

Does the Ottawa July heat reflect the hearts of Christ's followers – on fire for the Lord?! In this summer combined edition of *CCCO-Kennect* publication, we will read about God's works amongst the different ministries in our church family. We are also blessed to have a "Heart-felt Thank You" note from Pastor Enoch. May our hearts and spirits be lifted up and fuel the fire for His Kingdom work.

### Mission Corner

The Missions Department would like to thank Pastor Josh for successfully leading some of our youths to go to Oujé-Bougoumou for the STM this summer, and we are looking forward to hearing more sharings from them. Moreover, Joycelyn has successfully completed her STM from Bolivia and has safely returned to Ottawa. On the other hand, please continue to pray for those CCCO members who will be going or is still in the field this summer: Winston will be leaving for El Salvador very soon and Laura is serving in Columbia.

The CCCO Missions Weekend is scheduled to be on Oct 20-21; our supporting missionaries May Chan and Solina Chy will be there with us to share their ministries in China and in Cambodia respectively. Please mark your calendar to attend this event.

There is good news for our new supporting missionary Cara Johnston; she has obtained the working visa to Angola, finally! Please continue to pray for her preparation for her missions to join Janet Holden for the ministries in Angola.

For the coming Winter Mission Event, Urbana '12 – the InterVarsity Student's Mission Conference will be held on Dec 27-31 at St. Louis, Missouri US. For more information, please visit the web site: <http://urbana.org/urbana-12>

The Missions Department would wish everyone to enjoy and have a great summer. Please continue to pray for our supporting missionaries as their prayer requests are posted in the bulletin every Sunday.

### Greetings from Oujé-Bougoumou – Rev. & Mrs. Enoch Hall

June 29, 2012

Dear Rev. Wong and Congregation of CCCO:

We want to express our deepest heart-felt thanks to your congregation and Church Board, the Mission Committee, and the Youth Ministry for sending us such a fine and excellent mission team to come to minister to the Cree teens at the Bible Camp this past week.

We appreciate very much the leadership of Pastor Joshua Wang and the dedicated youth of CCCO for their tireless hard work every day. (We never heard anyone complaining at all.) They were so eager and willing to pour out their lives into the Cree teenagers so that they could experience the true love of God in Christ Jesus.

The Cree teens bonded exceptionally well with the youth of CCCO and they readily opened up to receive the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Some of the Crees were so touched when they heard the moving testimonies from the CCCO youth and their eyes were filled with tears. We know that the good seed of the Word of the Lord had been sown into the hearts of the Cree teens and they will honor their commitments made to the Lord during the camp and will do their best to serve the Lord.



Words are not enough to show our appreciation to you and your congregation for partnering with us in the effort to reach Canada's original inhabitants with the good news of God's love and forgiveness and to accept God's salvation plan through believing in God's Son as personal Savior.

God will not forget your labor of love, your sacrifices, and your generous giving in supporting and sending your best young people to come to bless us every year. May God richly reward you all for being so faithful in His Kingdom!

We love you all,  
Rev. Enoch & Frieda Hall

### **English Ministry – Pastor Cal Fong**

My last update was at the beginning of my study leave and as I write this one I realize I am in the last few weeks of this one. The time away from formal ministry has been invaluable and the courses I have been taking are challenging, stimulating and refreshing.

The English ministry brought back the English retreat at the end of May. The theme of our retreat was "iDisciple" – a desire to understand but more importantly live, as true Disciples of Christ. Rev. Dan Cavey was our speaker and God used him in wonderful ways teaching us and challenging us from God's word. Many came away from the retreat renewed in their desire to live for Christ and to make a difference in the world in His name. The ECG followed up the retreat with a prayer and sharing meeting two weeks later and we were able to discuss what it is we feel we need to truly walk the path of discipleship. Many ideas were shared but one major theme emerged; mentorship. There was a strong desire from both young(er) and old(er) alike that we needed some structured way of developing a mentorship ministry and culture within the congregation. The ECG will be working on this need in the coming weeks. Thanks to Levia and her team for providing a great breakfast for us during this meeting!

During my leave the English congregation has been blessed by those who have offered to serve in the pulpit ministry. I have heard many good things about our supply of speakers who love God's word and communicate it effectively.

On another note our neighbors at 100 Empress will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Coopérative d'appartements des Jardins has been serving housing needs for the community for the last 40 years. We are privileged to be their neighbors. Keep an eye out for various celebration activities and do make plans to participate!

Personally my leave has been busy and hectic but in a different way! My days have been filled with reading, studying and researching assignments. There have been a few church needs that have demanded my attention. Almost every evening finds Michelle and me driving this kid or that kid to soccer games and practices and we have been away most weekends for tournaments or other events. However, I am feeling very blessed to have this time. God is using it and working in me in wonderful ways. I look forward to sharing with you upon my return.

Blessings to everyone during this hot, dry summer!



### Children Ministry – Salina Yan

It's summer! The children program has special arrangement during this season to accommodate a needed rest for many children workers who have served faithfully throughout the school terms.

Friday AWANA program had their year-end celebration in April, and then will resume again in September for another new term. Sunday TOGETHER program and the music worship time are also having a break in July and August. A summer class is organized for JK to grade 2 children during the Sunday worship time, which is being taken on by a group of brothers and sisters not in the regular teaching. Thanks to their caring and loving hearts to both our children and our children workers.

By God's grace we were notified in May that C&Y ministry's application for a Government Funding awhile ago to heir a summer worker to help run youth and children program was granted. Even though we didn't make plan for VBS initially, and now through this grant we can have a full time worker to run a VBS this year from Aug. 20 to 24. And we were very thankful that Jennifer Gin is able to take on this role to be our summer worker. We pray for strength, wisdom and joy in her serving.

Before the summer and with no plan of VBS, we were concerned of losing contact with the AWANA children and family especially those who don't attend church regularly, so we planned three special family events, one each month. Since the confirmation of VBS week in August, we cancelled the July and August event. We kept the original June event to pick-your-own strawberries on Jun 23. It was perfect weather on Saturday morning. Families and friends together, we had a wonderful time to pick and actually enjoyed the fresh strawberries on site!

Summer break is also an important time to evaluate and to reorganize the Children's Ministry. After two years using a new curriculum for the TOGETHER program, most of the teachers fill in an evaluation for the Sunday TOGETHER program provided us with valuable comments and suggestions. As I read through the comments and sort out the evaluation surveys, two questions came in mind: Why do we have Children's Ministry? What contribute to a good and successful Children's Ministry? Are new methods, more program, would contribute to the solution? These would certainly influence the next step decision.

Lately a sermon I listened to greatly shape my thoughts, touched my heart and renewed my commitment before God. It talked about the most effective ways to pass the Gospel on to the next generation: 1. The Word must be foundational. We must be Biblical men and women. We want the Gospel to empower what ever we do, not the other way around. 2. Families must be strong. We need healthy, Christ exalted and God centered family to nurture the growth of our next generation. We need strong marriages. 3. The Church must be accountable. Families play an important role, but Jesus gave the Great Commission to the Church because families are temporary, but the Church is eternal.

If church is accountable to passing the gospel from generations to generations, how are we doing as a church, and as family?

While I am going to use this summer to contemplate much and plan for the next step for CM, I also plan to share with many parents, children leaders in order to hear from them of the next move in Children's Ministry.



I know if we are to love the children into the kingdom of God, we need to ask God for greater awakening to and through the next generation. Last week I attended a special prayer event for the upcoming Rock the River youth concert in September by Billy Graham Evangelical Association. We were each given a rubber bracelet with the words “I’m praying” on it. I love to wear it most of the time to remind me the importance and the need for a revival, a great awakening to and through our next generation.

Will you join me to pray for our next generation? And will you consider being part of this ministry? Please contact either Pastor Josh or myself to share your passion.

### **Cantonese Ministry – Pastor Francis Wong**

Now that hot summer is here, students are enjoying a long vacation and at the same time, many families are also taking the opportunity to travel and relax. Despite all this, however, the Cantonese Ministry goes on as usual. Here are some of the events that are going to take place soon and please pray for them.

The Cantonese Summer Retreat is scheduled to take place from Aug 4-5, with Pastor William Tan speaking about “How to be a disciple of the Lord – from the perspective of the Great Mission” (Matthew 28: 18-20; Luke 16: 19-28). The three sessions will be respectively centred on:

1. Saving Lives as a Disciple
2. The Faith of a Disciple
3. Salvation for a Disciple

With nearly 30 brothers and sisters registered to take part, we now pray to the Lord that the Retreat be used as an occasion for the enhancement of the spirituality of the brothers and sisters of the CCCO’s Cantonese congregation, and that the members of the preparatory committee, despite their busy schedule for the planning and preparations of the Retreat, continue with their prayers and rely on the help from God for everything.

Since the first Cantonese brothers’ gathering of May 26 was received extremely well and many brothers have encouraged us to organise more gatherings of the same kind, the Cantonese Core Group has decided that the second gathering will be held at Brother Shing Chi Wang’s place on Aug 25. Details will follow and do please set aside time for the event.

The *Word of Life* vision sharing organised by the China Graduate School of Theology at the Emmanuel Alliance Church of Ottawa in early June was received very well. It has been decided that the second round of the sharing will be conducted in Ottawa in the coming autumn. A systematic Bible reading fellowship that has its own regulations and follow-up programmes, the *Word of Life* sharing sessions are intended to encourage believers to live a earnest and committed Bible-reading life so as to experience the richness and essence of the Scriptures. The series consists of eight sessions, each lasting about two hours of worshipping, group Bible studies and Scripture interpretation by teachers from the School. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to study the Word of God!

Details of the free event are as follows:

Topic: Genesis – Everything Starts from the Covenant (8 sessions)  
 Date: Sep 20 – Nov 8, 2012  
 Time: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Thursdays  
 Address: Emmanuel Alliance Church of Ottawa, 4 Thorncliffe Pl., Nepean



### **Mandarin Ministry – Pastor Joshua Yu**

The past two months have seen a series of events and activities, organised for, or participated in by members of the Mandarin congregation. What is worth sharing in the first place is that, on the evening of May 18, the Seniors' Fellowship had a spontaneous thanksgiving musical evening party, on the theme of "The Love from the Cross – Praise the Lord's Grace at the CCCO". Very well-planned and conducted, the party attracted many senior brothers and sisters, who participated in praising the Lord's Grace. The evening party was an indication that the seniors, after experiencing the Lord's Grace, were expressing their wishes by "Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." (Ephesians 5: 19) Thanks to the numerous seniors involved in the preparations for the event, including Ju Yuqi, Nie Xuezheng and He Hongsheng who had made meticulous plans, Huang Zhibao and Chen Xianzhu who provided full support, Ma Zhiyao who worked at the keyboard and Esther Ip who acted as leader and coordinator.

After the Gospel follow-up to the "Alpha Course" in the first half of the year, members of the Mandarin Core Group went on with talks to individual participants in the Course on the Gospel. In June and July, the Zhu Jirong and Li Jieming couple followed one another in becoming believers. May God bless them in their development on the road to the truth.

Last year, the CCCO, together with the Christian Communication Inc. of Canada, sponsored the Travelling Preaching for the Overseas Chinese in Canada. On the evening of Friday, 8 June this year, the 18th Travelling Preaching for the Overseas Chinese in Canada once again took place at the CCCO. The theme for the Preaching this year was "Where can peace be found?", with Pastor Wei Feng, from the Victory Baptist Chinese Church at Rochester, New York (VBCCR), USA, as the speaker. Around 155 people participated in the Ottawa stop of the preaching, roughly equal to the number of people attending the preaching last year. Among these were 50 faith-seekers and 50 brothers and sisters newly converted the Lord. Five people responded to the call before the altar and two others expressed their interest in the Gospel. A follow-up ministry will be conducted for each of them. A thank-you to brothers Youlian Pan and Lapkin Ip and the other brothers and sisters who were involved in the ministry for the Preaching and may the Lord remember their contribution.

After the Preaching, the CCCO invited Dr. Timothy San-Jarn Wu, professor of Old Testament at the China Evangelical Seminary, Taipei, Taiwan, to speak at the two preaching sessions (conducted at the Ottawa Chinese Untied Church) for local Chinese churches. The preaching included a Spiritual Revival Conference, on the theme of "Seeing through a life of hardships from the perspective of Jobs", on the evenings of Jul 6-7, and a lecture on "How to study the Old Testament", which fell on Jul 7. Every brother and sister who was present at the Conference and the Lecture felt that his or her attendance had turned out to be their blessings and gains.

Once again, the summer (from Jul 1 to Sep 2) sees the Cantonese and Mandarin congregations merge for combined worship services. In order to care for and unite the brothers and sisters of the Mandarin congregation, the Mandarin Core Group has planned a series of summer events and activities, including a one-day picnic tour at the Andrew Haydon Park on the bank of the Ottawa River on Jul 14; a three-day, two-night camping in early August; and a Retreat at the end of August. In addition to these, the cell groups of this church will also organise summer gatherings and parties. In other developments, the Seniors' Fellowship, which took place every Wednesday morning, has been changed to a biweekly event for the summer.

The Tang Emperor Li Ang wrote, "All are vexed by the summer heat, but I am fond of the season for its long day hours". In this beautiful summer, we extend our best wishes to all the brothers and sisters of the CCCO family and may their families have a peaceful, fun and unforgettable time.



## **Youth Ministry – Pastor Josh Wang**

What an amazing time of year, we get to enjoy the beautiful weather, witness marriages of friends and see the harvest in Ouje! We've just returned from our mission trip in Northern Quebec and witnessed 9 out of the 10 Cree youth who attended make decisions to follow Jesus Christ. Please pray that the Spirit would continue to guide these youth into all truth. Praise the Lord that we've already had 4 of the Cree youth return to Ottawa to visit our teens! In the coming weeks, you will hear sharing from our youth both verbally and through the CCCO-K about what the Lord has been teaching them through this experience!

At the end of May, our youth prepared through prayer and hard work an amazing coffeehouse outreach event for their friends. What is most notable is not the amazing drama, music, speaking and preparation but the fact that our youth are not ashamed of the gospel and invited 40-50 unchurched friends to attend the event. They made an intentional effort to reach those whom they influence at school! The Spirit worked powerfully that evening and many of the guests were in tears and asking meaningful questions in their lives. Some of them have attended our fellowship events since and our youth are encouraged to bring them to Rock the River in September as well. We are really seeing our young people take hold of the greatest commandment and setting an example in the great commission.

In June, our youth took part in Feeding the Multitudes, Pastor Dave (from OCAC) and I suggested an idea and received funding from the Billy Graham Association and Samaritan's Purse to help feed the hungry in downtown Ottawa. Our young people joined forces with our neighbors at OCAC and 73 of us made hundreds of sandwiches and distributed them around downtown. Many individuals were extremely encouraged by our young people and their generosity! Some of our youth were involved in raising funds for relay for life to the amount of \$1600. Our youth also helped raise \$3200 for World Vision the previous month.

We look forward to this summer's Discipleship Week (Aug 13-17, 9:30am-12 noon) entitled "Weird: Because Normal isn't working". This year, we are based on a curriculum which examines the way Jesus commands us to live our lives. These days, it's normal in society to have our relationships strained, be overwhelmed and have our marriages broken. In our oversexed world, premarital sex, guilt and shame are far more common than purity, virginity and a faithful married sex life. While many believe in God, most don't seem to incorporate the teachings of Scripture into everyday life. When we live as a response to God's grace and according to His Word, we will have a Christ-centered life on everything from priorities, family, work, school, money, scheduling and purity and we will look different as Christ did. As usual we will also be involved in serving our local community and the youth will be exposed to various needs around us and find practical ways to help.

The following week, we will be hosting VBS "Sky", many of our youth have already signed up to volunteer for the week and help communicate the gospel to our children and those in the community! We have a busy Fall ahead as we have the Fall Retreat and Rock the River. Fall Retreat is integral to help build solid relationships that last throughout the entire year in YF. Our experience has shown that youth that attend Fall Retreat establish positive relationships with youth that will push them in their walk with Christ which spills over into all areas of life! Rock the River is a once in a generation opportunity and it's been a privilege to work closely on the committee with the Billy Graham Association. Their commitment to excellence in communicating the gospel has been a blessing for me to witness behind the scenes.

As usual, we continue to meet with students, pray with them and be available to them as they experience the joys and trials of life. Pray that the Lord would raise new volunteers in the youth ministry for the upcoming year. Please continue to play your part in helping our church discover what it means to model following Christ in all areas of life from marriage, family, finances, work, study at school and relationships.

Weekly updates available here: <http://youth-fellowship.blogspot.com/>

