



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

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O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do. Psalm 71:17

Upcoming or recently ongoing items to praise God for

1. ESL for Adults

Praise God for expanding our virtual ESL ministry from one class in November to a second class starting on **Monday, April 12 at 11 am**. The Lord has provided us with an experienced instructor, Cedric Wong, to minister to parents and teach the new Beginner class. Cedric was an English and math teacher in Hong Kong for 10 years before he immigrated to Canada. Even though he grew up in a Christian home, he did some soul searching and decided to follow Jesus when he was 19. He has taught Sunday School classes and led choirs, youth groups, and Bible Studies. He developed many skills from many trades before retiring 11 years ago from his job as an oil field technician and has been enjoying his retirement playing all kinds of sports, such as tennis, badminton, and golf. He is looking forward to meeting his students in the Beginners' class.

Some of us have known Cedric and his wife Heidi from our Small Town visitation. They have two children and three grandchildren. They immigrated to Canada forty-four years ago and lived in Vancouver for 12 years and joined the Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church. Later, under the leadership of God, they moved to Swan Hills, Alberta; they now reside in Barrhead and attend the Barrhead Alliance Church.

Heidi Wong grew up in a family with a strong tradition of idolatry and Buddhist teachings. At the age of 16, she turned to Christ, was baptized, and joined the North American Missionary Baptist Church established by missionaries at that time. She served God in the children's ministry and choir, led the youth group, and participated in evangelism work. Before getting married, she worked as a teacher in two Christian kindergartens. Heidi participate in caring groups, sisters' fellowships, teaching Chinese cuisine, helping people in need in the community, and music ministry at their church, and served in a nursing home about 13 years ago. She worked as a teacher assistant, teaching special needs children, for 12 years. She has been working with special needs adults for the last 15 years. She also volunteered as an ESL teacher for about 18 years and has helped with our Intermediate ESL since last November. She has made a great impact in the life of her students. It is her desire to equip her Christian students to witness for Christ and share the Gospel through learning English. The intermediate class runs on Zoom on **Mondays from 1 to 2:30 pm**.

Please contact **Steven Ma at 780-803-5055** to register for the Beginner's class and **Pastor Hanna Ng at 790-720-7297** to register for the Intermediate ESL. We welcome all adults to join either of these classes.

2. 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, your contribution can be used in God's kingdom. Let us serve each other in God's family.

Completed events (between March 12 and April 9) we want to praise God for...

1. Children's Ministry Meeting

We had a children's ministry meeting on March 20 to evaluate, update, and plan for the upcoming ministry. Thanks to Cindy Li for leading the meeting and sharing the devotional, and Katherine Wong for taking minutes. On March 27, we had another meeting with Cindy Li, Alice Ma and Josephine Fung to discuss the Parents' meeting. We decided to have the preschoolers' parents' meeting once a month, with Cindy Li, Alice Ma and Josephine Fung taking turns leading the meetings on Sundays at 4:15 pm. We have had a wonderful time connecting with the parents after the Preschool Worship on Zoom. The three ladies have done an excellent job in leading the group in Cantonese.

2. Children's Ministry Website

We invite you to visit our children's ministry website. We have uploaded more videos and are continuing to update the site with more videos, including planting edible flowers with Cristy, cooking with Chris Or and Jimmy Trinh, crafts with Lydia Nie, Yivana and Ivana Au Yang, and worship. Many thanks to Wilbert Ng, and to the brothers and sisters who have made this possible.

3. "Parenting in Two Cultures"

The "Parenting in Two Cultures" virtual parenting workshop conducted by Miranda Fung on March 23 received an excellent response. Miranda shared 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. Her experience and expertise are very much appreciated. Many thanks to Alice Ma for hosting this event, Katherine Wong for helping with the slides, and Miao Ling for inviting several new friends.

4. "Sex, Marijuana, and Other Drugs" youth virtual talk

The "Sex, Marijuana, and Other Drugs" youth virtual talk conducted by Gavin Lam (a social worker) and Cecilia Chan (a counseling therapist) on March 27 was very informative. It was a thumbs-up presentation from a scientific perspective addressing the spiritual effects that our youth seldom hear about. We had more than 20 youths attending the Zoom session that day.

5. Adolescent Spring Workshops (Grades 7-12)

Praise God for granting us the opportunity to organize the Adolescent Spring Workshops for grades 7-12 during Spring Break from March 29 to April 2, 2021. This 5-day virtual camp with in-person outings ran from 10 am to 4:30 pm. We had 24 youth, consisting of 12 boys, 3 of whom are special needs, and 12 girls. We thank the parents for all their support and trust.

The camp offered 10 online sessions based on Dr. James Dobson's book "Preparing for Adolescence," on subjects such as dating and marriage, anxiety, what God what says about video games and other addictions, and pornography. Helena Wong, a dietitian, shared her expertise on Nutrition and her wonderful testimony of how she found worth in Christ, a much-needed story for this stage of life. Jackie Lee presented his additional talent in taking pictures and gave us wonderful tips on Photography. Heidi Wong, who has experience working with youth, also had two last sessions with the teens. In addition, an art teacher, Marie Yuan, was invited to lead them in expressing their feelings and in discussing Confronting Chinese Stereotypes. For lunch, Karine Chan taught 2 sessions on cooking delicious Soup Rice and Green Pasta. Jimmy Trinh taught a class on making a delicious Green Onion Cake, Jaden & Brian Lin demonstrated how to make Tuna Sandwiches, and Kezia Wong showed how to make Crepes. Felix Chen led the fitness class. Lydia Nie and Yivana Au Yang prepared couple praise songs to start the day. Once again, a great appreciation to all who supported this camp by teaching the youth how to survive and thrive in their adolescence.

We concluded each day with outdoor activities. On the first day we went to Kinsmen Park/Walterdale Bridge to apply what we learned from Jackie's photography techniques; and on Tuesday, we went to Rundle Park for biking and roller skating. On Wednesday, we had a car wash at the church parking lot. We had fun washing about 20 cars on that day and fellowshiping with the parents. On Thursday, we went to visit Northern Lights Cemetery and heard stories from Helen Mah about her late husband Clifton, from Rev. Ng about Yvette and Dennis Tang, and Katherine Wong about her dad, Samuel Wong. I am grateful for Helen's and Katherine's recording of their personal and moving stories and pictures. It was

so meaningful to learn from those who have lived exemplary lives as faithful followers of Christ. May all who have gone before us find us faithful. I also appreciate Helen Mah for preparing the snack and flowers to present to those who have gone before us. Later, a few of us also visited Holy Cross Mausoleum. On the last day, the teens went to the U of A campus for an experience tour with Gary Chan, Ryan Chau, Tammy and Johanna Ng, who shared their university experiences in order to prepare the teens for their higher education.

This camp resulted from the huge efforts of Katherine Wong, Alice and Steven Ma, who organized, purchased, packed, and delivered the materials. They packed 5 days' worth of ingredients for the youth to learn cooking, materials for art, and worksheets that were delivered by Danny Szeto, Katherine & Bryan Wai, Alice & Steven Ma, and Rev. Ng. Chris Lau helped with purchasing wooden crosses from several stores for the commitment arts. I am very grateful to the members of ECBC who donated generously to this camp. In addition, I thank God for the support from Rev. Ng, so that the work seems much lighter. A huge appreciation for those who poured out their love for the youth of our church. Praise God for calling us to embrace these young people with the love of Christ. With their much-needed cooperation we hope to pass on the baton to our future generations and leaders. A graduation ceremony is planned for May 8. A grade 11 student said she wished she could have learned all of these things when she was younger, and was grateful for the opportunity. The last time we had this type of teaching was more than 8 years ago. Praise God for the privilege to be part of our youth's development.

6. Easter Worship

Although we had an Easter joint worship, we saw the need for a virtual preschool worship, fitness class, and children's worship. Thanks to Yivana Au Yang, Ivana Au Yang, Lydia Nie, Karine Chan, Alice Ma and all the teachers' faithful services and love for the children. Bravo to Yivana Au Yang for taking the time to create the "Make Me a Servant" video as a reminder to us to follow Christ's sacrificial example: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters" (1 John 3:16). The Bible calls us to serve one another in love; Galatians 5:13 says: "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love."

In His Service,

Hanna Ng
Children's Pastor

兒童部四月份工作報告

為已經完成及正在進行的項目感謝神

1. 成人英文班

讚美神我們網上的英文班事工由十一月的壹班，擴展到第二班，這班在四月十二日上午十一時隆重開課。神為我們安排了一位很有經驗的教師 Cedric Wong 來教導我們家長的新班。

Cedric Wong 老師在未移民加拿大以前在香港教英文和數學有十年之久。他雖然生長在基督教的家庭，但他十九歲的時候，經過屬靈方面的追求，決志信主。他有教主日學，帶領詩班，青年團，查經班。他有多方面的經驗和學問，是一位油場的技術員，十一年前已經退休。他喜愛各種運動，如羽毛球，乒乓球，高爾夫球等。並非常期待在英文新班，接見各位同學！

我們有好幾位在小城探訪的時候，認識了 Cedric 和他太太 Heidi。他們有兩個孩子，三個孫子。在四十四年前移民到加拿大，住在溫哥華十二年，參加溫哥華華人浸信會。後來，隨著神的帶領，移居 Swan Hills ,Alberta。他們現居 Barrhead,在 Barrhead Alliance Church 聚會。

Heidi Wong 生長在一個很強佛教思想的家庭，她十六歲的時候信主，受浸。她當時加入由宣教士設立的 North American Missionary Baptist Church。她在兒童事工，詩班，青年團契及宣教工作，服事神。婚前，曾在兩所基督教的幼稚園做教師。Heidi 參加關顧組，姊妹團契，教煮中餐，幫助社會有需要的人，教會的音樂事工。十三年前在護老院工作。有十二年協助有特別需要的兒童。最近的十五年幫助有特別需要的成年人。有十八年，她自願做 ESL 英文的教師，並在去年十一月開始，來幫助我們的英文中班。她非常關心自己學生的屬靈生命，她的目標是去裝備她的學生為主作見證，藉著學英文來分享福音。中級英文班在網上，逢週一，下午一點至二點半。

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Hanna Ng，電話 780-720-7297 中級班。

歡迎各位成年人報名參加！

2. 補習班

請問，你願意在補習班裏服事嗎？如果你可以幫助，初級，中級或高級班學生，在化學科，物理科，生物科，數學，國語或粵語，作網上補習，時間可以調整，每週一次，每次半至壹小時。請聯絡我們。獻上你的時間和恩賜，不論多少，用在神的國度裏，在神家彼此服事。

(三月月十二日至四月九日) 完成了的事工，感謝神，

1. 兒童事工會議

在三月廿日，我們舉行了兒童事工會議，來檢查，跟進及計劃將來的事工。謝謝 Cindy Li 主領會議，靈修分享。Katherine Wai 做記錄。三月廿七日，我們又開會，有 Cindy Li，Alice Ma 和 Josephine Fung，一齊商討跟家長的約會。我們決定，改為每月一次“學前班學生家長會”由 Cindy Li，Alice ma 和 Josephine Fung 輪流帶領。時間在主日下午四時十五分開。用 ZOOM 在學前班學生崇拜之後，跟他們的家長們有一段美好的交流。這三位女士是講廣東話，做得非常好！

2. 網上兒童事工

我們邀請你來閱覽我們的兒童事工網站。我們已經登上頗多的錄影帶，並且在不斷的更新。內容有 Cristy 種植可以食的花，Chris Or 和 Jimmy Trinh 的烹飪班，Lydia Nie, Yivana，Ivava Au Yang 的手工。感謝 Wilbert Ng 及眾弟兄姊妹的幫忙。

3. “怎樣教養那生活在兩種文化下的孩子”

三月廿三日，有 Miranda Fung 主領這工作坊，非常成功。Miranda 分享怎樣培養孩子們在這中，英文化下成長，要多了解孩子們的掙扎，生活和細節，能維護家庭的諧。她無價的經驗和專業很得到讚賞。多謝 Alice Ma 主領聚會，Katherine Wai 放播投影，Miao Ling 邀請了幾位新朋友。

4. “性，大麻，毒品”的青年講座

這講座是由 Gavin Lam (社工) 和 Cecilia Chan (輔導員) 在三月廿七日舉行。資訊詳盡。是一份最佳的報導，由科學伸延至屬靈方面的事，青年們很難聽到的機會，那天我們有超過二十位青年用 ZOOM 參加。

5. “青少年青春期”的夏季工作坊

感謝神賜我們機會組織這一個為青年人預備了的，“青少年青春期”的夏季工作坊。趁著學校春節假期由三月廿九日至四月二日，為第七至十二班的同學而舉辦的。這五天的日營，有外遊的時間，由上午十時至下午四時三十分。我們有廿四位青年參加，內有十二位男的，包括三位有特別需要的，另十二位是女孩子。多謝家長們給我們的支持和信任。

這日營在網上有拾個環節，取自 Dr. James Dobson 所寫的書，“Preparing for Adolescence”，內容包括：約會，婚姻，顧慮，神怎樣講及的手機遊戲，其他毒癖和色情書畫。Helena Wong 營養師，分享她的營養專業，與及怎樣找到了耶穌，這人生最需要的階段。Jackie Lee 講到他對攝影的心得，並提供了很多拍攝的技巧。Heidi Wong 有經驗的青年工作者，也跟學員上了兩課。Marie Yuan 藝術家，帶領他們怎樣去表達情緒，研究怎樣面對

扭曲了的古老中國形像。Karine Chan 教做兩道午餐，煲美味的米粥和菠菜芝士通粉。Jimmy Trinh 教做蔥油餅。Jaden 和 Brian Lin 示範做 Tuna 三文治。Kezia Wong 教他們做脆薯片。Felix Chen 帶做運動。Lydia Nie, Yivana Au Yang 負責每日開始時的領詩。再次非常感謝各位支持這日營，教導我們的青年人怎樣成功渡過青春期。

我們每日以外遊作結束。第一天去到 Kinsman Park / Walterdale Bridge，實習 Jackie 的攝影功架。星期二，我們到 Rundle Park 騎單車，溜雪板。星期三，在教會停車場洗車跟父母一起洗了二十多架車。星期四，我們參觀 Northern Light 墳地，細聽 Helen Mah 講述她離世的丈夫。吳牧師講離世的 Yvette Tang 和她兒子 Denise Tang 的往事。Katherine Wong 講及她離世的父親 Samuel Wong。Helen Mah 和 Katherine 還展示了這些往前的照片及影片，很有意思。憶述了那些離世的人，以前怎樣活出對神的忠心。Helen Mah 還準備了鮮花，糖果放在每位先我們而去的主內弟兄姊妹的墓前，以示懷念。有些人，却走到附近的 Holy Cross Mausoleum 參觀。最後一天，青年人集合在 U of A 的校園，由 Gary Chan, Ryan Chau, Tammy 和 Johanna Ng 等，分享他/她們的大學經驗，讓有意入更高教育的青年早作準備。

多謝 Katherine Wai, Alice 和 Steven Ma 他們大量的付出，幫助組織，購買，包裝，運輸等。他們用了伍天的時間預備，給青年們在學習烹飪，勞作材料，工作紙等。後由 Danny Szeto, Katherine 和 Bryan Wai, Alice 和 Steven Ma, 吳牧師。Chris Lau 幫忙從多間商舖購買木的十字架作勞作。我非常感謝愛浸弟兄姊妹為日營作出的慷慨捐贈。我也特別感謝神，有吳牧師的支持，輕減了我很重的負擔。更多謝你們為我們教會的青年們，付出的愛。讓我們用神的愛來擁抱他們。撐着大家的合作，希望將這典範，傳留給將來的領袖們。我們計劃在五月八日有結業禮。有一位十一班的同學說，如果她能夠早些學到了這一切那就好了，感謝如今這個機會。上次我們有類似的教導，已是超過八年前的事了。感謝神使青年們得以成長。

6· 復活節聯合崇拜

雖然我們有這聯合崇拜，我們仍需要有學前兒童的崇拜，體育，及兒童崇拜。多謝 Yivana Au Yang, Ivana Au Yang, Lydia Nie, Karine Chan, Alice Ma 和所有教師們的忠心事奉，及愛護兒童的心。感謝 Yivana Au Yang 用時間制造了名為”讓我做個僕人”的影帶，使我們追隨基督受難的榜樣：“主為我們捨命，我們從此就知道何為愛，我們也當為弟兄捨命。”（約翰壹書三章十六節）。聖經吩咐我們要用愛彼此服事。加拉太書五章十三節：弟兄們，你們蒙召，是要得自由，只是不可將你的自由當作放縱情慾的機會，總要用愛心互相服事。