I will try my best to regularly attend worship services." My heart was moved at that instant. God used this woman to speak to me: despite of her weak body, her desire to worship Him was genuine. Since then, every Sunday as I see brothers and sisters worship God together, I cannot stop giving thanks because every face is dependent on the power of our Lord Jesus' blood and every life is a testimony of God's amazing grace.

In the past year, I saw many brothers and sisters face different struggles. There were health issues, marital problems, parenting challenges, job changes, relational conflicts and ministry difficulties. As a shepherd, I inevitably felt their pain and sadness. However, as we faced these giants in our lives, God allowed us to see something even more important - His grace. As Jesus said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." (II Corinthians 12:9) Christians and non-Christians both would face different giants in our daily living; however, we as God's children could always stand in His grace. Everyone's life is to glorify our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. Our faith is not stagnant but it is challenged and authenticated in everyday realities as we walk with Him. Last year was a time when God tested us. He was refining us so that our faith would be as pure as gold.

This April, we were shaken by the coldness of the Boston marathon bombers. The bombing not only woke us up to see the shortness of life, but also reminded us the urgency of sharing the gospel. The outreach committee used this opportunity to hold an evangelistic meeting within two weeks of the bombing. There were about a hundred people who heard the precious message of the gospel that night. After that, we also changed some weekday Alpha course to Sunday school times. We believe that this change was a more efficient use of our resources and allowed more seekers to come. Since then, the Alpha course has been on Sundays. In addition, we partnered with Chinese Family For Christ and sponsored a three-day Cantonese Marriage Enrichment Retreat. The goal of this retreat was to help husbands and wives to apply biblical truths of marriage bvin their marital relationship. Camp provided effective methods to help spouses to deepen their communications, revolve their conflicts, and enrich their love

towards unity. There were sixteen couples from BCEC and other churches present at the camp. While some were just married, some have been married over thirty years, all benefited from this camp. In the future, we hope that this camp would become a long-term ministry that would help build more solid and godly marriages.

As we set goals for the next year, Newton Cantonese congregation has two needs. First, we need to strengthen our caring ministries. We thank Chinatown's Local Evangelism Department that held a counselor training during Newton's Sunday school hours last year. Now we have established several counselors who are ready to do follow-up work to care for brothers and sisters who are new to the faith. In addition, we hope to strengthen the care and edification within small groups and fellowships. Second, we also need to train lay spiritual leaders to serve together with church staff to build God's kingdom.

Prayer Items:

- 1) May God help us to love Him and love one another with all our hearts.
- 2) May God open the door to the gospel and raise brothers and sisters with sincere desire to share the gospel.
- 3) May God's love fill every family and bless the next generation.
- 4) Pray with thanksgiving for brothers and sisters who are serving. May God continue to use their gifts and give them a joyful heart as they serve.



NEWTON ENGLISH CONGREGATION

Thomas lee

As we celebrate the 10th year of Newton English ministry, I want to thank The Lord for the ways he has blessed us and encouraged us, and grown us, not necessarily in numbers but in deep ways. Over the last 10 years we have enjoyed over 500 worship services where we praised God, and the word of god was preached, where Christ was Central and Grace offered abundantly. We strove to create a community and relationships that connect deeply, and that valued inner transformation, as well as ethnic and social-economic inclusiveness. We strove to become more like Jesus through personal discipleship, thorough community bible time on Sundays, small groups at homes, prayer groups and fellowship groups. Together we have offer grace by holding church give-aways, block party, children Christmas party and vacation bible school. We have served our community together through Newton Serves and Boston Aids Africa care giver building events. We are so excited to have partnered together to start English Language (ELL) classes on Sunday afternoons this year too, and to help with Mandarin youth and children on Friday nights.

God has changed us over the years too. We started with 5 youth in our congregation, most from the English speaking families. Today we have over 45 on an average Sunday coming from all 3 congregations. We have seen some long-time members move on, and seen teens being baptized, and other younger families join us. We are so blessed and appreciative of all those who have given of themselves in time, talents, and treasures to partner in serving the Lord and each other. And we are blessed to have a full time youth and children director.

We look forward to sojourning together with deeper sense of partnership with the Cantonese congregation and the newly formed Mandarin congregations. We are striving to become a spiritual "clan", a family of spiritual families, from 3 congregations whom minister together in equipping our parents and mature people to make disciples of our own children and youth, and mentoring those younger in faith to reach their families and their communities.



EDIFICATION AND FELLOWSHIP

English Ministry



Chinatown's Children's Ministry
Chinatown English Youth Sunday School
Teens With A Reason (TWR) Fellowship
Teens Fellowship (Senior High)
College Ministry
CrossRoad English Adult Fellowship
Chinatown English Family Fellowship

Newton English Nursery
English Adult Sunday School
Newton Children Sunday School
Newton Campus Jr. Worship
Together In One Bucket - TIOB

CHINATOWN'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Lorraine Ho

The Chinatown Children's Ministry reaches students from BCEC families as well as seekers from the Chinatown community and beyond. Some of the community families come to know BCEC through outreach programs such as the Children's Christmas Party and Vacation Bible School. Many newcomers are invited by our congregation members. Last year, 25% of the elementary students came from non-Christian families. Each week, our teachers and helpers strive to develop relationships with the children and their families.

More and more children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and other learning disabilities each year. In anticipation of our future needs, our volunteers will receive training in this important topic in the coming year.

Nursery

Life Stage: infant to 2 years old

Average attendance for 4 nurseries: 22

We operate a total of 4 nurseries in 2 different locations because of space limitations of our main building. The 3rd service nursery at JQES continues to have strong attendance this year with average attendance of over 12 infants and toddlers. The English service nursery is the second largest, with 10 children registered in the roster. 20 children will be promoted to preschool this fall. By caring for these young children, their parents have the opportunity and peace of mind to attend worship and Sunday School without the distractions of their children.

Kids Worship (9:15-10:30am)

Life Stage: 2 years old to 5th grade

Average attendance: 47

The Kids Worship preschool and elementary teams nurture the faith of children ages two years to grade five by leading them to worship God and preparing them to transition into adult English worship after 5th grade. Basic elements of worship are taught through songs, a Bible message, prayer, crafts, and Scripture reading. Children also volunteer to serve by reading Scripture, praying, and taking offering. We are thankful for the new recruits these past two years from 2nd and 3rd services who have added new enthusiasm and energy to the ministry. We pray for increasing involvement from the Cantonese congregations to love and minister to these precious children.

Sunday School (11:00am-12:30pm)

Life Stage: 2 years old to 5th grade

Average attendance: 100

Young children grow leaps and bounds and in amazing ways. Our teachers work hard to help them learn and love the Word of God, and apply His teachings in their daily lives. The children are also exposed to traditional and contemporary worship songs. Our children had the privilege of sharing the love of Jesus by singing for the elderly at the South Cove Nursing Home and sharing their joy with the English and 2nd services this year.

This summer, the elementary students learned that God is victorious and about the greatness of His salvation. Understanding God's grace and love, we are compelled to share the great news to others. In the summer and throughout the year, the children had opportunities to hear about what God is doing around the world through missionary sharing and lessons in missions.



CHINATOWN ENGLISH YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Joshua Chin

Life stage: youth

Average attendance: 70 students (among the 4 classes)

With God's love and guidance, Youth Sunday School had a rewarding and memorable ministry year. Our staff focused on emphasizing the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fellowship, service, and worship in our weekly Biblical lessons. In addition, we challenged our students to obey the voice of Christ in every aspect of their lives. Furthermore, we praise God for the seven youth that got baptized this past year!

For the upcoming ministry year, please pray that the youth will be more diligent in prayer, doing their daily devotions, and serving the church and others in need. Please also remember our ministry's core staff in your prayers: Joshua Chin (department head), Moses Lam, Nancy Chin, Gerard Fong (fall quarter only), Rob Huie (winter quarter only), and Jocelyn Chu (spring quarter only). Let us continue to model Christ's love to our church's youth.



TEENS WITH A REASON (TWR) FELLOWSHIP

Lindsey Chu

Life Stage: Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Average Attendance: 35 students per week

TWR met regularly for joint worship with the high schoolers, a sermon, game, and small group discussion. Though a Student Ministries Director was recently hired, we went through most of the year hearing from other staff and lay leaders on the books of Acts and Philipians.

Students have also fellowshiped with one another through large group activities including Minute to Win It-inspired game nights and small group nights including a girls' sleepover and movie nights. We also attended the Middle School Winter Teen Conference and the annual TWR camping trip in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

On average 35-students attend weekly, coming to us from Project Destiny, PD Autumn to Spring, and through the invitation of their families and friends! It has been the hope that through these sermons and activities each student has come to know Jesus more and been blessed to experience the gifts of His love, grace, and fellowship.

Thanks for your continued support of this ministry!



TEENS FELLOWSHIP

Jessica So

Life Stage: Senior High School (Grades 9-12)

This past year God taught the BCEC Teen Fellowship (Teens) the importance of relying on Him through all the ups and downs of life. It was a busy and trying year due to many changes occurring in the lives of both counselors and students. For counselors, we saw many transitioning into new life stages, which created opportunities for students on the Student Ministry Team (SMT) to take on more responsibility in the fellowship. Praise the Lord for touching the hearts of those students to answer the call to serve their fellow brothers and sisters and to cultivate an environment that is as loving and inviting as God's embrace.

This year, Teens studied Acts and Philippians on Friday nights. At Winter Teen Conference they learned about listening to God and letting Him drive our lives. We thank Amanda Tsoi, Stephen Ta, and Wayne Lee for their service over the years and pray for God's blessing in the next chapters in their lives. Please continue to pray for the fellowship as we are still in transition. Pray that we continue to grow in love for the Lord to be stretched in our understanding of Him.



COLLEGE MINISTRY

Jerry Huang

Life Stage: College-aged adults

Average attendance: 50-70 Sunday group, 10-15 midweek groups

BCEC College Ministry had its annual Winter Retreat at Camp Brookwoods. Our theme this year was "Faith Seeking Understanding" with guest speaker Pastor Thomas Wong.

While Christians often approach Scripture looking for answers—specifically answers that Jesus offers—at retreat this year we explored the questions that Jesus asks us. Questions like, "Where is your faith?", "Who do you say that I am?", and "What good is it to gain the whole world and forfeit your soul?" This brought us to discuss topics like strategic withdrawal from the world and intentional engagement in following Christ.

Prayer Request (Growth/Challenges):

- Praise God that our lead counselor Calvin Chu was offered and accepted the position of Director of Student Ministries at BCEC.
- Pray for our upcoming 2013-14 school year, as several College staff will be stepping down at the end of the summer. Dan Lau, Jessica Ta, and Jenny Chiu have been serving with us for many years, and we thank them for their years of dedicated service to college students at BCEC.



CROSSROAD ENGLISH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Philip Chew

Life Stage: Adults

Average attendance: 35

The CrossRoad small groups continued to meet in various communities during the week and to deepen in their relationships. There were some changes in leadership and meeting locations but God used those transitions to grow the group members as new people stepped into new ministry roles. In addition to working through the sermon discussion guides, the groups spent time in prayer and fellowship. Some of the highlights for the year included visiting an assisted living facility for seniors and singing for the residents and talking with them; throwing a surprise bridal shower for a small group leader; attending a group member's celebration piano recital given after his doctoral defense; and cooking dinner as a small group for Project Destiny.

Please pray that God would continue to raise up new leaders that would allow the formation of new groups to meet the growing needs of the adults in the Chinatown English congregation.



CHINATOWN ENGLISH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Philip Chew

The one thing every parent desires is for his child to get the best life possible. And so we work hard to give them the best education, the best opportunities, the best experiences, and the best things possible. But what really is the best? This past year in the CT English Family Fellowship we explored the concept that the best we can give our children is parenting that trains their hearts to be obedient to God. We had small group discussions on ways we can parent to turn our children's hearts towards God. We had panel discussions to learn from the experiences of older parents and we had group activities to deepen the relational bond within the families that make such parenting possible. The fellowship was led by the core families of Philip and Linda Chew, Gary and Jocelyn Chu, Tony and Mei Ching Ng, and Chuck and Wendy Yee.

Please pray for the smooth leadership transition in the coming year to a new core of families.



NEWTON ENGLISH NURSERY

Alison Yen

Life Stage: babies- 2 years old

Average attendance: up to 8 children each week

The Newton English nursery cares for children up to age 2 on Sunday mornings. This year, we have seen growth in each child as s/he becomes comfortable with the nursery. Each child seems to have a favorite toy or activity that they go to upon arriving. We love watching them learn to talk and interact with each other- which includes learning to share! Praise the Lord for our faithful helpers: Bob Lee, Lily Yu, Victoria Wong, and Alison Yen.

We continue to pray for more helpers. If you are a baptized believer with a heart for children, we invite you to inquire!



CHINATOWN ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Philip Chew

Life Stage: Adults

Average attendance: 35

The goal of the Chinatown English Adult Sunday School is to equip believers with the tools to live out their Christian faith and to give non-believers a place to learn what the Christian faith is all about. To prepare for the general elections of 2012, a group of teachers led by Stephanie Chan Wong taught a class called "Church and State" on the biblical teaching on the role of government and hot button issues like same-sex marriage, healthcare reform, and the economy. Another group led by Danny Yen, Gary Chu, and Anson Chan challenged us to think biblically about our beliefs in "Dumb Things Smart Christians Believe." Elizabeth Curry also taught a discipleship class for the women in the congregation. Minister Philip Chew taught an interactive class on the spiritual disciplines to deepen our spiritual walk and the year ended with a class on the first chapter of Colossians where the students personally applied Bible study techniques to learn about the majesty of Jesus Christ.

Please pray that God would raise up more teachers in the following year.

NEWTON CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Peter Kwok

Children Sunday School in Newton campus has 83 children this year, served by 17 dedicated teachers, who provided their godly love, patience and time: Judy Chang, David Chang, Lucia Choy, Teresa Yu, Kitty Lok, Alex Lai, Charlotte Lai, Czarina Tse, Renee Wong, Chanson Lee, Ronnie Lee, Macrin Tai, Mandy Yu, Louisa Poon, Tierry Tzau, Gary Lee, and Martin Chiu. We also thank the teachers and TAs who serve in the summer.

We started worship at the Newton campus in 2003. After 10 years, the first group of 2-year-old pre-schoolers (the youngest children's Sunday school class) graduated from children Sunday school in May 2013. We have asked the graduating 6th graders (Chloe Lai, Bernice Lai, Kevin Lin, Kristy Lok, Adele Mah, and Rachel Ip) and teachers to share their thoughts on Sunday school in a 10th anniversary booklet. We hope that you enjoy reading their sharing. (Electronic copies are available – please check with Newton CSS committee)



NEWTON CAMPUS JR. WORSHIP

Randall Myers

Life Stage: Pre-School-6th Grade

Average attendance: 60

Jr. Worship provides a venue for children to experience corporate worship in a multi-grade setting through singing praises, being taught the Word of God, and enjoying fellowship. This past year the Pre-Elementary ages (2yrs.-6yrs.) returned to a previously used curriculum, Noah's Park, which has continued to provide teachers with age-suitable lessons. In the spring of 2013, the elementary division (1st-6th grade) switched to a new curriculum published by Children Desiring God. This curriculum is aptly titled Faithful to All His Promises because while it shares many of the promises of God as seen in Scripture, it focuses primarily on God's character. The curriculum intentionally highlights his faithfulness to carry out all of the promises that he has made while consistently reminding the students that all of the promises are unearned, having been freely given from a gracious, heavenly Father. Jr. Worship has also been blessed with the revival of Fun Sunday, a Sunday that attempts to bring the children together in fellowship through fun activities, as well as focus on Scripture memorization.

Prayer Request: That we would be able to find ways to make the ministry more relational from the adults to students.

TIOB (TOGETHER IN ONE BUCKET)

Randall Myers

Life Stage: Jr. and Sr. High School

Average attendance: 40-45

TIOB continues to thrive at the Newton Campus of BCEC. There seems to be a growing sense of camaraderie and fellowship amongst the students here, especially due to a number of service opportunities TIOB was blessed to be a part of this year. As in the past, we participated in Boston Aids Africa in early April. Later on in the month, we also joined NewtonSERVES for the first time with an overwhelming and noticeable presence to the Newton Community Pride organization. We joined them in fixing the Newtonville bus stop kiosk, mulching trees along Washington and Walnut streets, and trimming hedges at street corners. We also had 12 teens volunteer their time as crew leaders, skit actors, and song leaders during VBS.

On Sunday mornings, we finished the gospel of Luke and began an overview of Scripture tracing three key themes: 1) God is trying to restore broken relationships with humankind; 2) God is trying to establish a group of people who live every day to show how amazing he is; and, 3) God is re-establishing his reign over creation through that group of people. We are currently in the final chapters of Genesis.

Prayer Request: Please pray for the counselors as we consider how best to share God's Word with the students in way that brings about transformation and not just increased knowledge.



EDIFICATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Chinese Ministry



Chinatown Cantonese Adult Sunday School

Chinese Caring Department

Newton Mandarin Developing Ministry

Newton Cantonese Adult Sunday School

Joshua Youth Fellowship

Joshua 2 Fellowship

Joshua 1 Fellowship

Chinatown Mandarin Fellowship

Ruth Fellowship

Joshua Couple Fellowship

Elim Fellowship

Song of Songs Fellowship

Chinese Women's Fellowship

Peter Fellowship

Caleb Fellowship

Enoch Fellowship

Daniel Fellowship

Cantonese 2nd Worship Service Choir

Joint Cantonese Retreat

CHINATOWN CANTONESE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wallace Hui

Average attendance: 100 adults

We thank the Lord for His guidance in the Sunday School ministry. Our students are edified through teachings in various spiritual aspects. Our Sunday School offers elementary and advanced-level courses and also training courses. This year in response to the suggestions of our avid elderly students, we started offering summer elderly classes so that they may attend Sunday School throughout the year. We would like to thank the following teachers for their faithful teaching this year: Pastor Kenneth Kwong, Pastor Tim Fung, Dora Lam, Elder Brian Hui, Elder Chuk Lam Yuen, Siu Kuen Kan Wong, James Lam, Francis Lok, Suk Han Lok, Christina Ho, Yvonne Au-Chan, Kent Chow, Gina Tsui, Joshua Ho, Tsz Ming Yu, Jeff Liu, Sandra Chan, Isabella Lau, Ivy Ng.



CHINESE CARING DEPARTMENT

Dora Lam

Last year, a total of twelve brothers and sisters passed away and went to the Lord. Among them were 3 of BCEC's founders. Within Cantonese 2nd Service alone, there are currently 15 elderly brothers and sisters living long-term in six different senior homes and 21 brothers and sisters who cannot attend church due to physical limitations.

Physical health can be a challenge to our faith and our daily life. Changes in our economic situation, relationships, and environment can all serve as sources of attack against our faith. Given these challenges, it is important to keep walking in truth, to fight the good fight, to be in the grace of relying on God, and to have the love and caring among the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God, the eight Stephens Ministry co-workers who were selected in September of last year, have completed their six month long preparation training, and are currently continuing in their one and a half year-long 1-on-1's consisting of once a week visitations. We hope that in this coming year, even more co-workers will be willing to participate, receive training, be sent out to walk beside those in need, and to experience the healing that comes from God.

The cancer support group that was established in 2006 meets on the third Saturday of each month and between 2- 4pm, welcomes all friends with cancer to join. Through different activities and sharing, the group has provided one another with mutual support, courage to face treatment, and vitality in life.

Here, I want to extend my gratitude to those in charge of the prayer and bible study groups, those who helped with welcoming, and the prayer network contacts and warriors who have helped to knit the threads of love within the family of Christ. As our Lord said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35).

Prayer Group Leaders: Elinor Wong, Emily Ho, Sumei C Chen, Xue Xian Chen, Yu Fee Chin, Maria Yee, Lesi Yu, Wai Hing Lo, Helen Leong, Lung Sun Lau, Cora Sin, Sue Cheung, Siu Kan.

Stephens Ministry Team: Dora Lam, Christina Leung, Alice Ng, James Young, Patrick Yeung, Anna Huang, Ally Chan, Yim Wong, Suki Mong, Wendy Choy, Ying Hua Zhang.

Prayer network contacts: May Li, Chris Leong, Helen Fong.

Welcoming Group: Andrew Chin, Anna Huang, Lucia Lee.



NEWTON MANDARIN DEVELOPING MINISTRY

Peter Wong

We held a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner in November 2012. With all the fellowship members and new friends, some 200 of us packed in the basement of our Newton church to celebrate. Most of the participants do not have extended family members in the USA and the gathering signified the lovingly warmness of the church as a special family to most of us. After the dinner, there were wonderful performances from group members. The dancing performance of children as well as the women's group were especially attractive and joyful. Minister Peter shared a message of Thanksgiving to the group and highlighted the Thanksgiving theme when all the participants sang the hymn, "That is the most beautiful blessing of life." While we were enjoying the event, we really wanted to share the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ to our neighbors. That would make their next Thanksgiving Day more meaningful.

Prayer Request (Growth/challenges):

1. Pray that God transforms our lives to be more Christ-like so that we can make more disciples of Jesus in our ministry;
2. Pray for more new members coming to strengthen our team while we are migrating towards becoming the seventh congregation of BCEC in the near future; (Newton Mandarin congregation was established on 9/29/2013)
3. Pray that we can be His witnesses in Newton and let our neighbors to know Jesus in years to come.



NEWTON CANTONESE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Benjamin Tang

The winter term of year 2012, our Sunday School had 4 classes. They were listed as following: Gospel, Jesus' Life, ACTS, and Christian Emotion, and 60+ students attended these classes. This was the term of record high numbers of classes and numbers of students in the history of Chinese Sunday School in Newton Campus. We thanked God for the dedicated teachers and high number of students. We understood the teachings of the Bible were related to our daily life. Most important of all, it was brothers and sisters who were able to see the connections that also gave us as committee members the ideas to set up future courses. In June this year of 2013, we let the Mandarin group use the Fellowship Hall for Sunday worship services. The Sunday school used the conference room instead. We are going to use electronic database to record the attendants of each class for each students, so set-up of database for this objective is necessary. We are looking forward to the New Year for more teachers and students. There will be challenges ahead of us.

Prayer items

- Set-up interesting Sunday School classes, so that brothers /sisters are able to see the relationship between the Bible teaching and our daily life.
- Wisdom to use database to keep our student records.
- Train new teachers for the demands of Sunday School.
- Wisdom to arrange classrooms and use all the available spaces in church.

JOSHUA 2

Anthony Lai

Joshua 2 is a fellowship for young single adult aged 18-24. Most of the attendees are local or oversea college Cantonese speaking students.

In the past year, our theme is "Let God's will become ours". Through bible study, small group, workshops, even games, we try to use different approaches to understand the plan that God prepares for each of us.

Except gathering on every Friday, we also have activities outside church, such as kayaking trip to enjoy the wonderful creation of God. Venture into Northeastern campus to pray for college students there.

Every winter, there is a mini retreat, brothers and sisters enjoy bonding with each other, and get close to God.

Here, we give thanks to our Lord, even though they are young Christian, because of God's love; brothers and sisters are willingly to spend their time and energy to serve in the fellowship. We pray that in the coming year, God will use this fellowship to bless more young people in our neighborhood.

Fellowship Advisors: Anthony and Kathy Lai

Fellowship Officers: Tommy Choy, Loewi Lam, Terry Szeto, Stephanie Lu, Emily Chan

JOSHUA YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Kenneth Kwong

This spring's camp topic was "Live an Enriched Life," exploring the six different ways of dealing with others. Campers learnt about the secret to living a fulfilling life and recognized the importance of God's Grace and Sovereignty. The highlight of the camp was the six praise and worship time, which were coordinated by fellowship members. Many of our members started with no musical background, but were able to play one instrument and put on an impressive performance after hard work, practice, and frequent rehearsals months ahead of time. We hope that they will not become complacent but will continue to practice various music techniques and devotions so that they may be of further use to God's Kingdom.

At our weekly fellowship meetings, we have been studying the Old Testament and the life of Jesus. The workshops during our meetings discuss life-related questions; for example, interpersonal relationships and the Christian view on dating, etc., allowing our youth to become aware of the relationship between faith and life. Every month we also pray for our missionaries, so that our youth can begin to understand the idea of missionary and the power of prayers.

Praise God that we were able to witness the growth in our members; this is God's Grace. Now our fellowship has more than ten members, so please pray that God will use these believers to build new relationships and help newcomers become integrated. We also pray God that a new minister would join us.

Camp counselors: Wendy Szeto, Steve Sze, Shirley Chui, Andre Kwong, Karen Man
Current Joshua Youth Fellowship counselors: Kam Ho Lau, Danny Tse, Wendy Szeto, Pastor Kenneth Kwong



JOSHUA 1 FELLOWSHIP

Brenda Situ

Life Stage: 24-40 working adults

Average attendance: 30-50

This year's fellowship theme is "Soul友一家" or "Soul+Friends+Family" with the theme scripture coming from Philippians 2:1-4. We wanted to explore the relationship we have with God and each other and Phil. 2:1-4 gave us a wonderful example to follow.

Some highlights of the year: Mee Kei and Elder Bak Fun Wong joined J1 committee as advisors this year and blessed the group immensely! All the serving staff bonded at a retreat at the Wong's home in November. This year's mini camp was one of the rare years in which out-of-towners attended. It was also the last mini camp for a few brothers and sisters. We learned lessons on trust and obedience from the Bible. Also, last but not least, due to the Boston bombing, J1 had to cancel Friday night fellowship this April. A group of 10 plus brothers and sisters held a virtual prayer meeting that night. When we finished praying, they caught the bomber! What an awesome prayer meeting!

Please pray for the following:

- For brothers and sisters to continue to grow in love for God and the desire to walk with Christ.
- For next year's almost all new committee members and their heart to serve the fellowship and the church.

Advisors: Pastor Kenneth Kwong, Elder Bak Fun Wong, Mee Kei Wong, Elder Yuen Chuk Lam

Fellowship Officers: Brenda Situ, Christy Chan, Gina Fang, Kevin Ng; Shirley Chui, Lilian Li, Edward Lau, Mel Lo, Steve Sze; Ruoshi Sun, Wallace Hui, Kenneth To; Wendy and Anna Fan



CHINATOWN MANDARIN FELLOWSHIP

Andy Su

Moses Fellowship: We tried to convert the Senior to Mixed Age groups from different fellowships. They shared that they finally get to know each other across different age groups in the Mandarin Congregation. Senior Sharing encouraged the young generation to be devoted to our Lord. The young generation also energizes the seniors with their passion and creativity.

Berea Fellowship: They are very devoted at Word of God as the name of Fellowship and very passionate for leading seekers to Christ. There are also many touching testimonies.



RUTH FELLOWSHIP

Cora Cheng

Average attendance: 35 people

This year the Ruth Fellowship followed church's theme of "Spiritual Discipline," inviting ministers and elders to share with us information about spiritual discipline.

Every month we have weekly Bible study and small group discussions. We just finished studying book of James. Small group discussions were about the Sermon on the Mount and the eight spiritual characteristics.

Our dear sister Hui Min Huang returned to Heaven on December tenth! Even though there were tears on our sisters' faces during the funeral, hearts were filled with the sweet memories of time together during the fellowship, deep with love, hopeful for the day we would reunite in Heaven!

Prayer requests:

1. For fellowship sisters to find time for devotions and prayers despite busy work schedules.
2. For newcomers and family members who still do not believe. Pray that God will continue to guide us, give us wisdom and love to help them into the door of salvation step by step.

Fellowship Advisor: Dora Lam

Fellowship Officers: Cora Chong, Stella Goon, Winnie Leung, Mei Yin Lo



JOSHUA COUPLE FELLOWSHIP

Gary Lee

Average Attendance: 20-25 people

Thank God for his continued guidance and provision.

Below are some highlights from 2013 fellowship programs:

- A series of bible studies on identifying warning signs in marriage;
- Workshop on the challenges faced by missionaries and ways to support them;
- Worship through contemporary Christian music and singing;
- Joint potluck dinner with Daniel Fellowship;
- Joint summer cookout with Daniel and Enoch (elderly) Fellowships;

Two new families joined the fellowship in 2013. We noticed some decline in overall meeting attendance.



ELIM FELLOWSHIP

Phyllis Sun

Life Stage: Young married couples and families

In 2013 Elim families follow the theme of the Chinese congregation and study the book "Spiritual Discipline." Like the past few years, we continue with the small group format, with group sizes ranging from 4 to 7 families in each group. Our six small groups meet once a month at Newton campus for book studies, and our small groups are encouraged to have additional family gatherings for more fellowship time.

We praise the Lord for His abundant blessings as we have welcomed many new little members to our Elim families these past few years. At the same time, we are also experiencing greater needs with caring for our growing number of children during fellowship time. Please pray for us that God will grant us adequate help and resources to provide safe and well-organized children programs.



SONG OF SONGS FELLOWSHIP

Michael Lam

The Song of Songs Married Couples Fellowship is already in its 24th year. There are currently over 40 couples with 63 registered members; some couples have only been married for a year. The fellowship meets monthly with an attendance rate of 73.41%. Since our fellowship particularly values couple relationships, every February's Valentine's Day celebration has become an important event. August is our field trip month and members often bring family or friends along. Praise the Lord, over 88% of our members serve in different ministries at church.

Fellowship Advisor: Pastor Daniel Chan

Fellowship Officers: Shu Yu & Fook Po Wong Ko, Joe & Lucia Choy, Michael & Emily Lam, Jack & Anna Hung



CHINESE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Siu Kuen Kan

Praise the Lord! Women's fellowship has been greatly blessed over the past year. The content of our regular meetings and fellowship magazines revolves around the theme: Spiritual Disciplines. We learn more about God's love, which helps us live out a more sincere and applicable life, with joy, fullness, and hope.

Although most of the members in our fellowship are elderly brothers and sisters, they are all prayer warriors! The attendance at regular meetings has been fairly high, with at least 80 people each time. We sincerely invite you to join us and experience God's grace together as one family!

Fellowship Advisor: Dora Lam

Fellowship Officers: Siu Kan, Margaret Lau, Helen Leong, Angie Wong, Doris Wan, Xie Qiong Gui, Si Ping Luo, Mei Mei Cheng, Shirley Seto, Siu Ying Moy, Mei Ping Ho, Winnie Gee



PETER FELLOWSHIP

James Lam

Life Stage: Men-35 years and above

Average attendance: 15-20 men

This year Peter Fellowship focused on personal growth and building godly and brotherly relationships with one another. We are willing to take risks by opening ourselves up and letting God transform our lives. We have established one-on-one accountability. Every brother uses a unique and different method to get to know another brother in order to establish deep fellowship in edifying one another's lives.

We look forward to our weekly morning prayer meeting, monthly Bible studies, and yearly worship on a mountain (or yearly retreat?). When we meet each month, we are in small groups sharing our own weaknesses, our sins, and our physical pains and sickness. In our struggles, we pray for each other and learn to depend on God's guidance and healing.



CALEB FELLOWSHIP

Siu Kan

Caleb Fellowship consists of members who are most advanced in age in our church. We meet every first Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm from May to November. There are about forty people in attendance on average. This year our theme is "spiritual disciplines." By applying these disciplines to our everyday lives, we experience deeper intimacy with our Lord. We encourage one another to grow spiritually and to become more Christ-like. As a result, we can live our golden years with more joy, more hope, and more significance. We have regular tea time within the fellowship that allows members to share their lives with one another, experience the love of God, and enjoy the warmth of His house.

Fellowship Advisor: Dora Lam

Fellowship Officers: Susana Lee, Susie Ma, Su Mei Chin, Mei Ping Au, Xie Qiong Gui, Pui Lan Wong, Kam Yuk Sin, Siu Kan



ENOCH FELLOWSHIP

Lucia Choy

Life Stage: 55+

Average attendance: 20

Our fellowship purpose: "To encourage fellowship among brothers and sisters over the age of 55, to share the blessings of the Lord, to practice spiritual disciplines, and to build love and care for each other." Our fellowship hosted an annual field trip, benefits and health panels, Bible knowledge, thanksgiving and holiday celebrations, etc. Every three months there was also a birthday celebration. This year we were invited by the Daniel Fellowship and Joshua Fellowship to participate in a wonderful BBQ lunch, which included worship and games.

Please pray for the health of our brothers and sisters, as many of them are advanced in years and are often met with physical weaknesses. We also hope everyone will pray that their spirituality will grow with age.

Fellowship Advisor: Barry Lam

Fellowship Officers: Nelson Wong, Yiu Yuen Lim, Lucia Choy, Nu Do, Siu Soo Hoo, Choi Ming Szeto, Teresa Wong, Joe Choy



DANIEL FELLOWSHIP

Eva Kwok

Brothers and sisters in Daniel Fellowship have been very involved in the Modeling God's Life discipleship training, which began in June 2012. The spiritual training has been very beneficial to everyone. Therefore, in the year 2012-2013, we continued with Modeling God's Life 2 – allowing our character to be shaped by God and becoming vessels that God can use.

Besides focusing on our relationship with God, we have also seen the importance of showing love to one another. This year, along with Joshua Couples Fellowship, we held a Chinese New Year banquet in February and a combined field trip in July (Enoch, Joshua Couples, and Daniel Fellowships). We have gotten to know each other and we serve each other. During the Mandarin Evangelistic meeting, our fellowship also helped with the children's program. Serving the church is serving our God. We hope that brothers and sisters will not only be willing to serve in their own fellowship, but also meet the different needs at our church with a servant's heart.

Fellowship Officers: Eva Kwok, Camay Tan, Joey Chan, Frankie Chan



CANTONESE 2ND WORSHIP SERVICE CHOIR

Catherine Fong

Last year the average choir attendance was around 23. About 17% of choir members had perfect attendance, representing a commitment of volunteering 42 Sundays for a total of 120+ hours in group practice without counting their own time spent in personal practices. Over 50% of choir members serve in the choir for more than 15 years. Please give special thanks for the commitment and faithfulness of these members who serve in the past year.

Conductor: Adrian Man

Pianist: Juanita Wong

Choir Members: Amy Chan, Cora Cheng-Chong, Catherine Fong, Alice Kwok-

Ho, Annie Lo, Vivian Lu, Gina Tsui, Christine Wong, Elinor Wong, Anping Yang, Lesi Yu, Yinghua Zhang, Emily Lam, Susana Lee, Mei Kee Wong, Angela Yuen, Rebecca Young, Daniel Fong, Lee Ho, Tom Mui, Daniel Nhan, Raymond Wong, Peter Chan, Stanley Chan, Jason Cheung, Stephen Mak, Sam Wong

A couple of highlights for the year:

1. In December 2012, choir members and their families got together for our traditional dinner gathering around Christmas time. We expressed our appreciation to the conductor, the pianist, and all choir members for their faithful services to God. We also recognized choir members who attained 100% attendance during the year.
2. In June 2013, during the BCEC 52th Anniversary Sunday Worship Service, the 2nd Choir organized a special Sacred Music Program to sing praises to the Lord for His guidance to BCEC for 52 years.

One of the biggest challenges for Cantonese 2nd Choir is growth. The number of choir members stays constantly below 30 whereas the average age of the members is growing each year.

Please pray that the choir members can continue to serve God with healthy bodies and faithful hearts. Also pray that many younger brothers and sisters are willing to commit their time to join the Cantonese 2nd Service Choir to sing praises to our Lord.



JOINT CANTONESE RETREAT

Francis Lok

The Joint Cantonese Retreat this year invited Pastor Harding Ng of Toronto Chinese Community Church to speak on "Spiritual Thermometer". As in the past years, we held the retreat on the last weekend of June at Gordon College. There were 198 participants including 7 babies, 17 children and 10 teens. Among the participants, 13 were from other churches including a couple from Chinese Baptist Church of Greater Hartford and a sister from Philadelphia Chinese Christian Church

Our schedule this year was fully packed. Besides the four messages by Pastor Harding Ng, Elder Jack Lee and Bobo Tang gave two workshops. We had gym and pool time on Saturday afternoon. We had group sharing every day. The children and teens had VBS and activities during the main messages. Despite an increase in most of the expense items, we were able to keep the retreat fee the same as last year without going into red. Thanks to God.



OUTREACH

The background features a large, faint cross on the left side. Sun rays emanate from behind the cross, filling the upper left portion of the image. Three white birds are depicted in flight, moving from left to right across the upper middle section. The overall color palette is a gradient of warm tones, from light yellow at the bottom to deep orange at the top.

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LOCAL EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

Ying Pui Cheung

The theme this year is “Joyful Service.” LED served joyfully through different events including October’s evangelistic event (jointly organized with Herald Crusaders), Christmas children program, June’s Main Street event, and activities during

August’s Local Missions Week such as an evangelistic meeting and church give-away (jointly organized with SRC), etc. Other than events, LED continued its ministries of Joi Pui, Chifa

and the follow-up visitation team. Changes this year included:

- i) re-training Joi Pui members with new material;
- ii) re-organizing follow-up visitation team to allow members to focus on following one target for half a year;
- iii) reaching out to J1 fellowship to increase awareness of evangelism.

Please continue to pray:

- For unity, clear vision within LED, better discernment from God as we seek to restructure the team to align the needs of our community and BCEC.
- For the heart of Boston’s Chinese community
- For BCEC’s members’ willingness to share the gospel with friends, family, co-workers and the local community.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Amos Tai

The Social Responsibility Committee (SRC) at BCEC is made of up brothers and sisters from both the Chinese and English congregations across both Chinatown and Newton campuses. The committee’s mission is to mobilize BCEC members to live out their faith by actively sharing the love, justice and mercy of God. We provide opportunities to act, serve, support and be educated about God’s love for His creation, the disadvantaged, the oppressed, and all those who are in need – not only spiritual but also physical needs.

The SRC organizes bimonthly service opportunities at the Boston Rescue Mission where BCEC members serve a Sunday meal and connect in conversation with the homeless in the city. The Charity Fund, administered by the SRC, supports organizations locally (e.g., ACCESS and Emmanuel Gospel Center) and internationally (e.g., World Vision and Grace Community Empowerment). This year also marks the second year since we established our World Vision child sponsorship program in Minakulu, Uganda, a community devastated by AIDS. We also help some of our members sponsor needy children in China through WorldVision.

Breaking from the tradition of an annual conference, we tried something new this year and implemented the Season of Service – a three-month marathon of service opportunities from April to June 2013. Brothers and sisters from all congregations served the local communities via organizations including Boston Rescue Mission, Daybreak, Newton Community Pride, and Rice Sticks and Tea, and also planted healthy, affordable organic produce for the Greater Boston communities in the Food Project. We continued to partner with World Vision and volunteer at Boston AIDS Africa. The SRC committee is planning the 15th SR Conference for Spring 2014, and is actively praying and seeking new members for the committee and task group leaders.

Let us pray that God will continue to bless our ministries and use our brothers and sisters as hands and feet of Christ to bless our neighbors and the world!

Members of the SRC: Amos Tai (戴沛權), Jocelyn Chu, Joshua Ho (何永基), John Wong (黃翰欣), Samuel Tsoi (蔡禮恩), Amanda Tsoi, Candy Liang, Pauline Huie, Sharon Yip, Kim Szeto, Pastor Thomas Lee, and Pastor Kenneth Kwong

Photo captions:

Volunteers at Boston Rescue Mission

Volunteers at Boston AIDS Africa

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - NEWTON

Adam Yen

Praise God for the fifty children who attended our summer VBS program the week of July 8th-12th. Our theme this year was "Gotta Move! Keepin' In Step with the Spirit" which focused on the nine attributes of the Fruit of the Spirit. During the 3 hours each morning, the kids had opportunities in each station to learn what it means to be a Christian and to bear fruit as found in Galatians 5:22-23. Everyone participated in the upbeat worship songs, crafts, games, Bible study, snacks and missions. In the mission segment, the children learned about Bible translation and were given the opportunity to support this important endeavor financially. It was exciting to see that the funds raised by the children during the week provided translation for twenty-seven Bible verses! We are so thankful for God's grace in providing us with such dedicated volunteers from both Newton congregations, Mandarin fellowship and the TIOB teens.

Many thanks to Angel Zhao, Barry Lam, Michael Yip, Tingting Chen, Charlotte Lai, Carri Zhou, Natalie Chow, Sharon Yip, Leona Lee, Haijun Yang, Sophia Lam, Joy Ding, Julianna Watson, Alison Yen, Ethan Fong, Edna Lee, Pauline Gee, Esther Tzau, Kayla Chang, Grace Chang, Jenny Lam, Alice Lao, Joshua, Lee, Caleb Ng, Wendy Yee, Chuck Yee, Pastor Thomas Lee.

Planning Team: Adam Yen, Randall Myers, and Helena Fong



SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - CHINATOWN

Lorraine Ho

VBS continues to be an exciting urban outreach opportunity. This past August, 62 children ages 5 to 12 journeyed from far and near to our magnificent Kingdom Rock castle to hear the Good News of Jesus and learned ways in which they can stand strong for God. 63% of the children in attendance don't attend church and belong to families that are waiting to be touched by the BCEC community. During our 5 day full day program, the children learned from interactive Bible drama, songs, crafts, games, and snacks. All the activities are integrated and linked to reinforce the theme. This year featured special Adventure Hour where kids learned about people and life of medieval times, castle construction, catapult and weaponry, the plague and the human immune system, and simple machines.

We thank God that seeds were planted and many young volunteers came to help in all aspects of the program.



PROJECT DESTINY (CHINATOWN)

Steve Liu

This was Project Destiny Summer Camp's 20th year of service to the Chinatown community. We had 40 middle-school campers led by 20 staff. Campers had classes such as anatomy, water-color, baking, basketball, crafts, and more. Besides learning through these hands-on classes, campers also went on many field trips, like Heifer Farm, Lobster Tales, and World's End park. Besides having fun and learning, these youths, many of them first-time church attendees, were introduced to the Gospel and our church family. 25 of these campers decided to join Summer Teen Conference, and many continue to attend PDAS, TWR, and Teens.

We are grateful to God for the continued opportunity to make a difference in the lives of local families and youth by providing a valuable program while sharing the gospel to them. We are also grateful for the counselors, teachers, interns, and planners who sacrificed time and energy.

PD 2013 Team:

Eric Chau, Jeremy Lee, Kirklin Lee, Kristen Li, Steve Liu, Tim Te, Priscilla Yu, Timothy Chiu, Sam Su, Diana Yang, Nicole Yee, Nathan Ho, Sophie Lee, Ryan So, Winnie Wang, Karen Wong, Veronica Lau, Danielle Yuen, Lynn Chan, Lulu Hu, Kam Ho Lau, Katarina Ng.

PD 20th Anniversary Reunion - Kam Ho Lau

This was the 20th summer of Project Destiny, the middle school summer day camp that started in 1994. Our theme for the anniversary weekend was "Celebrating God's Faithfulness" in the 20 summers of PD. We held four events from August 9-11 to bring people back together: Charting Praise Night, Picnic, Banquet, and Staff Luncheon. Praise God that over 200 people attended the weekend events and celebrated God's work in their lives through PD. Campers from 1994 had a chance to meet with campers from 2013 and all the years in between to celebrate one common thing: because of their time in PD, not only are they part of the PD family, some of them met God and became part of God's family. God has used the Project Destiny Ministries to bring people to Him, to change their lives, and to grow leaders in our church. Praise God for his provision and his guidance in the last 20 years! Pray that God can continue to use this ministry to touch lives and help people to find their destinies in Him.



PROJECT DESTINY AUTUMN TO SPRING(PADS)

Steve Liu

On any given day at PDAS, you would see students arriving after a long school day beginning at 3PM. They sign in, gather their snack, and find an area to sit down. There, they may talk to a counselor, each other, or start homework. Counselors may tutor, chat with students about how their day was, or play games with them. Around 4:30, a bell rings and all students assemble into the basement MFR, where they sing worship songs, study a devotional, and have snack. At the end of the day, students sometimes split up into counselor-taught labs and/or games. By 6PM, all students have signed out.

In our third year as a drop-in ministry PDAS once again served over 100 local teenagers, with 43 regular attendees. 18 counselors served throughout the year to help lead students to know God more and to assist them in homework. Throughout the year, counselors huddled with students, led Homebase small group activities, prepped them for SAT's, and taught them how to bake. Praise God for the counselors' intentionality of shepherding these youth.

Highlights for the year were: SAT Prep, PDAS-TWR joint event: Human Arcade, 2 family outreach events, a year-end performance at Metropolitan Baptist Church, and participation in a neighborhood resource fair at Quincy Upper School.

Praise God for the continued opportunities to reach out to the youth in our neighborhood! We are also grateful for our continued partnership with the Black Ministerial Alliance as an affiliate of Victory Generation Out of School Time Program.

Counselors:

Alex Yip, Annie Tran, Bonnie Ho, Cabrina Kang, Collin Lee, Charles Lai, Evangeline Wong, Jenny Chiu, Julia Zhu, Katarina Ng, Kirklin Lee, Nathan Wong, Phil Wang, Priscilla Yu, Ryan, So, Sam Lok, Steve Liu, Tim Te, Veronica Lau, Victoria Gore, Vicky Wong



ESL / CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Siu Yu

This past year, we started a new class for those applicants whose English is at a higher level. Besides using a textbook on conversational English, we also used the ACE Course (Learn Arts, Culture and English Expressions through the Bible) curriculum. We will evaluate the effectiveness of this ACE material and decide whether to continue using it.

On June 8, we celebrated the largest group of students graduated from our program in a semester. 28 students from 3 ESL classes finished our program.

With the revised material, our popular summer Phonics class attracted 80+ students. It was held on 6 Saturday mornings in the sanctuary. On the last class, we taught the students to sing a worship song. Through the lyrics, they learned about the God that we worship.

We continue to partner with the Local Evangelism Department to reach out to our students. In October 2012, the Herald Crusaders from LA held three evangelistic meetings at our church. A special meeting was added just for our students on Saturday morning. God used this event to bring a number of our students to the saving knowledge of Jesus.

I thank the Lord for the following brothers and sisters who served with me during this past church year. They include Tony Chen, Winnie Gee, Joshua Ho, Grace Kwan, Fun-Yee Lau, Isabella Lau, Lung Lau, Szechun (Jay) Leung, Mel Lo, Tricia Lu, Elinor Wong, Ling-Mei Wong, Annie Woo and Susanna Yu. May God continue to use this ministry for His glory!



NEWTON ELL PILOT PROGRAM

Rong Meng

Life Stage: New Immigrates

Average attendance: 8-15 people

Since there are many new immigrants came to USA in recent years, and some of them visited BCEC Newton Campus sometimes. They were either looking for language and life experience help or soul needs, when we met them, we realized both are good chances lead them to God. We knew there are ESL program had been held in China town for 22 years which helped lot Chinese immigrates. So we contact with Principle Yu in last year, he brought teacher came to Newton Campus and they shared many information helped us. Per Pastor Tom and English team led, along with mandarin group helpers participated, the Pilot ELL program last three and half months, which has attendance from 8-15 people. It closed with a BBQ Party before the 2013 summer. All of the students expressed their appreciation to our Church and the teachers, and they are willing to come back for fall semester. The team built up very good relationship within and outreach.

During ELL study, there are two students believed Jesus.

Prayer Requests:

1. we need English teachers to rotate the teaching schedules;
2. we need more students who are interested to learn the language and the truth;
3. May our Lord continue Bless all the teachers and their families, also May the Holy Spirit help them pass each challenge.



CHURCH LIBRARY- CHINATOWN

Alec Li

Thank God and praise the Lord for our library ministry. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the library staff and committee members who have been faithfully serving in the library. With their dedicated service, we were able to keep the library open for everyone to use. The church library is a place for learning, sharing, and building up our spiritual life. We encourage everyone to visit the library on the first floor of the 237 building and make use of our library resources.

To celebrate Christmas together, our annual co-workers lunch meeting was held on Dec 16. During the meeting, we had good sharing and discussions about the operation of the library. We pray that God will continue to use the library resources to minister to different people. If anyone is interested in serving in the library, please contact one of the pastoral staff or committee members.

2012-13 Committee members for the Chinatown library: Johnny Chan, Yu Fee Chin, Chiu Yung Leung, Alec Li, and Fenice Tu.

Other library co-workers: Mei Mei Cheung, Steven Choi, Lucia Lee, and Lesi Yu.

Library opening hours: Sunday 10:30-11:00 AM, 12:15-2:00 PM.



CHURCH LIBRARY - NEWTON

Alison Tse

The Newton library ministry has quickly reached its 7th year of service at the Newton campus. We are continuously receiving blessings from our Father and are able to provide resources to help brothers and sisters to hold on to God's teaching and wisdom.

During the past year, there were not many changes in our operation. We continue to use a book wagon to bring out materials into the fellowship hall in order to maintain the greatest possible visibility and utilization. This mobile station has garnered much attention and we roughly estimate to have reached a transaction count of close to 700 in the past year. The most popular circulation items are the audio CDs of Bible scriptures and teachings.

In the coming year, we pray for our discipline and desire to seek God's wisdom through his words. We also pray for our need of a better system to track our user records. Our current manual record-keeping does not allow for us to track many of our missing/damaged items. We continue to praise God for His provisions and His grace.



Circulation Statistics and New Items Added:

	English Books	Juv. Books	English DVD/ Videos	Juv. DVD/ Videos	English CD	Chinese Books	Chinese Videos	Chinese DVD/ VCD	Chinese CD MP3	Total
Circulation	9	5	63	26	3	277	2	178	203	766
New Items Added	11		2			45		8	6	72

NEWTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

Adam Yen

This year we had approximately 40 students come to the Newton Children's Christmas Party. The party was coordinated by the Children's Sunday School committee. We invited a Christian Illusionist who brought many live animals with her, including a chinchilla and a rabbit, which all the students could pet. She also gave a clear illustration of the gospel and how Jesus washes our sins away.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Michael Ho

Chairman: Rev. Enoch Liao

General Secretary: Michael Ho

Pastoral Staff: Rev. Daniel Chan

Members: Martin Chiu, Lorraine Ho, Margaret Lam, Moses Lam

We are very happy to accept a new committee member Margaret Lam to serve with us together. Margaret has a heart for God's global kingdom and has been on a number of short-term mission trips. The committee has gone through the procedure of accepting a new member, as described in the BCEC Missions Policy, and obtained official approval from the Board of Deacons.

We are also experiencing an improvement in the Missions Fund Income, and we praise God for His provision. This year we are in the process of accepting two additional new seminarians. In terms of Short-term Missions, this year we have BCEC members going to Philippines, Sweden, and Dominican Republic.

Please give thanks to God for His provision of funding for global missions. May His name be glorified throughout the world.





Special Thanks

Gina Fang 方潔雯

Bing Jie Hu 胡冰潔

Shu Yu Ko 高書禹

Emily Liu 廖吳盼蘋

Wanda Lam 林陳玉玲

Karen Lam 林翁仰琪

Frances Lau 劉廖美賢

Emily Li 李納

Mel Lo 羅暖環

See Yee Morante 楊思懿

Vicky Pang 彭楊建平

Glory Song 宋揚

Ruoshi Sun 孫若時

Alice Tewksbury 鄭崇恩

Yueyun Tse 謝李悅筠

John Wong 黃翰欣

Mofei Xu 徐墨菲

Sharon Yip 葉黃素華

Song Yuen 袁岑頌文