



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

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“And if Christ wasn't raised to life, our message is worthless, and so is your faith.” -I Corinthians 15:14
Praise the Lord! We are serving a living God and He is evident in our church.

Upcoming or recently ongoing items to praise God for

1. “Parenting in Two Cultures”

The “Parenting in Two Cultures” virtual parenting workshop is on the way. This workshop will be conducted by Miranda Fung (a community nurse and workshop speaker) on **March 23 at 11 am**. She will speak about how to raise our children in both Chinese and Western cultures, how to understand the struggles and concerns of children, and how to cultivate family harmony. Please invite your friends to sign up on our website: www.ecbchurch.org/children.

2. “Sex, Marijuana, and Other Drugs” youth virtual talk

“Sex, Marijuana, and Other Drugs” is not a talk for parents, but for teens in grades 7-12. This workshop will be conducted by Gavin Lam (a social worker) and Cecilia Chan (a counseling therapist) on **March 27 at 1 pm**. The first 30-40 minutes of this 1½-hour-long workshop will be for both boys and girls, on Marijuana and a general overview about street drugs pre-teens should be made aware of. After the general talk, the attendees will be divided into different breakout rooms, of boys and girls, for another 30-40 minutes of individual workshops about sex. At the end of the different gender sessions, we will have 5-10 minutes of questions and answers with the facilitator. In the last 15 minutes we will get together as a group for any questions for both facilitators or from a male and female perspective, depending on the question. You are welcome to invite your friends to sign up on our website by March 14: www.ecbchurch.org/children.

3. Adolescent Spring Workshops (Grades 7-12)

Please pray for the Adolescent Spring Workshops (for grades 7-12) to be held during Spring Break from **March 29 to April 2, 2021 from 10 am to 4:30 pm**. Whether online or in person, and whether a field trip will be included, will be based on the Government of Alberta's COVID-19 restrictions. Topics include Avoiding Feelings of Inferiority, Handling Peer Pressure, Nutrition, Drug Abuse, Sexual Development, Dating, Overcoming Discouragement, Handling Emotions, Decision Making, Handling Independence, Self-identity, etc. Helena Wong will guide a workshop on Nutrition, Karine Chan will teach 2 classes on making lunch, and Rev. Ng will help to lead this camp. A graduation ceremony will be held on May 8. For registration, go to: www.ecbchurch.org/children

4. Easter delivery on March 12 - 14

Praise the Lord for doing great work through our church. We have packed a total of 66 family Easter bags for 107 children, 20 teens who are helping with the children's ministry, and 6 special-needs teens who are also participating in the virtual worship. Most of the children's bags were filled with activity pages, 3 sets of Easter crafts that we will do on Palm Sunday and Easter, Christian library books, seeds, Easter eggs, and devotional/evangelistic materials for the parents. With Katherine's love, support and hard work over 2 weeks of preparation, we made this Easter outreach possible. Many thanks to Carly Poon and Alice Ma for cutting the crafts materials and packing the bags, Nancy Ng for turning leftover t-shirts from previous VBS into 60 creative tote bags, and Steven Ma for helping to organize the routes for 10 drivers to distribute the packages to the families. Bravos to Bryan and Katherine Wai, Steven and Alice Ma, Miao Ling Tan, Josephine Fung, Chris Lau, Joyce Wong, Phuong, Danny and Renata Szeto, Isabella Wong, and Rev. Ng for bringing joy to the families on the weekend of March 12-14. Some of the families to whom we sent the gifts have never been to our church. Praise God for our brothers and sisters' willingness to reach out to these families and extend God's blessings to them, especially Miao Ling for

forwarding our information to her contact list. Our appreciation also go to Christy Lam for making videos on how to plant and grow edible flowers with the seeds that we sent home. We show these planting videos on our virtual worship every Sunday until after Mothers' day, May 16. Christy will be available to answer any questions.

5. Children's Virtual Worship and Sunday School

Praise God for the faithfulness of our brothers and sisters in making our virtual worship service running smoothly every Sunday. Yivana Au Yang and Lydia Nie have been preparing excellent lesson plans and teaching our children every Sunday. Kayla Yao from the Mandarin congregation has been taking care of the breakout rooms and teaching Mandarin to both preschoolers and children, Karine Chan has been teaching children Bible messages every Sunday, Yivana Au Yang has been teaching the Bible story in English to preschoolers, Mrs. Cindy Li, Mrs. Alice Ma, and Mrs. Fung have been teaching the story in Cantonese. Alice Ma has also been leading preschoolers in singing and Ivana Au Yang has been leading fitness classes. Their love for the children and passion in serving the Lord are greatly appreciated. Together with other youth, such as Kezia Wong, Obadiah Nie, Elijah Nie, Brian Lin, Jedan Lin, Michael Mah and Michelle Mah operating the slides, we have a rehearsal every Saturday evening to prepare for the children's ministry. They are excellent examples of Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." This pandemic has not changed our calling to serve the Lord and extend our love to others, and we know that our toil is not fruitless in the Lord.

6. Tutoring ministry

Would you like to serve through tutoring? Please contact us if you can assist students in elementary, junior high or senior high in any school subjects such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Math, English, Mandarin, or Cantonese online. Times are flexible, and can be once a week for half an hour to one hour. Please contact us if you want to offer your talents and time; no matter how small, it can be used in God's kingdom. Let us serve each other in God's family.

Completed events (between February 12 and March 11) **we want to praise God for...**

1. Children's Ministry Meeting

We had a children's ministry meeting on February 20 to evaluate, update, and plan for the coming ministry. Thanks to Cindy Li for leading the meeting, Helena Wong for sharing the devotional, and Katherine Wong for taking minutes.

2. Children's Ministry Website

Many thanks to Katherine and Brian Wai, Chris Or, and Wilbert Ng for helping to update our website.

3. ESL for Adults

Praise the Lord for Heidi Wong, who has been teaching Intermediate ESL since last November. ECBC has truly been blessed with such a wonderful co-worker during this pandemic. Heidi is a very passionate ESL instructor who cares for each individual student. The students' eagerness to learn and do their homework diligently show how much they have learned from Heidi.

4. Christian Children's Books Ministry

This ministry has been a great tool to reach some of our young families. We welcome donations of any Christian Children's books that are in good condition. Another pick-up of the books we have lent to the children will be on the weekend of March 12-14.