



*From Our Senior Pastor:*

## A Unique Calling as an ABC Senior Pastor



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God has blessed me to serve at BCEC for over 40 years. As I am planning to retire later this year in October, I want to share with you, in three articles, the journey that the Lord has brought me through and some of what the Lord has taught me over all these years. In my article in the Winter 2018/2019 issue of *BCEC Connections*, I shared how my ministry began as Assistant to the Pastor. In the second article in the Spring 2019 issue, I shared some reflections on serving as Associate Pastor. In this last article I will share about my experiences as Senior Pastor. I hope my testimony can be an encouragement to others and can give glory to the grace of God.

When Senior Pastor Jacob Fung announced that he planned to retire in 2000, I was thinking I wanted to be on the search committee. I had worked with Pastor Fung for over 20 years as Associate Pastor. We had a good working relationship. However, with a new senior pastor, this could all change. As a result, I was hoping I could have some input on who would be selected as the new Senior Pastor.

To my surprise, Pastor Fung recommended to the church that I become the new senior pastor. The Board of Deacons agreed. I was not even thinking about it, since at that time, all senior pastors of Chinese-heritage churches were Chinese speaking. As far as I knew, no American Born Chinese minister had ever become the senior pastor of a Chinese-heritage church where the majority of members are Chinese speaking. At the time, BCEC had about 800 members with about 500 who were native Chinese speakers. I was so unprepared for this radical, pioneering decision that I had to take a month to pray to discern God's will.

Although I did not feel qualified especially because I had no Chinese language skills (except some limited Toisanese), I felt the Lord telling me to take this step by faith. One major factor was the effect this would have on other Chinese-heritage churches in North America in the future. It would break the "bamboo ceiling" for English-speaking ministers in the Chinese-heritage churches. Another major factor was the warm support of the Chinese-speaking congregations, Pastor Daniel, and the Chinese pastoral staff. I would not even consider this position without that support.

So, on June 18, 2000, as we were beginning the new millennium, I became BCEC's third Senior Pastor.

As I look back at that decision, I must admit I underestimated how difficult this job is. As Associate Pastor, I was very free to give my ideas of what we should do and where we should go. But, when I became Senior Pastor, I realized the full weight of responsibility of making a huge decision for the whole church would have a long-lasting effect. This responsibility is compounded by the fact that the church is large and complex. It drove me to pray more, and I thank the Lord for helping me and guiding me over my 19 years as Senior Pastor.

There have been many challenges over the years. In the beginning, the responsibilities of senior pastor were just added to my responsibilities of pastoring the English congregation. After a few years of trying, I realized I was burning out. I needed to make a change. As a result, I delegate the oversight of the Chinatown English congregation to Pastor Enoch. This allowed me to concentrate on BCEC as whole. Otherwise I would not be able to do either job well.

I also had to think through how to be a Senior Pastor of our complex and diverse church. Unlike the traditional senior pastor of most large churches, I could not just concentrate on preaching. We had too many worship services, too many languages, too many cultures, and too many locations. I realized I needed to see my role like the head of a small denomination. I would appoint a minister for each of the seven congregations, and my job was to lead them. These ministers would understand and know more about the needs of their particular congregation and respond more appropriately.

I did feel the need to preach at all the services at least occasionally. Therefore, I decided to preach in the English services about once a month, and in all the Chinese services about once a quarter through an interpreter. As I have joked, I need to remind them occasionally of who the senior pastor is. I also started *BCEC Connections* to keep all congregations informed about what God is doing in different parts of the church.

Another challenge was implementing the Board of Elders. This board was added when the constitution was changed in 2000 to reflect our understanding of scripture. Now there were two boards, as well as the pastoral staff, leading the church. I realized that there is a great deal of diversity of how people think across the church leadership. My role was to help the leaders to discern together what the Lord wanted us to do. I came to understand that one of my important roles as senior pastor is to be a peace maker or peace keeper.

Another challenge came because of the blessing of numerical growth. God blessed us so that BCEC continued to grow in number to average over 1100 adults in all seven worship services. This presented a challenge in terms of adequate space for worship and

ministry. We had to look for and arrange to rent or borrow space. We bought the Newton Campus in 2003. We bought 120 Shawmut Ave. in 2014. We sold 249 Harrison Ave. to the city of Boston recently. All of this involved major decision making and resulted in complicated changes to our church ministries.

Some people have asked me about my experience of being senior pastor. I must admit it has been quite difficult. I think I enjoyed ministry much more when I could minister to people directly. Things seemed simpler, and I could see more results in a shorter time frame. As senior pastor I had to deal with more long-term and complicated decisions like budgets, hiring, fundraising, expansion, policies, and supervision. Sometimes I get tired of all the meetings, but I realize this is what the church has needed at this stage.

But there has been great joy in seeing the Lord bless our church over the years, especially in the area of unity. Although the leaders do not always see things in the same way or agree on every issue, I am happy that we have not had a church split as other churches have experienced. There is a commitment to do what is best for the church and to preserve the unity we have in Christ with love. I thank the Lord for our leaders and church members for their support in making a challenging job a joy for God's glory.



Pastor Steve ordained as the Senior Pastor (2000)

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## Cambodia Short-term Missions: Simple Actions have Largest Impacts



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Cambodia was my first missions trip. I have done service trips and service projects, but my intentions for the trips were different. While the service trips and projects were missional for people, my purpose for participating in these was to passively share God's love through helping other people. For the Cambodia short-term missions trip, sharing God's love was not a secondary purpose, but it was the primary purpose. I should be actively sharing God's love rather than passively.

Going into the trip, I didn't know how or what I could contribute to the team and even afterwards, I feel like my contributions were insignificant — hopefully my team members, the people we interacted with, and God disagree. During the planning and preparation phase, my tasks were to plan our prison ministry meeting and to compile the worship slides. Despite my Chinese illiteracy, I compiled both English and Chinese lyrics as we thought we were targeting a Chinese audience. The prison ministry activity was removed from our agenda before we even left Boston. For the slides, most of our audience were Khmer and still developing their English and know none or little Chinese. Even during activities such as visits to an orphanage and a village or street evangelism, I was more of a bystander than an active participant.

On Friday morning, our team visited Kampong Chhang Home, an orphanage located outside Phnom Penh. We spent approximately an hour there. To us, we were simply meeting new people, singing worship songs, playing games, and giving them gifts, but to the children it could have been completely different. One of our guides was raised in one of these orphanages and shared how some of his favorite memories were people visiting the orphanage and playing with the kids. To children whose families cannot afford to raise them or aren't around, strangers visiting you with gifts pro-



vide them a sense of love and self-worth, especially if the people are coming from halfway across the world. Although gifts are nice, the emotional and spiritual aspects related to someone visiting you, giving you their attention and care for you, are immeasurable.

On Friday evening, our team went to a nearby university for street evangelism. I was paired with Minister Peter who was able to boldly and unashamedly approach and talk to students. We handed out tracts on the four spiritual laws and attempted to start conversations about the contents of the tract. Despite knowing the importance of sharing the gospel by reaching out to the unreached, I struggled. While approaching the students, there was an internal conflict in my head on how to initiate the conversation. The more I thought about it, the more indecisive and nervous I became which resulted in me becoming more introverted and less talkative. Even while Peter encouraged me to initiate conversations and would support me on the side, I was not very proactive and had him do the talking. My insecurities, along with my doubts regarding the effectiveness of street evangelism, overwhelmed me. What could six people, spending at most 10 minutes with each individual/group, possibly do in an hour at a college campus? I came to Cambodia to share the gospel to people who haven't had the chance to hear the good news, but when presented with the opportunity, I ran away.

The very next day God swept away my disbelief, once again displaying His omnipotence. On Sat-

urday morning, we visited an impoverished village on the outskirts of Phnom Penh. On the car ride back from the village, John, an American missionary, shared a story on how he first learned about Jesus. Years ago, John was hitchhiking across the United States. Like most young people, he did not have much money, so while his companions got a hotel room, he walked around in the town instead. As he was walking on the streets, he walked by a man handing out Christian tracts. The man gave one to John. Because of this one action, decades later, John is in Cambodia ministering and caring for the local people. The man passing out the tracts probably forgot all about John, but to John will never forget that man because the simple act of handing out a tract transformed John's whole life.

Sometimes it is the simple actions we do that have the largest impacts. The significance of these actions may not be measurable, making it difficult to see how much of an impact our team made during the one week there. Maybe we were sowing seeds, maybe we were watering seeds other sown, maybe we were just plowing the soil for seeds to be sown, or maybe we were all of them. Regardless of which part of the process we were, the most important part is God using what we did for His kingdom and His glory. Ultimately, despite my personal feelings on my contributions to the team or the team's contribution to spreading the gospel in Cambodia, God can use all things for His good. One impact I hope is to see this trip being the catalyst for future BCEC missions trips to unreached people groups, especially Cambodia.



## Reflection on Cambodia short-term missions trip



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Due to jet lag, early in the morning, I was walking on the street near my hotel. This is a street leading to the airport. On it, the young people were riding bicycles, driving Du Du cars, and automobiles. The street was packed with traffic and filled with life. This is Phnom Penh City in Cambodia.

During the short-term missions trip, my team and I had a prayer walk around a market. Most of the shops were set up as store fronts in the back of homes. Three generations with the elderly, young couples, and children were living together, but where are the middle aged? As we were talking with the elderly to see if they want to visit their mother country, they replied they no longer have any relatives in their home country and seemed to be satisfied living here. At the same time, each home's doorpost had some superstitious stickers posted on them. In our hearts, we asked if they really had peace.

We also went to the museum called S21 concentration camp. It was originally a school. From

April 7, 1975 to January 7, 1979, there were about 12,000 to 20,000 people imprisoned there. They were tortured and only 12 people survived. From the head-set tour, we heard that there were many people slaughtered during that time. Albert was the brother of a prisoner from New Zealand. In court, he described himself as under chronic anger, sorrow, and hatred. However, he chose to let the world know that if people did nothing to help, evil would do great damage beyond imagination. Perhaps this kind of suffering was the cause of the lack of a middle-aged population.

In this trip we also met a young man and a woman who are believers in Christ. They experienced the love of God from a missionary from

Hong Kong. They heard the gospel and followed her example to respond to God's calling. They were willing to surrender their young lives to serve the poor in charitable works and share the gospel with others by providing the poor and needy with hope for the future. Now I pray fervently for the missionaries who surrender their time in life. They not only proclaim the gospel in words, but they also imitate Jesus Christ in their lives, so that others may follow the footsteps of the Lord Jesus.

I hope that our testimonies show that our God is one who provides peace and joy. He is also the hope for the Cambodians who are under oppression and suffering (Romans 15:13).



## “Spy” Report on Cambodia



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One of pastors we've partnered with best described our role for this exploratory “vision” trip to Cambodia by relating us to biblical “spies” from Numbers 13, that were sent to scout out Cambodia and report back what we have witnessed. I like to give my report by using these recurring themes/images that best summarizes my trip, as well as my personal reflection.

**Darkness:** During our trip, we've experienced unusual city-wide blackout during the afternoon that lasted until early evening. I thought this physical darkness was a befitting to some of the spiritual darkness we witnessed.

The darkest time in Cambodian history occurred during the Khmer Rouge regime from 1975-1979, a regime that wiped out a third of the country's population. During that trip, we went to Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, a school that that was set up as a prison camp during the regime. As I heard testimonies of imprisonment, torture,

forced confessions, and death, I asked God where was He when all this happened? God answered me that His mercy was revealed within the 12 survivors of the prison camp who went on to share their and their fellow prisoners' experiences to others, so they would never be forgotten.

**Light:** I believe that ministries like Agape International Missions (AIM) were truly a light in Cambodia. Earlier this year, our church showed the documentary *Nefarious: Merchants of Souls (2011)* as part of its Social Responsibility emphasis in which this ministry was featured and explained that children as young as 4-years-old were being sex trafficked in Cambodia. With much trepidation, I prepared myself for the worst stories to come from this ministry. When we arrived at Svay Pak, my entire outlook had changed! One of the buildings used by AIM was original built by a New York businessman to be used as a hotel as an alternative use to the brothel conditions in Svay Pak. However, AIM's presence in the area prevented the hotel ever opening. Left abandoned, AIM moved into this building and started using it as their headquarters — what man meant for evil, God meant for good (Genesis 50:20)! During our visit, we had learned that all brothels within the area had been closed, and local authorities and

law officials have been rescuing girls. This has led to AIM's restoration centers to reach overcapacity (a great problem to have!). We visited a factory where rescued women were employed to make t-shirts and jewelry that share their stories of love, freedom, empowerment, and restoration of dignity and worth. Mission organizations like AIM has given me hope for other holistic ministries in Cambodia trying to make an impact in their communities!

A popular attraction in Cambodia is Angkor Wat at Siem Reap, one of the largest and greatest temples ever built. One missionary shared with us a picture of one of the smaller temples in Angkor Wat called Ta Prohm Trees Temple showing a great “spung” tree cutting through the temple. I think this image is a great metaphor of how God has victory over every stronghold in our lives, everything we've built can be destroyed. This image reminded me of Revelations 21:22-26, which foretells of a new city, a “New Jerusalem,” a home for all the nations, where neither churches nor temples exist! I look forward to the day when there will be no more darkness, sorrow, pain, and no need for light because God will be our everlasting light!

**Openness:** I found the Cambodian people to be very open, easy to talk to, great listeners, and

great at responding! One university student stood out to me for his heart to serve his people in Cambodia after graduation. He told us his desire to be an intercessor for the people in his village and asked us should he do when his people get into disputes because of different faith practices? I told him that all people can band together for a worthy cause, such as a humanitarian effort, but what sets us apart is where our motivation to help comes from. As Christians, our motivation to serve others comes from the love of Christ. In speaking of all people and faiths of different backgrounds, I told him “nobody cares what you have to say until you show them how much you care.”

**Personal Reflection:** As I wondered why I was even doing in Cambodia and if the work my team is doing is even going to leave an impact, I was encouraged at a prayer meeting at a missionary’s home that being a sender is just as important as being on the field and our prayers are needed and is a weapon to intercede and fight for people in Cambodia. For the past 2 years, I have been praying for unreached people groups and nations but have found my prayers to be short, repetitive, and done solely out of routine instead of a love for God’s lost people. As we prayed over a brother who joined us from China, we learned that he (along with our own Minister Dora) was from the *Di Zu* minority group in China — the very same

Chinese group that our new missionary friends have been trying to reach out to! It finally hit me why I was a part of this team and why God had put this diverse team together with all our cultural, geographic, linguistic, and generational differences. Together, we represented two countries, two church campuses, three different congregations, and spoke at least four different languages during the trip. As I felt the Holy Spirit praying through me over our brother, my prayers no longer felt pointless and lackluster. God was telling me “this is how I want you to pray for my people all the time.” God is calling me to be a prayer warrior for His lost children, and I now strive to learn how to be a more effective sender in his name!



1) Spung in Ta Prohm Tree Temple, which reminds us of God having victory over every stronghold in our lives 2) Prayer Meeting with missionaries and anointing brother on team to be an apostle for his people

## God’s Vision Revealed



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Digesting this trip has been especially hard for me. Before leaving for Cambodia, distractions and fear cluttered my mind. Expectations for managing certain parts of the trip made me nervous about planning well or doing enough to prepare. In addition, I had not managed my fluency practice well in the weeks before leaving. I was nervous that I would not be a good fit for this type of ministry. A nagging sense of failure stuck as we boarded the plane. I could not help but think “shouldn’t God’s missionaries be better than what I’m offering?”

However, this uncertainty didn’t stop what God had prepared to show us. Our primary role as a team was to *discern vision* for how BCEC could show God’s love to the people of Cambodia. Before leaving, we labored in prayer and asked God to open our eyes to what He wanted us to see. God turned every single day into a new lesson for the team about His plan.

On our first full day, God showed us the spiritual poverty of Cambodia. We met with a local missionary who described the spiritual soil of Cambodia as very hard and difficult to penetrate. After prayer walking through a busy marketplace filled with idols and Buddhist pagodas, my heart was already shattered. How could these people come to know Jesus when their hearts are so set on money and tradition? Is there any hope at all? Where do we even begin with spreading the gospel?

That same day we visited the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum to witness the horrors of the Khmer Rouge totalitarian regime, which murdered millions of Cambodians in the 1970’s. It painted a bleak picture of the brokenness of the country that

only intensified the pain from the prayer walk. It was an emotionally difficult day for the whole team, but God had a purpose in it.

In the evening, we were invited to a prayer meeting with local missionaries. Truly, it was a light in the darkness. These people were on fire for God, and were intelligent and faithful witnesses to the gospel. They told us stories of God working and encouraged us on our mission. I felt like an ant amongst giants — their faith was just incredible! This was God’s lesson for us on the first day: “*There is great darkness, but I am stronger. I am ready to shower these people with a greater love.*”

The second day we visited a local ministry that targets impoverished and forgotten areas in



Phnom Penh. There were a total of four Christians, a few of which were local converts. Their incredible affection for, and dedication to, the forgotten poor moved the hearts of our team. They were not afraid of disease nor repulsed by weakness, but instead saw precious beings in need of a Savior. God showed us another truth: *"I am raising up workers for the harvest, those who know me and love me."*

Our third day rocked our team's expectations for what God could do. We visited Agape International Mission (AIM), an organization that combats child sex trafficking, and witnessed the results of God's restorative presence to a broken community. The town of Svay Pak was previously known as a child trafficking center for visitors to Phnom Penh. A culture of child prostitution among the local people institutionalized the practice until AIM's intervention nearly 14 years ago. Since then, this dangerous, predatory village has radically transformed. There were quite literally *hundreds* of children playing in the streets after school, free of concern for their lives. We met with dedicated local people who loved God and were committed to furthering this transformation. AIM's holistic approach to renewing the community completely stunned the team. God showed us a taste of His power and readiness to work that day, and it has stuck with us as a stark reminder.

The tone of what God was teaching us shifted, as we entered the fourth day. We visited a neglected Christian orphanage a few hours outside of Phnom Penh, which had a group of very warm, loving kids who were excited to see us. The foster parents described how the town had been heavily settled by Muslim people and that the local church closed down, which generally made it harder to

find support as less and less missionary teams would come to visit them and the children. Our sense was that God was showing us the *spiritual trenches*: areas of need where it seems the enemy is winning the battle and the saints need encouragement.

In the evenings of days four and five, we organized some ministries to college students. The openness of these students shocked us. They were so ready to engage with what we were saying. We only tried street evangelism for an hour, but they were so earnest in listening to our testimonies that we could only wonder what kind of harvest was waiting there. We got the sense that God was showing us the *urgency* of the mission in Cambodia. This college generation was hungry for something satisfying and real, and we could see it. There is a harvest to be reaped if only workers would go.

The last full day will stick with me forever. Before going to Sunday service at a large International Christian Assembly (ICA) church, we visited a small congregation of Cambodian believers worshipping in Khmer, the Cambodian language. We were only there for five minutes, but the genuine worship of their songs and corporate prayer was so pure and deeply moving. To watch our Cambodian brothers

and sisters in Christ praise God in their own language was a glimpse of the future church, made up of people from every nation and tribe and tongue. God showed us His Kingdom coming, and it was a beauty so matchless that I struggle to put it into words.

After much reflection, I realized that God had answered our team's prayer for vision immensely, but that my own fear had drowned out his voice, so that I couldn't discern it. Fear of not measuring up blinded me for much of the trip and afterwards, but what God revealed was that my fears were actually a lack of trust in Him, the Immovable Mountain, who was already working so mightily in Cambodia. God taught me a powerful lesson of trust while simultaneously answering prayer. He showed me throughout the trip just how much in control and unstoppable He is in carrying out his plan. I learned that He is working and will complete his plan in this world, and that he invites us to join Him regardless of our weaknesses.



Engage Global (7/5-7/8): 1) Hanging out at team headquarters 2) Walking around a street market 3) Making new friends at a Somali market 4) Out on a cultural excursion, visiting a Hindu temple 5) Visiting Minnehaha Falls

*Lebanon Short-term Missions:*

## Having a Humble and Servant Heart



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Thank God for this fruitful short-term missions trip to Lebanon. He faithfully revealed to us His tremendous work in this country.

Our team was so blessed to partner with Horizons International and five churches from Hong Kong, Los Angeles, and Chicago to share God's love in Lebanon by doing outreaches through children's and women's ministry in Beqaa, Tyre, and Beirut. In addition, we were able to visit different churches, refugee camps, missionaries, local pastors and church staff, and missionary interns.

Horizons International, founded in 1990 by Lebanese Pastor Georges Housney, reaches the world, especially the Muslim world with the good news of Jesus Christ. Over 130 staff members in 14 countries serve those in need through four ministry areas: International Student Ministry, Muslim Field Ministry, Training Ministry, and Biblical Missiology. It is amazing to learn from the Horizons International president who remarked, "2018, what a year it has been! I stand amazed at what the Lord has accomplished the past year through your partnership with Horizons. You have crowned the year with your bounty." (Psalms 65:11 - NIV) I am so impressed by their vision and strategy to mobilize churches locally and globally. The Great Commission is for every believer. Their core values are to proclaim the gospel, disciple the nations, and equip the churches.

Missionaries and interns: It is encouraging to see young couples obey God's calling to become missionaries from mainland China to serve in Lebanon cross culturally despite their language and cultural barriers. There are also interns from Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. I truly



believe Chinese churches are called to get more involved in the Muslim ministry.

Local churches: Horizons International work side by side with indigenous churches to learn their needs and help equip them to grow to their potential. One church staff member shared how their church grew and expanded dramatically by faithfully serving the refugees who flooded into Lebanon despite the challenges and difficulties. Their mission is CUT (Collaboration, Unity, and Trust) between brothers and sisters.

Self-reflection: Through this short-term missions trip, I could understand and witness firsthand how injustice plays such a big role against God's will, leading to suffering among His people. God is intensely concerned for the weak, the orphaned, the poor, and the powerless. Only in Christ we learn just how far God would go to identify with the poor and oppressed. He became a poor human being who died on the cross, a victim of human injustice. We live in a relatively comfortable and safe part of the world and society. Unfortunately, I am not as sensitive to the needs of the weak as God is. I pray to God to help me to hate the injustice He hates and love the poor and needy like He does.

Serving, worshiping, having fellowship in Him with brothers and sisters from different churches, as well as diverse ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds offered me a joyful, loving, invaluable, and unforgettable heavenly experience. This taught

me the ultimate purpose of obedience is joy, as well as the fulfillment of knowing the God who created you is love. I'm saved by Jesus's work. Jesus's work is a rule of life. The more I obey it, the more spiritually alive I become, and the more I become the person God created me to be. I also pray to God to help me obey Him more fervently, as well as to act on His Word on a daily basis.

As a church, I also learned that not only financially supporting the missionaries is important, but caring for them and educating ourselves about cross-cultural missions are essential. It will help us to see God's heart for all people and broaden our vision to see His great work in all nations.

Another interesting thing that I experienced was that God chose not to use all our plans — our preparations for the workshops were not needed, but through the Holy Spirit's guidance, this allowed everything to go smoothly. We had the opportunity to foster connections with the local people by holding their babies, but not leading the workshop. I learned to not be prideful or in control, but instead be flexible and humble before Him actually works the best.

It was a joyful and fruitful journey for me. I will continue to reflect more, and encourage brothers and sisters in Christ to be involved in cross-cultural missions to experience God's abundance. I can't thank God enough for this trip.



## Gaining a Deeper Understanding of Muslims



by PASTOR BARRY LAM,  
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I thank God for granting me an extraordinary opportunity to participate in a short-term missions trip to Lebanon. When I first found out about the trip, I was not sure whether I could find time out of my busy ministry schedule, and I would need to take care of my responsibilities at home, too, before I could go. After inviting prayer partners to intercede for me, I thank God for answering our prayers by enabling me to make all the arrangements, thereby allowing me to join the team to visit Lebanon.

On this trip, I experienced a lot of first times: this was my first time visiting a country in the Middle East, first time coming into contact with and ministering to Muslims, first time learning about the Syrian refugee situation in person, first time sharing the gospel with a Muslim, and first time working with other local churches to serve God. This was such an enriching experience, and I encourage our brothers and sisters to join this ministry in the future!

Following my arrival in that country, my understanding of Muslims has improved a lot. They were all very friendly, hospitable, and generous. I still remember one time when Minister Peter Wong and I visited a small store to purchase coffee. After inviting us to sit down, the owner gave us bottles of water for free, because he was worried that we were not used to drinking the strong coffee of that region. I now realize that we need to cast aside our inaccurate and ignorant views of others and make a sincere effort to understand them, so

that we may break down the walls between human beings and rebuild relationships out of love.

What was most important to me on the trip was the opportunity to see with my own eyes how God, in the midst of what we may view as sufferings in this humanitarian crisis, is sending His faithful servants from churches, organizations, and schools to serve these refugees, who receive love, care and respect during a time when they feel they may not have hope or a future. When I heard about each of those wonderful testimonies of how Muslims turned to Christ and witnessed how they were earnestly seeking and worshipping God, I was filled with an indescribable sense of spiritual excitement. The redemptive work of God is truly awesome and amazing!

God has allowed us to experience on this short-term missions trip His abundant love for humankind. This sign of grace has left an important impression, as I continue my path of following the cross of Jesus.



## Answering God's Calling



by OLIVIA YANG,  
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The short-term missions trip to Lebanon in 2019 was my first missions trip. I was both excited and nervous because I didn't know what to expect. Being able to be used by God is a blessing. Although I did not have much to give, I received a lot. Through this amazing opportunity, I saw with my own two eyes what wonders God is doing in the world. Many Muslims are being transformed daily and the staff's continuous love for the people has moved my heart. The Horizons International organization was also so inspiring to me. To see their work and ministry in Lebanon was an eye opener to many different ways I can serve the Lord lo-

cally and in the church. I am looking forward to discerning how God desires to use me to further His Kingdom.

In addition, this experience also reminded me of the comfortable and privileged life I live, as well

as the grateful heart I should have because of my abundant blessings from God. The joy of the refugees and their faith have motivated my own journey in Christ and the areas that I can be stretched. Even though their lives are challenging, their confidence in God is strong. Overall, I was really amazed by everything I

saw on this short-term missions trip. Coming back from this wonderful experience, I hope to motivate myself to head in the direction that the Lord is leading me in for the future.



## God's Promises Never Fail

by MAY ZHAO, NEWTON MANDARIN

The Word of God is powerful, and His promises never fail.

The world situation has never been stable. Those of us who live in North America should be grateful for the privileges we have, but oftentimes we cannot stop complaining. We even turn away from God and ignore the prophets' appeals and warnings. It feels as if the United States is collapsing, and the rest of the world is falling into chaos as well. The situation everywhere is disturbing. The media is often filled with news about suicide bombings, ISIS terrorist organizations, and the refugee crisis of the Middle East, which has undoubtedly become the focus of debate in the United States and other western countries. I am familiar with the Bible and understand that Muslims are supposed to be descendants of Ishmael, an ethnic group believed to be violent. If I were to meet a woman wearing a hijab or a Middle Eastern man on the street, I would subconsciously avoid them out of fear. The Boston Marathon bombing further deepened this fearful perception of radical Muslims.

However, one day BCEC Minister Peter Wong returned and was excited to share about the great need for evangelism in the Middle East. He also shared stories of the miraculous signs that have occurred in Muslim communities. To my surprise, he called on us to evangelize! I always thought I should stay away from Muslims. How could I possibly approach them and share the gospel with them? Just the idea terrified me. He shared that many people are getting baptized, despite the fact that self-declared non-Muslims are likely to be killed and persecuted for their faith. After hearing this, I could not pretend that I didn't know. I could no longer be indifferent towards the many Muslims in the Middle East who are willing to follow the Lord.

They have so much courage to testify God's goodness over their circumstances! After all, before Jesus ascended to heaven, he instructed His followers to carry out the Great Commission:

*"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"* (Matthew 28:18-20 - NASB)

The Lord said, "Go!"

I asked myself, "Should I go?" I spoke with Minister Peter and told him I needed to pray in response to what I had heard. I wanted God's guidance, and needed a month to think and reflect. During this time, God spoke to me through Deuteronomy 31:6 (NASB):

*"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."*

God also reminded me not to get lost in this busy world of tasks and distractions in John 9:4 (NASB):

*"We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work."*

God was calling me to go, and I knew I needed to follow His calling. I had no idea what to expect. How radical were the Muslims I would encounter? What type of food would I eat? Since I don't speak Arabic, how would I communicate with the local people? What if I got sick? Would I get along with my other teammates after I joined them there? I also did not know how I should react if there was a military conflict or a gun battle. All these questions came to my mind as potential problems. After all, I had never been to the Middle East. Before all my questions could be answered, we were on our way to the mission field.

During the winter in January 2019, I participated in a short-term missions trip to Lebanon for the first time. Surprisingly, our team members were mostly elderly! One of these members suffered from back problems, but he insisted on joining us. I was considered one of the youngest members on the team besides a 28-year-old missionary and a 30-year-old seminary student.

I soon realized I never needed to worry about what to wear and what to eat. As we traveled together, we helped each other. A native former-Muslim Christian taught us about the Arabic culture, along with some basic Arabic phrases. These lessons strengthened our interactions with the locals and deepened our understanding of the community. Since it is uncommon to see Chinese people in the area where we were at, many friendly

locals and Muslims reached out to us: "How are you, Chinese people?" It was funny that no matter where we went, people liked to point us out as Chinese!

One day, our big bus occupied a crowded street because we were waiting for others to board. We were all a little nervous when a police officer approached us on a motorcycle. However, once he saw that the bus was filled with Chinese people, he greeted us kindly and let us go!

In the summer of 2019, I participated in the joint short-term missions trip to Lebanon once again. This time, we were accompanied by a pastor from BCEC. Pastor Barry Lam and several brothers and sisters carefully assembled props to use for the performances we were to share with the refugee children. Our teammates from other churches joined us in preparing them. During the trip, our team had the opportunity to visit a few refugee families who lived in the United Nations refugee camp, and we built friendships and prayed for them.

Listening to the testimonies of brothers and sisters from local churches, we were in awe of God's acts of love and His justice, and mercy for the people in the Middle East. Many refugees shared their sufferings, dilemmas and feelings of despair. Our help to them may have been negligible, but we were there to represent God's messengers and bring them the Gospel. At this time, only God's promise would bring them hope:

*"For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."* (Jeremiah 29:11 - NASB)

*"There is hope for your future,' declares the LORD, 'and your children will return to their own territory.'"* (Jeremiah 31:17 - NASB)

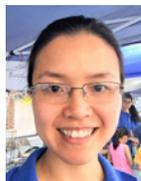
*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."* (John 3:16 - NASB)

We continue to pray and encourage more Christians to reach out. You are welcome to join us in evangelizing to Muslims whether in the Middle East or locally because God is love.



## Dominican Republic Short-term Missions:

# Reflections from the Heart



by ISA CHEN,  
CHINATOWN ENGLISH

Rockey Chan said during the appreciation night, “A piece of me is Dominican.” I definitely

felt the same way.

My family’s journey to the Dominican Republic started six years ago. My son, Micah, was 6 at the time, and he asked God to bless our meals for the first time. My daughter, Faith, celebrated her fourth birthday, which was special to her because it was in Dominican style, and she remembered it very well. I thank God for opportunities to testify about Him and rejoice seeing the spiritual revival in the mountainous area of Manabao during the first three years. God has granted the wish of growing my family to become more missions minded and to become more compassionate.

During the last three years we visited Santo Domingo, we initially wondered why we often received prayer requests asking for better health. Eventually, we felt we could understand because we witnessed the health crisis unfolding. At one point, the leader of the local organization Harvest, Pastor Ricci, was in an intensive care unit weighing 72 pounds, while his wife was being treated for cancer in New York. She wanted to return to Dominican Republic to see him. However, Pastor Ricci did not recommend her to do so, because it would mean an end to her possible hope of getting her cancer treated. By God’s grace, this year Pastor Ricci recovered and regained his weight to 130 pounds. We also witnessed the miscarriage of a close friend, while another friend gave birth to a premature baby. God answered our prayers, and now they are each blessed with baby boys that are healthy. Why would their health needs become our blessings?

One reason is that we saw that love has been fostered throughout these years and we have bonded with the Dominicans. We really appreciated how they openly shared about their lives with us. I became a close friend with Pastora Milly and recalled how she brought me to where she grew up. It was a crowded hillside village, which our team thought was a gangster area (I would not go there by myself). She went on to explain how she felt living as a poor child in this 400 square feet tin-roofed house, as I was sitting in it with an electrical outage that night. Have you ever pursued something real and true in your life? I have. This is one of the reason I moved to Boston from the glamorous Hollywood Los Angeles area. I have also been

asking God the what if. What if I can know what people are thinking? I thank God for revealing some realities of the Dominicans besides their culturally happy appearances. Knowing the truth was my yearning that helped me to experience further blessings.

I see the strength and perseverance of our fellow Christian Dominicans. Announcing to our friends that this is our last short-missions trip sent by BCEC was the hardest of all. Personally, I had questions of how they would handle and receive the message after all the close relationships that have been established over the years. That was why one of our goal this year is to send them a heartfelt appreciation and help them connect with other organizations. The latter part is still under way, but we were surprised to see the dignity and peace they exhibited. I was pleased to know that I can keep them as my lifetime friends, as they are still ministering to me through their online access and emailing me their daily devotions.

I learned from this trip that we are not entitled or do not possess the right to own anything. God can take away our blessings at any moment. I see how the Dominicans live humbly, giving thanks for all things. A friend praised God that his new van had air conditioning, but the reality is that it is a second-hand vehicle that cannot start easily. Do we remember to give thanks for all our blessings from God? They taught me to give thanks for things that are functioning around us, give thanks for our family on earth, and to give thanks for using BCEC as a spiritual family to point us towards Jesus.

### Highlights from our last Dominican Republic short-term missions trip:

- Attendees: Rockey Chan’s family and Isa Chen’s family
- Dates of short-term missions trip: June 28 to July 6, 2019
- Short-term missions trip location: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Sermon: Rockey preached one time at Capotillo on the passage of James in Capotillo.
- About 132 people attended.
- Men’s conference: Rockey led conversations with men about biblical manhood. He covered the four pillars of manhood: King, warrior, mentor, and friend. He then focused on the first two pillars and led a deeper discussion. Tony helped to teach a session about the King, which focused on power and responsibility.



- During our five days there, we visited Milly’s church, Capotillo, El Dique, Margara, and Pentecostal church of divine encounter.
- Total reached: 83 men
- Women’s conference: Isa led and Virginia translated conversations about how women’s lives were transformed through Christ. This was illustrated by the transformation tree. We practiced meditation on the Word (lectio divina) within their communities, so that they could apply God’s Word in their daily lives.
- The same thing occurred at the men’s conference during our five days there.
- Total reached: 188 women
- Vacation Bible School: The whole team performed two skits: the first one was about Zaccheus and the two one was about Phillip and the Eunuch
- Over three days in Milly’s church, Capotillo and Margara
- Total reached: 193 kids
- Dental: Isa provided dental cleaning to adults, and she trained her translator, Nicole. Also, Virginia helped to provide fluoride to the children.
- Cleaning total reached: 63 adults
- Flourished total reached: 205 children
- Prayer walk: We reached 46 families and three individuals.
- Cleaning the streets: We went out in teams in Capotillo to clean gutters along the streets, and we stopped at three places to pray for the area.
- Animal balloons: We brought 1500 of them. We gave out 100 directly to the kids; the remainder were given to churches to use when they go on missions trips.
- Toothpaste: 50 / toothbrushes: 100. They were given out directly to individuals.
- Pencils: Brought 600 and gave out 150 directly to individuals in Capotillo. The remainder were given out to churches to use when they go on missions trips.
- Light bulbs: 24 were given to different churches to encourage them to be the light in the city.

*Boston Local Missions:***Fulfilling the Great Commission**

by KAREN HUI,  
CHINATOWN CANTONESE 2ND  
SERVICE

Thank God that I was able to participate again in the summer local missions seven-day full camp, receiving training on how to evangelize and being sent out in teams. This was my fifth time participating in this event. Overcoming external obstacles and my own physical weaknesses, I gave myself to Jesus and the Holy Spirit, who empowered me to proclaim the gospel.

God often reminds me through the Bible in 2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV): “Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction.” What was also weighing heavy on my heart was sharing the gospel. This was what Jesus commanded before He ascended into Heaven, and the Great Commission is what He commanded every believer to do. Therefore, it was something that I must do! Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV) says, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Moreover, Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:16 (NIV): “For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!” I asked myself: “Does it mean that Paul was talking about himself only? Was he not also referring to all believers?” I considered this a serious admonition. As a result, I made a commitment to overcome all challenges to join every year!

This year’s summer missions week was co-sponsored by the Boston Short-term Mission and BCEC. There were 27 participants who joined the full camp, while 32 joined the weekend intensive camp. Besides learning with brothers and sisters from my own church, I was proclaiming the gospel with brothers and sisters from six other churches. In addition, I was able to meet believers from different backgrounds and different ages and serve with them with a common goal: to mobilize Christians to share the gospel and to provide short-term training for long-term evangelism. What a lovely and meaningful service!

This year, besides inviting Pastor Isaac Man to lead four seminars, share at a vision sharing event, and preach at an evangelistic meeting, Boston Short-term Mission also tried for the first time recruiting committee members and those who had completed a two-year training course in evangelism to serve as workshop speakers. I belong to both of these groups, so I paired up with Grace Lo from Chinese Baptist Church of Greater Boston and humbly accepted the responsibility to lead a workshop on Monday on the “Gospel Message 1234” and “Role playing on how to use two evangelism tools.”

I was thankful that Grace agreed to be my partner, and we spent over 20 hours to prepare. We tried our best to work on a fun and easy to remember method to clearly explain the gospel message, so that our brothers and sisters can memorize our core beliefs and explain to others what our faith is all about.

What a fun time we had when we were role playing! We formed teams of two, with one person playing the role of the evangelist and the other person acting as a non-believer. We took turns putting into practice what we had just learned, integrating our own ways of expression to explain the gospel to different types of people. Although it took all of us a total of 2.5 hours to complete this

activity, we were happy to work together. Praise God for everyone’s sincere dedication and willingness to learn!

Each day we had to go out in teams for street evangelism, and this was a huge challenge! Many people do not like to hear about sin and death, and they do not believe that Jesus can save them. As a result, we need to have courage, patience, thick skin, and love to reach out to people.

One time I teamed up with Winnie Gee from our church for half an hour. Initially, we did not meet anyone who was willing to listen to the gospel, and we felt quite discouraged and anxious. I suggested to Winnie that we should pray and ask God to give us one person in the remaining time that we had. Just one person would be sufficient. So, at that moment, Winnie and I prayed for the Holy Spirit to lead one person to us.

In the end, as we were on our way to the Chinatown Gate, God gave us four people who were willing to listen to our message! How awesome! How God answers our prayers is immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine!

Our Lord Jesus said, “I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” (John 4:35 – NIV) But where are the workers?

I hope that more brothers and sisters would be willing to join the ministry of evangelism. I believe that, when you share the gospel, your life will be renewed, and it is a great opportunity to experience God. It only depends on whether you are willing to offer yourself to be used by God.

During this year’s local missions week, 31 people accepted Christ as a result of our home visitations, street evangelism, and evangelistic meeting. These are the wonderful results of our whole team of participants and countless ambassadors and predecessors who have worked diligently in sowing the seeds of the gospel and plowing the fields.

May God receive all the glory! Praise the Lord!



## Being a Vessel for God's Kingdom



by JACKY WONG,  
NEWTON CANTONESE

When I heard that local short-term mission was about to start, I already figured that I might not be able to participate in the seven-day full camp. Since I needed to attend classes from Monday to Thursday, I decided that I should choose the three-day intensive camp, so I proceeded to sign up for that.

Two weeks before summer missions week, I ran into Nancy Tran at a dim sum restaurant in Malden where she was enjoying lunch with two elderly people. After I approached her, we started chatting, and I found out that Nancy was doing follow-up with one of my former coworkers by finding

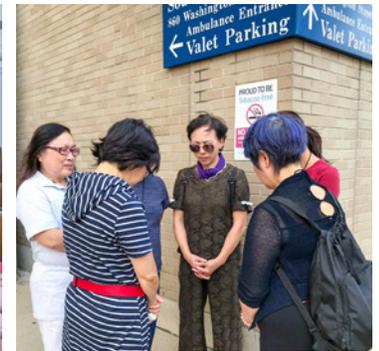
out what was going on in her life, befriending her family, and sharing the gospel with them in the process. This former coworker of mine had been diagnosed with cancer. I had previously tried to visit her at home and share with her about Christ, but we grew apart due to interference from her mom. After seeing how God was so wonderful in preparing someone more appropriate for follow-up, I suddenly changed my mind and registered for the full camp instead. I firmly believe that God is sovereign over all things. If we try our best to give our time and ability to be a vessel for God, it is sufficient, and He will take care of everything.

Summer missions week finally started. Seeing other participants felt like returning home and seeing family, because we united in making the most righteous and important decision: to make a commitment to dedicate ourselves to proclaiming the love of Jesus to those who do not know Him!

We received training from Pastor Isaac Man and learned several techniques on how to share the

gospel. What gave me the strongest impression were words that came from Pastor Man: nowadays the core of apologetics has shifted to focusing on “hope” and “meaning.” I have gained so much from these words, and the core value of my faith has changed. The promise of eternal life brings hope, while an abundant life brings meaning. These two points can really counter all the excuses to reject Christ that stem from science, evolution, and human nature. I thank the Lord for enabling me to participate in the full camp to learn about this principle.

I hope that the fire to evangelize will not be extinguished, but it will continue to burn. May God protect all the participants of summer local missions and the leadership team of Boston Short-term Mission, so that the gospel may be spread throughout Greater Boston. All the Glory to God's name!



Outreach to our community at August Moon Festival in Chinatown (8/11)

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CORNER

## Caring for those in Need



by MELANIE LAM,  
CHINATOWN ENGLISH

In light of our church's theme for 2019 of "Seeking the Peace of the City," the College Ministry felt stirred to serve a marginalized population of Boston — namely the homeless. During this past spring, the College Ministry partnered with the Social Responsibility Committee to hold a Care Package Building Event. We assembled each care package with a drawstring bag filled with antibacterial soap, comb, brush, deodorant, disposable razor, hair/body wash, lotion, hand sanitizer, shaving gel, tissues, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, a washcloth, the gospel of John, and "The Father's Love Letter," which was scripture

strung together to orchestrate an intimate message from God to His child. To add a personal touch, each package was topped off with an individual note of encouragement and prayers. Some people wrote long thoughtful letters, while others filled theirs with silly drawings with the intention of putting a smile on someone's face.

As a team, we put together 120 care packages! These packages were eventually donated to Boston Rescue Mission and Starlight Ministries. These Christian organizations are both dedicated to providing for the physical and spiritual needs of the homeless in Boston. Soon after our event, I had the opportunity of serving alongside some of Starlight Ministries' volunteers on a homeless outreach at the Boston Commons. They commented on what a blessing the packages have been in their outreaches, as many people were often drawn to them for the free handouts, but ended up staying for the conversation. It was amazing to hear firsthand how God

had used the hands of BCEC members to do something for those in need.

Our event consisted of mainly college students and some young adults, but the event was open to all. In future events, God willing, we hope to collaborate with other ministries within BCEC as well. We are so grateful for the time and space that we had to fellowship together, while we served our community alongside each other!



Joint Chinese Retreat (6/22-6/23)

*Project Destiny:***Serving God with Joy**

by CATHERINE HUYNH,  
CHINATOWN ENGLISH

As I've reflected on my summer, one of the memories I remember most fondly was the time that we were at the Boston Commons for free time, and I was sitting on the grass with one of my campers. We were making friendship bracelets together and talking about how her summer had been, how her family was doing, the field trips she had enjoyed the most, and what she had learned about Jesus throughout the summer. It was a perfect picture of what I had wanted to experience during my time at Project Destiny (PD) — a time for me to care for campers individually and to build intentional relationships with each of them. Although my PD experience met expectations in that sense, there was so much more at work.

This summer, I was able to serve as a senior counselor for Project Destiny, a summer outreach camp for middle schoolers organized by BCEC. The purpose of Project Destiny is to glorify God by serving the Chinatown community, bringing campers to know more of Christ, and offering life-

changing urban ministry experience to its staff. As we were training for camp, our staff team committed this statement to memory, and we trained, prepared, and prayed for PD with this purpose in mind. I had formed an idea of how I thought PD would be by the end of training — how middle schoolers would act, challenges with sharing the gospel, and how worth it interactions would be. However, despite all of the preparations, my assumptions fell short of the fullness of the Project Destiny experience. God had planned so much more for me and for PD than I originally thought.

I have been stretched much throughout the summer and God had surprised me in many ways. One of these surprises came when He sent me a much-needed reminder during one of our morning devotional times as a staff team. Our devotional was centered around the Parable of the Talents — how are you faithful with the little things and the big things? Faithfulness in the little things comes before responsibility with the big things. As we reflected over the passage, I thought of all the little things He had put in my care — bandaging little paper cuts and scrapes, directing morning traffic so campers didn't get run over, and washing counselors' dirty dishes after lunch. God revealed to me how I have been unfaithful in the little things. Although I did the work, I did it with grumblings

in my heart. My view towards these things shifted because of the reminder that God had entrusted me with them, and I should do them with joy in my heart because I am involved in His work even in the smallest ways.

This new perspective not only shifted my view of the little things, but it also gave me more joy in serving in the big things. The "big things" of Project Destiny were the responsibilities I had signed up for from the very beginning — leading my small group, teaching classes, and guiding campers during field trips. However, there was now a new outlook on serving in these ways. I was reminded how God is all-powerful, He is capable of anything, yet He has given me a chance to participate in His Kingdom work. This realization came with so much joy and gladness. God has placed so many little and big things in my care, and in those things, I've been given opportunities to glorify Him in what I do. As I think of this summer and the time I have had at PD, I praise God for the opportunities He has given me in serving, from bandaging cuts to spending time with campers to sharing about Jesus. I find much joy in those past things, and I also have hope and excitement for the little and big things to come.





Base Camp 2019 (8/23-8/26)



Summit 2019 (5/24-5/27)



Newton Mandarin Congregation: Summer Camping (7/26-7/28)



NewtonSERVES 2019 (4/28)



TIOB (Newton youth) Senior Send-Off and Counselor Appreciation Banquet (8/4)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 12 PDAS (PROJECT DESTINY AUTUMN TO SPRING) BEGINS
- 20–22 YOUNG ADULT RETREAT  
*ENGLISH*
- 27 NEWTON PARENTS' FORUM  
*ENGLISH*

### OCTOBER

- 6 PDAS FAMILY NIGHT
- 12 THE MARRIAGE THING  
*ENGLISH*
- 27 ANNUAL MEETING

### NOVEMBER

- 3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS  
*ONE HOUR BACK*
- 8–10 MISSIONS CONFERENCE
- 28 THANKSGIVING DAY  
*OFFICE CLOSED*
- 30 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY  
*NO CEC CLASSES*

### DECEMBER

- 1 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
- 1 CHILD DEDICATION  
*CHINESE*
- 1 CHINESE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
*WINTER SESSION BEGINS*
- 7 ADVENT CONCERT
- 14 COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS  
*FALL SEMESTER ENDS*
- 15 BAPTISM
- 15 CHINATOWN CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 22 CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
- 23–JAN 3 PDAS BREAK
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
- 25 CHRISTMAS  
*OFFICE CLOSED*
- 27–JAN 5 YOUTH MINISTRY BREAK

### JANUARY

- 1 NEW YEAR CHURCHWIDE PRAYER MEETING
- 11 CHINESE LEADERSHIP MEETING  
*CHINESE*
- 12 & 19 RACE, CULTURE, ETHNICITY EMPHASIS  
*ENGLISH*



Chinatown Vacation Bible School (8/12-8/16)



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