



From Our Senior Pastor:

How Much to Give?



by PASTOR STEVEN CHIN

Frequently, members ask questions about giving such as “How much should I give in offering?” “Should I tithe (10%) or not?” “Is the percentage before taxes or after taxes?” “When I draw upon my retirement savings, should I tithe that amount?”

Since the Bible should be our guide in terms of how we live our lives, let us review what the Bible teaches about giving:

- Abel gave to the Lord a freewill offering in Genesis 4 before the Law was given. God’s emphasis was on Abel’s attitude, compared to Cain, not the amount.
- Abraham voluntarily gave a tithe of his spoils of battle to Melchizedek, the King of Salem, in Genesis 14:20. It was not required, as this was before the Law was given.
- Certainly under the Law, the people were required to tithe (Leviticus 27:30-32) their produce and animals. This supported the Levites, who, in some sense, ran the religious life and the government. However, in Deuteronomy 12:6-17, there was a second tithe to support a festival that promoted the social and religious life of the nation. In Deuteronomy 14:28, according to some interpreters, there seemed to be another tithe that was required every three years for the poor. In addition, there were other provisions for helping the poor such as not harvesting the corners of the fields (Leviticus 19:9-10). (We note God’s particular concern for the poor). So, if someone today wants to obey the Old Testament Law entirely, they would be required to give at least 20-23%. Those who did not tithe were robbing God (Malachi 3:8).
- In addition to the required giving, there were

many opportunities for freewill giving such as the first fruits offering (Numbers 18:12) or the freewill offering (Exodus 25:1-2). In freewill giving, no amount was ever stipulated.

- In the New Testament, there is little mention of tithing. In Matthew 23:23, Jesus rebuked the Pharisees who strictly followed the Law and tithed even their spices but neglected more important commands. In Luke 18:12, the Pharisee boasted that he tithed, which was required giving at that time. Consequently, Jesus did not commend people just because they tithed.
- In the epistles, which are most relevant to the church age, there is no mention of tithing as required even though the opportunity to command it is there. Instead, a freewill offering is stressed.

So how much should you give?

- The amount should be **sacrificial** as Jesus commends the widow in Mark 12:41-44.
- The amount should be in **proportion** to how much God has blessed you.
“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.” (1 Corinthians 16:2 – ESV)
- The amount should be **freely determined** and should be **given with joy**.
“For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will,” (2 Corinthians 8:3 – ESV)
“Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7 – ESV)

If you still need guidance, I would say start by tithing your income. This would be a voluntary tithe. Someone has said that tithing is like training wheels in learning how to ride a bike. It is a good way to start, but hopefully you only need them until you really learn to ride. So once you learn true giving as God intends, you can give beyond tithing.

Specific questions:

- *Should I calculate my tithe on my income before or after taxes?*
Again, I believe the tithe is voluntary but a good guideline. I would recommend taking into consideration all that God has blessed us with. This would include our assets like homes that have appreciated in value.
- *How much should I give to the church and to outside ministries and charities?*

The Bible teaches that we have special responsibility to our own family (1 Timothy 5:8, 16). I think that can extend to our local church family. There should be a priority to the local church that blesses you and your family (Romans 15:27). We need to support the servants God uses to feed us spiritually (1 Corinthians 9:9-11). Although there are many ministries worthy of our support, the priority should go to our local church. In fact, the pattern in the local church even for outside giving was through the local church (1 Corinthians 8). Perhaps a suggestion would be giving a voluntary tithe to the church and then giving to outside ministries on top of that.

Let us follow the generous example of Jesus in our giving. He gave Himself for us, not charging us for the salvation He provided for us, but He freely gave Himself for us.

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9 – ESV)

Let me draw a parallel to buying a Mother’s Day or Father’s Day gift. A mother or father would not want to require a child to buy her or him a gift, stipulating how much to spend. A mother or father would want it to come from a loving and grateful heart. I think our Heavenly Father would want us to do the same in our giving.



Boston Hope at BCEC (5/16-17)

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Boston Rescue Mission Service Project Reflections

by TIMOTHY FELLOWSHIP,
CHINATOWN MANDARIN

I recently went to serve the homeless at Boston Rescue Mission for the second time and left with a new experience. Last time I was going through the motions and only wanted to fulfill my curiosity, whereas this time our group spent over one year on the project, from prayers and preparation to actually carrying it out. We had to postpone and reschedule several times in the process. In hindsight, I saw that it was not due to lack of prayer, but rather God having His own timing. For instance, a year ago we did not have a kitchen that could support food preparation for 150 people. Since then, God provided such a kitchen as well as more volunteers. Praise the Lord!

For this year, we arrived one-by-one, each taking on a job and staying busy — cooking noodles, wrapping dumplings, frying chicken, and so on — while enjoying the praise songs played over the speakers. You could see joyful smiles, yes, blessed smiles, and that's because we were chosen by God

from many different places to receive His grace. If not for His selection, we would not have come together to serve in His name. Each one of us had a unique personal story of how we met the Lord, and we were once homeless in a spiritual sense. Thank you, Father, for the opportunity to share Your love. As scripture says, we love because You first loved us, and we believe You will love us to the end.

At around 1:30 p.m., our pastor and several brothers and sisters started delivering the meals as the first group. I was among the last group, and when I arrived, I saw many of the shelter residents looking satisfied and expressing appreciation for the meals. Some were dressed in suits and ties, even in designer labels, thus their homeless background was not evident. They were homeless because of certain family or personal circumstances, much like we were once spiritually homeless until God chose to place us in His church family. This gave me mixed emotions of thankfulness and sorrow.

I remember coming to the basement, which was quite stifling, and witnessing an atmosphere unaffected by the poor ventilation or people's physical exhaustion. The brothers and sisters from our



church and workers at the shelter were beaming from reading the notes of appreciation written on napkins by the residents. We were so encouraged by their positive response.

It was time to say goodbye and finish our service project of two days, no, of over a year. The shelter representative even invited us to visit them several times a year. This is something we need to consider through fervent prayers. If it is the Lord's will, we can immediately go and serve our homeless friends to demonstrate God's love. After all, we were delivered from homelessness to great blessings because of Christ. May all the praise and glory be to God, amen!



Update on New Church Management System



by CHARLOTTE LAI,
NEWTON CANTONESE

There are plenty of TV programs, books, or even YouTube videos that tell you how something is made, how a machine works, or how a piece of luggage travels from your departing airport to your destination. Yet, have you ever wondered how a church operates? To some extent, I have always avoided thinking of a church as an “operation,” because it sounds so earthly, unspiritual, and mundane. It loses sight of the eternal value. Worst of all, it seems to belittle the people, the sense of community, and the uniqueness of our personal relationship with Christ.

However, after helping in more administrative roles in BCEC, I came to realize that in order to be a faithful steward in our church, it is important to think about how different people and pieces in our church work together as one body in Christ. Each week, more than 1,000 people attend our seven worship services. Hundreds of checks are counted by the treasury team. People fill in different online or paper forms, register for different classes, and attend various fellowships and ministry groups. We currently have twenty salaried staff members overseeing seven congregations at

two campuses. The amount of communication and information exchange among so many people require extensive and careful planning and administration. This is part of stewardship.

As a result, BCEC has purchased a Church Management System with the idea of improving information management and communication. I invite you to imagine the following scenarios:

1. A few new visitors arrive at our church. Our welcome team greets them at the door, and the visitors fill in their basic information on a tablet. The information gets recorded into the database, which sends an update email to the follow-up team and the pastors of the corresponding congregations. During the same week, the follow-up team can use the information to reach out to the visitors, introduce them to our ministries, or even encourage them to attend one of our weekly fellowships.
2. All regularly attending members can access their own information through an online portal or mobile app on a smartphone. Members can update their personal contacts, view their contribution history, or make a contribution online. A calendar with all church events can be easily found, and with a few clicks, one can register for the upcoming events or check in kids for children’s programs.
3. Ministry leaders and pastoral staff receive prayer requests from the congregation. Once a week or once a month, they receive a report with details,

such as attendance numbers and newcomer information at last week’s fellowship, children’s program, or various events to help them better prepare and forecast ministry needs. They also have an online portal to communicate with people in their ministry groups. In case of an emergency, everyone can be notified. Less time is spent on paper work or tracking for information, and more time can be spent on ministries.

This is only a glimpse of what the Church Management System can do for our church. I hope by now you are enticed and feel excited about using it. We can use it far more than just a phone book, a mailing list, or a calendar. This software application can open doors to even more possibilities, helping us all work together as a community.

Currently, we have finished the initial setup phases of transferring existing membership data into the new system. We are identifying the key applications that are most helpful for our church. Once we have mapped out the details and set up the process, we will reach out to ministry leaders and provide training to them. The whole system will be deployed in phases, but we are planning to launch the members’ online portal, called myBCEC, later this year. We hope that you will all try it out, give us feedback, and volunteer to work with us to make this system better.

If you have any question or are interested in serving on this project, please feel free to contact us at esupport@bcc.net.



Staff Appreciation Dinner (5/4)

Boston Hope at BCEC



by JOHN WONG,
CANTONESE 3RD SERVICE

In February, World Vision informed our church that this year's Boston Hope would be dedicated to the assembly of Ebola caregiver kits for Sierra Leone in West Africa. In their email, they explained that because of the severity of the crisis, "hospitals in Sierra Leone are completely overrun, and those who are infected are sent back to their homes without any supplies or medicine." Therefore, the purpose of the kits are to serve as "life-saving and life-protecting interventions" to the caregivers and to show their families that people around the world cared about them and their needs.

A few weeks later, after finding out that World Vision had been unsuccessful in securing an event venue in the Boston area, the Social Responsibility Committee agreed to explore the possibility of bringing Boston Hope here and hosting it in the cafeteria of Josiah Quincy Elementary School. However, we soon discovered that we would not be able to overcome logistical problems and scheduling conflicts at the proposed location. When we then considered our new building at 120 Shawmut Avenue, we soon came up with another list of potential obstacles that had to be tackled. Amazingly, God made a way for us and removed many of those obstacles within two days!

Nevertheless, to put together an event in 5 weeks to build 1,400 kits and raise \$11,000 for the supplies seemed daunting. Moreover, a week after we announced our decision to the congregation, Nepal was hit by a 7.8-magnitude earthquake, which killed over 8,000 people and left about 3.5

million in need of food assistance. Not quite sure how to face the challenge of responding to two crises at the same time, the committee decided to go ahead anyway and asked the congregation for support, and the response was beyond our wildest expectations! Within two weeks, we were able to collect enough donations to exceed our fundraising goals for both causes, and a surprising number of people registered online to help at Boston Hope even though it would be graduation weekend for many! Seeing our lack of faith, God seemed to be telling us: "What is impossible with man is possible with God." (Luke 18:27 - NIV)

In the end, we collected \$39,295 in donations for both causes. In addition, 198 adults and 97 children signed up to serve on May 15-17 in four separate sessions: Friday evening, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon. With joy and enthusiasm, the participants filled drawstring bags with medical supplies (including gloves, face masks, a face shield, a spray bottle, soap, a bottle of acetaminophen, bleach powder, oral rehydration salts, a waste bag, and a gown) and a note card with encouraging words and this Bible verse: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10 - NIV) We finished a total of 1392 kits, including about 80 kits that were incomplete because we ran out of some of the supplies. Both the initial shipment of the supplies to our church and the pickup of the assembled kits afterwards encountered multiple setbacks, but praise God that the problems were eventually resolved.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the helpers who encouraged others to sign up, transported a rented pallet jack before and after the event, went to nearby supermarkets to find shipping pallets to replace broken ones, arrived early

on Saturday to restock the supplies on the assembly lines, decorated the shipping boxes with lovely drawings, and cleaned up the place at the end of the event. In addition, our special gratitude to the World Vision staff (Nicole Ebat, Patty MacDonald, and Jeffrey Eichenlaub) for providing resources and guidance, our facilities staff and Expansion Committee for their logistical assistance, our pastoral staff for their support, and all of you (including several Sunday School classes, fellowships and small groups) who donated, participated, offered encouragement, and prayed for the event.

Finally, may all of us continue to be motivated to be a blessing to others, serving and sharing God's love with those who are in need. Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16 - NIV)



BEING THE LIGHT AND SALT WITH NEW BUILDING

by EXPANSION COMMITTEE

God's plan for BCEC is undeniable. In less than two months, since we obtained occupancy at our new building in the South End (120 Shawmut Avenue), it is already filled with church life.

On February 25, 2015, after many hours of dedicated and persistent work by several members and church wide prayers, the permanent change of use and Certificate of Occupancy was granted to us by the City of Boston. Since then, various ministries and outreach programs have taken place at this new building. Here are a few examples:

- ESL classes started a new semester with 5 classes in this new building, while they continue to occupy rooms in at 237 Harrison Avenue and at 249 Harrison Avenue. Several large rooms have been updated with new LED ceiling lights, and they are furnished with large whiteboards (donated by members' companies), tables, and chairs. These rooms have now been transformed into functional classrooms that can serve as great learning environments.
- Numerous leadership and ministry planning meetings have been held in this new building, relieving space problems previously experienced with meeting spaces at our other facilities.
- The first wedding was held in this new building for a couple, who are new BCEC members.
- A couple of teen small groups took advantage of the many rooms and corridors and tested the space for hide-and-seek and other fun activities. They had a great small group night.
- Brothers and sisters from Timothy Fellowship of the Chinatown Mandarin congregation spent two days preparing food for The Boston Rescue Mission, a long-time ministry which BCEC has

partnered with for many years. Preparing food for over 150, the kitchen was fully utilized for preparing meals for the homeless. Different stations were organized to cut meat and vegetables. Chicken sizzled in one wok, while rice was fried in the other. After the cooking was done, they brought the prepared food over to Boston Rescue Mission. Pastor Andy reflected on providing meals to the homeless at Boston Rescue Mission. He pondered on Jesus' calling for us to be light and salt to the world.

These activities give us a glimpse of how God has used this new building, and we trust it will continue to be used by BCEC in the future. We are so thankful to God that He has provided BCEC an abundance of resources and has placed us in Chinatown for the past 50 years and now in the South End.

What is His plan for us moving into the future?

As the Expansion Committee and the church leadership continue to discuss renovation plans for 120 Shawmut Avenue, please continue to pray for God's guidance. Get involved and serve in a ministry or outreach program; see and experience the amazing things God is leading us to do.

If you or your ministry wants to use 120 Shawmut Avenue for an event or ministry program, please contact our Facilities Deacon, Anthony Lai (anclai@gmail.com).



1-3) New Community (Newton English) Sonrise Service and Breakfast (4/5)



4-5) Special song offering by Enoch Fellowship (Newton Senior) on Easter Sunday (4/5)

Hope for the Hopeless



by LORRAINE HO,
CHINATOWN ENGLISH

What attracts people to the church community? How can the church be the very embodiment of Christ?

A few of the boys noticed a police car entering the Arrows Bible School compound one afternoon. A small entourage of people got off a police car and a pickup truck. A group of students gathered around for almost ten minutes as the police chief calmly explained the matter in Tagalog. One of our students emerged from his dorm with a bag in hand. Apparently, his parents sent his aunt to fetch him at Arrows. With tears welled up in his eyes, this student explained to me that he received a full scholarship for his university studies and does not need to commit to the one-year internship at Grace Community Empowerment (GCE) to receive money to go to school. His heart's desire is to prepare his life to serve God, and he believes GCE will give him the knowledge and the experience to make his dream possible. He was very sad and sorry that his parents pressured him to go home.

This incident is a testament to the great work that our missionaries, Sharon and Manny Pastre, have been doing in the Philippines. Arrows Bible School is one of many ministries under GCE. It is a ten-week camp for post high school students to learn the Bible and foundations of the faith. The number of students enrolled increase every year for the last five years. This year, most of the seventy students were recommended by their local government to attend. More than half of the students are not Christians and are from areas where the gos-

pel has not been able to penetrate successfully. I'm privileged to have the opportunity to teach Biblical values, discipleship, and children's ministry for two weeks the last couple of years. As a Missions Committee member, I love partnering with BCEC missionaries to expand the Kingdom. Every time I go back to the Philippines (this is my fourth time after paying my way to visit the first year and organizing a medical missions team the second year), I see impact and fruit from our relationship. Personally, I receive a huge dose of encouragement as I work alongside the GCE staff and serve the students. The beautiful Filipino people have joyful spirits, positive attitudes, eagerness to learn and grow, and have loving and servant hearts.

As for the rest of GCE's ministries, many lives have been transformed through it. Boys from the least evangelized areas of the Philippines are plucked out from obscurity, from lives as rebels or in crime, gambling, alcohol or drugs, and transformed into responsible adults who are making a difference in other people's lives. They are given a new purpose in life, a community, skills, training, ministry opportunities, and the most important of all, the love of God. The poorest of the poor who live under bridges, in trash dumps, and cemeteries in the city are fed physically and spiritually. Malnourished children are rescued from the hospital. Preschool children as well as adults are empowered through educational opportunities. Illegitimate children receive legalize status after mass weddings. Those who show the potential to learn are matched with scholarship sponsors to earn their professional degree in medicine, dentistry, social work, business, and trades. After they graduate, they'll go back home, to unreached areas to be tentmakers, church planters, and pastors. The organization actively reaches and develops tribal areas through livelihood and livestock training as well.

The impact of the work is immense. Just as Jesus brought hope and reconciliation to the hopeless and dying world when He was on Earth, we are called to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom by bringing righteousness, justice and peace. We ought to love with words and deeds.

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:16-18 – ESV)

If you would like to get involved in GCE through giving, please contact Pauline Huie at development.gce@gmail.com.



One of the malnourished children who was rescued when she was a baby. Her father didn't have enough money to buy Tylenol to reduce her fever. She lost her eyesight to one of her eyes as a result.



In Loving Memory

by VERONICA LAU, CHINATOWN ENGLISH



I learned a lot from my mother throughout my entire life. Some of them were little things, like how to wash dishes the proper, Mommy-approved, not-wasting-water way. Others were a bit bigger, like how to file my taxes – even though I don't like math and numbers, Mommy said all I need to do is carefully follow the instructions and not skip steps. Still others were important life lessons, like to work before play: that it's good and ok to have fun, but that I need to be responsible first. Mommy also taught me to be willing to go the extra mile in my work and for other people. Many times I would see her go the extra mile, working late into the night at home on a translation for church or doing the little things like organizing the Sunday School closet on a Saturday so that it would be easier for people to find things.

But the greatest lesson I learned from Mommy is to love God, His Word, and His people.

Mommy taught me that people and relationships are important. She was someone who always thought about other people first. Whenever she gathered an army of people to help out with registration for the Annual Meeting, she always had a box of baos and plenty of water on hand for them, just in case they didn't have a chance to eat beforehand. She loved to think about who we could invite over for Thanksgiving or Christmas, or who to invite over for a barbecue in the summer, eager to help people feel loved and connected here at church. Mommy had a real talent for looking out for others.

Mommy was tireless in serving God and our church. I remember the many hours she would dedicate to Sunday School, whether planning a lesson and writing homework, or choosing a curriculum that was understandable to young children and clear in conveying the truth of the Gospel. Mommy would put in so much effort to find volunteers, whether to serve as Sunday School teachers, or interpreters at baptism services, or translators for the BCEC *Connections*. She worked to include many people, and to give opportunities to different people to serve and use their talents for God.

But above all, Mommy had a deep love for God. She and Daddy have tried to cultivate in Claudia and me a love for God ever since we were small children. When Claudia and I were in elementary school, on our days off, Mommy would gather us around the radio at 10am and we would listen to Kay Arthur on the radio and do inductive Bible study together. Mommy used to buy our family Bible study books or journals for Christmas – which were not as exciting a Christmas gift as say the Carmen Sandiego and Zoombini computer games, but in hindsight, were more important. In the center of our kitchen table were Bible verse cards, and as a family we would memorize one a week. And I still remember when Mommy acted out the parable of the sower for me and Claudia during a family Bible study and how she imitated the birds eating the seeds that fell on the path.

When I started 6th grade, Mommy sat me down and taught me how to do my devotions. Before then, I had always done them out of a book with daily devotions written for kids or in the journals that she bought for us. "Now that you're old enough, it's time you learned to read the Bible for yourself," she said. Mommy taught me to always go back to the Bible; that I needed to read and know God's Word intimately on my own, and not rely just on what the pastors said (even though they do their best to preach directly from the Word of God). She taught me that God's Word is necessary to grow as a Christian, that I need to feed myself from the Bible, and that there is no better way to know God than through His Word. I carried this lesson from her during the toughest times of my life, and to this day. When I read the Bible, I still do the inductive Bible study skills I learned from her long ago. Mommy always lived out what she taught me — her Bible was always on her nightstand, even up to her last day here on earth. I think it was her love for God and His Word that made Mommy the beautiful person that she was, because she knew His character so well and truly lived her life by His Word. More than anyone else, she is the one who showed me what God's unconditional love and grace look like when lived out.

Many people tell me that I look like Mommy. I hope that I resemble my mother in more than just looks, but also in her character, her service and love for God and others. Mommy, I love you. I miss you so much, but I will do my best to honor your memory and live out the many lessons you taught me.

CANTONESE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

by GARY AND JUDY LEE, NEWTON CANTONESE



Between my wife and myself, I felt more apprehensive about attending the Marriage Enrichment Retreat (MER). I am not the romantic or emotional type. Is it true that all couples have something to work out in their marriage? There is nothing that we cannot resolve on our own,

right?

The three-day and two-night retreat was based on the Biblical view of marriage. God gives us our spouse, and He wants marriages to prosper. It makes use of findings from scientific research in psychology and counseling — how to listen and acknowledge feelings; what causes conflict. The facilitators draw on their own experience to present lively and practical lectures. We did many exercises to solidify

the concepts and techniques we learned. With the Holy Spirit in our midst, couples who attended this retreat openly shared about the ups and downs of marriage life. There were tears and laughter; they were all so genuine and touching.

Marriage is probably the longest and the most complicated of all human relationships. In the beginning, we appreciate the appeals and accept the shortcomings. Over time, compliments and forgiveness were chipped away and turned into complaints and hurtful words. We wish to regain the closeness and re-live the sweet moments in the early years. It turns out that MER is the “continuing education” course every married couple needs.

Do you invest as much time in your marriage as you do with house-keeping, family vacations, and your children’s education? We pray that every BCEC couple, newlywed or empty-nester, can attend the MER, so that they can experience the same blessings that we had.





Winter Teen Conferences: Middle School (2/27-3/1) and High School (2/13-16)



Joshua 2 Fellowship (Cantonese College) Mini Camp (1/30-2/1)



Easter Baptism: Cantonese and Mandarin congregations (4/5)



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 7 CHINESE SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUMMER SESSION BEGINS
- 12 LAST DAY OF PDAS
ENGLISH
- 13 COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS
SPRING SEMESTER ENDS
- 14 54TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
- 21 FATHER'S DAY
- 21 CHILD DEDICATION
CHINESE
- 27-28 CANTONESE FAMILY RETREAT

JULY

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
OFFICE CLOSED ON JULY 3
- 6 PROJECT DESTINY 2015 STARTS
- 13-17 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
NEWTON
- 18 LEADERSHIP MEETING
CHINESE

AUGUST

- 9 PROJECT DESTINY
FAMILY NIGHT
- 15 COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS
FALL SEMESTER PLACEMENT EXAM
- 17-21 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
CHINATOWN
- 21-24 SUMMER TEEN CONFERENCE
ENGLISH

Easter Baptism: English congregations (4/5)



1-3) Brunch with our supported missionaries, Oded & Bimini (4/4)



Newton Cantonese Congregation: 4-8) Chinese New Year celebration (2/22)

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Newton Mandarin Congregation: 9-10) Chinese New Year celebration (2/21) 11) Farewell for families returning to China (3/15)