



In late June, 10 high school students in grades 9-12, led by six adult leaders completed a mission trip to Ouje-Bougoumou, ministering to Cree youth. Children’s ministry did not stop outreach during the summer break, as VBS will be returning to CCCO in August. English core group continues to pray for and seek God’s vision and direction for the English ministry. Cantonese and Mandarin congregations have combined worship during July/August. How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! Meanwhile, the Cantonese and Mandarin core groups started preparing for new ministries, such as Words of Life bible studies and student ministry, respectively. We ask for your prayer and support. May we all remember the Great Commission: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Elders Board – Eddie Yan

Since we mentioned the contemplation of planting a church for the next generation in the last CCCO-K abridged version, some brothers and sisters expressed the desire to have more information on the rationale and timing for this initiative for the purpose of praying.

For the rationale, we would like to recap some of the factors leading to such an idea as follows:

- The growth (numerically and spiritually) of our college and career, children and youth ministries;
- The silent exodus of young adults who have been nurtured in CCCO but have difficulties seeing CCCO as a spiritual home for the future;
- The challenges of a multi-language and multi-cultural church in both direction and decision making; and
- The explicit expression by the next generation to form a spiritual home where they can take ownership and reach out to their peers free from the current CCCO real or perceived constraints.

For timing, there has been a desire in our church to plant a new church to further God’s kingdom in Ottawa. As we pray about this desire, it becomes increasingly apparent that planting a church for the next generation is the appropriate thing to do. Indeed there is some urgency for it as indicated by the factors listed above.

The initiative of planting a new church for the next generation is compatible with the searching for two ministry pastors, a process which is well underway. Both serve the pressing needs of our church. We recognize church planting is the most significant initiative since the birth of our church 24 years ago. Therefore as a church, we particularly need God’s guidance. Currently we have formed an Ad hoc committee to address the following:

- How our church can follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this initiative;
- Identity for the church to be planted;
- Implications to our church;
- Plan of pertinent actions, etc; and
- Any other relevant issues.

This committee is composed of Eddie Yan (chair), Pastor Josh Wang, John Chan, Alfred Tsang, and Vincent Wong. We plan to have these issues discussed at length in the Fall Congregation in November. Meanwhile the committee and the Elders Board welcome any questions that you might have.

We sincerely ask all of us to pray for this significant initiative so that God is gloried in the process.

English Ministry - Pastor Calvin Fong

I write this update between the readings and assignments for my latest seminary course. Once again it has been good to focus on studies and to give my mind and body a break from regular ministry.

Over the last few months the ECG has continued to engage the English ministry in discerning the direction and vision God has for us. In parallel we have been praying about the idea of planting a new church and its primary focus on meeting the needs of the next generation and beyond. There has been good sharing and discussion on this matter. As the Elders Board has formed an ad hoc committee to begin preliminary work on this we are excited to see where God leads in this regard.

The ECG has also restarted our monthly Wednesday night prayer meeting at the church. Opportunity exists on the fourth Wednesday of each month to gather at the church to pray. While our focus will continue to be the direction and vision of the church we also pray for a wide variety of needs and concerns. As well we praise God for His continuing goodness and faithfulness. Please come and join other brothers and sisters in prayer.

From the pulpit we have a few guests during my study leave time. Jazz and Hope Li (July 7) and Rev. Gary Tse (July 28) will capably fill the pulpit in my absence. As well there was a Family Worship Service (July 14) coordinated by the C&Y ministry and the OJ team shared on July 21.

Before my leave I began a short, fun, sermon series entitled, “Truths from Dr. Seuss” taking these familiar and popular children’s books and paralleling them with Scriptural truth. I will continue this series in August.

Congratulations to Chung and Jean Kan on the birth of baby Micah. We trust you will continue to experience God's amazing goodness and strength as new parents!

Continue to pray for the ECG as we head into the fall and the resumption of many ministries. We are considering the use of the Billy Graham Association's "My Hope" ministry to help us be more mindful and intentional in reaching our friends and neighbours. Sunday School, Worship, prayer opportunities and leadership training are other areas we need to plan and strategize for.

Cantonese Ministry - Grace Wang

The Word of Life bible sessions were completed at the end of May. After a long day of work, 36 brothers and sisters from CCCO participated for the eight week course in the evening on the study of the book of Exodus. On the Wednesday before the last session, we had a devotional meeting led by Mr. Leung from the China Graduate School of Theology in Hong Kong. He gave us much encouragement through the sharing on "Be strong and of a good courage" from the book of Joshua. Our next session will begin on Sept. 26 on the study of the book of Leviticus. Many of us may find the book of Leviticus boring. Hence we encourage you to come and join us. As we listen to the teaching from the CGST lecturers, we may get more understanding of the text and find the book interesting to read.

In June, we had a bible devotional conference presented by Gracious Light Community Center led by Dr. David Pao. The theme was "A different life style from others". Many brothers and sisters from different churches attended. We gained many new insights from Dr. Pao and enjoyed a spiritual feast.

As there are a few people who accepted the Lord through the April evangelical music drama, "The Unending Story", we had Pastor Francis Wong provide us training on how to do follow up on new believers. He previously gave us training on how to be a counselor before this event. More than ten people joined the afternoon training session. Please continue to pray for these new believers and the follow up work.

For the adult fellowship in May, we had six couples, who took the three day marriage enrichment course, shared on what they learned from the course and how the course impacted their marriage. They encouraged the rest of us to sign up for the marriage enrichment course for next year. In the June adult fellowship meeting, we held a BBQ dinner, with games and sharing on the Word of Life bible study session.

The Cantonese Men's group continued to hold their bi-monthly meeting which included dinner, group discussion and sharing. They watched a DVD series called "God and Men". There will be a women's day retreat to be held on Aug. 24 at Grace Wang's home and Esther Wong will be our speaker.

There are great needs for the senior caring ministry as many of them are physically very weak. We had Norman Toy, George Kong, Tim Law, Anita Yeung and Kitty Ma participating in the visitation ministry.

There will be combined Worship Services for the Cantonese and Mandarin Congregations during the July/ August summer months. It will alleviate the task of finding speakers for the service. It also helps to bring the two congregations to know each other better. We pray that God will send His servants shortly to shepherd His people at CCCO.

Mandarin Ministry – Mandarin Core Group

We held our 3rd Cell Group Leaders Learning / Sharing session on June 22. Brother David Zhou prepared the material and led us for a lively sharing and discussion. It was mentioned that some of our cell groups have been existed for many years and are attended by the same people. It is now getting a bit stagnant. There is a need for us to revive our cell group function to make it more relevant and dynamic, to develop a systematic way to minister our congregation / cell group members, and to have a transition plan for our current cell group leaders to take a break and for others to take up the cell group leader role. It was also mentioned that one of the effective ways for the cell group members to minister to each other is to split into smaller group of 3 to 4 to share and pray for each others as part of the cell group meeting agenda item. As we continue to find ways to improve our cell group ministry, we covet your prayer support and any idea for improving our cell group ministry.

We had a music Sunday service on May 18 conducted by Esther Wong Shimu and our praise team. Many in the congregation are touched by the message. Five new believers accepted the Lord to be their savior that day. We hosted the 19th CCIC Across Canada Evangelical conference lead by Rev. Luke Zhang on June 14 at CCCO. Praise the Lord for His amazing work. We had prepared a seating plan for around 200, but over 300 came to the meeting on Friday and 12 people (3 are from CCCO) accepted the Lord to be their personal savior. In addition, some of us also participated in the new believer training session that Pastor Francis Wong conducted for the Cantonese Congregation and we are now using the materials to follow-up the new believers, who accepted the Lord in these Evangelical services.

We are preparing a student ministry to be launched in September; we will focus on the Mandarin Speaking University students. The planning is on-going. Please remember brother Youlian Pan, Morris Zhang, and Chunsheng Li in your prayer as they start their planning for the launch of this ministry. This will be one of our



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major out-reaching objectives this year and pray that our Lord will give us wisdom, strength and resources to do this ministry.

On June 19, we held a special sharing meeting by Canada Chinese Family For Christ Executive Director Tony Luk on couple relationship and relationship with 3 generations at CCCO. We had a great turn out from our Mandarin Seniors. At the end of this session, we also spent sometimes to pray for the Ouje Mission trip. We had few young people (Peter Zhou, Yichen Wu, Jack Han and Allan Jiang) from our Mandarin Congregation families went to this mission trip. We look forward to their sharing.

Our Seniors finished another season of Senior Fellowship/Sunday School on Sunday and will resume in September. Their Wednesday bible study group also takes a summer break and will start again in September. However, some of the seniors singing fellowship gathering are still going on in various senior apartment buildings.

At the time of preparing this report, we have 20 people (including three from Cantonese Congregation) registered for the Inter-Church Bible Study Methods Training by Rev. Johann Lai on July 19 and 20 at OCAC. It is a good turn out; please pray that all of the attendees will be benefited from this bible study method training.

Our families will have a camping at Lake Phillip in Quebec over the August 2-4 long weekend. Please contact brother Trent Yang at 613-424-6909 for more information. We will also be holding our annual Mandarin Congregation Summer Retreat on Aug. 10. The Theme for this year’s retreat is “To be a blessing to others”. We urge all of the Mandarin Congregation to make an effort to join. This is a special time for us to praise, to learn, to have fun, and to get to know each other better. Please register with Jiaolan Wang (613-656-3918) or Yafang Zhu (613-592-1726). We encourage you to participate and pray for these upcoming events so that all of us will be benefited.

Missions Ministry – Frederick Cheung

Praise the Lord! Andy Zhu and the YF Oujé-Bougoumou Team have safely come back to Ottawa after their Short Term Missions Trip from Quebec. You must have heard about their STM experiences a lot! We praise the Lord that He has used them to outreach the lost.

This year, the CCCO Missions Department has supported one new missionary and one new scholar for their ministry works. Ruby Wong is serving the Christian Organization of Power To Change, and she is outreaching the students at Carleton University. Shaun Liu is a student of Regent College in Vancouver BC, and he is studying Master of Theological Studies and Linguistic Studies. Their prayer requests and updates will be posted on the Missions Notice Board on the second floor and the Worship Bulletin on Sunday. Please pray for their ministry works.

We thank you that our supported missionaries Jazz and Hope Li have done a sharing about their campus ministry on the Sunday English Worship Service on July 7th. In addition, our supported missionary, Alice Chen, will also come to visit us at the end of October and the beginning of November to share her ministry with the Evergreen Friendship Centre.

Currently, the CCCO Missions Department is planning the upcoming CCCO Missions Conference on November 8-10, 2013. Please pray for us for the coordination of the Conference, such as arranging the programmes and the speakers.

Last but not the least, the CCCO Missions Department would wish everyone a good summer.

Children Ministry - Salina Yan

Let me start with a joyous update: our long anticipated first Awana baby finally arrived on June 4. Micah Mo-Hei Kan weighed 7 lbs 14oz (now is approaching 10 lbs). Jean (our former Awana Commander), Chung and baby Micah are adjusting well into their new roles with JOY.

Summer Sunday Children class is running in July and August by summer teacher/helper teams for the 3 years old to grade 2 children. They are learning from the theme “growing up for God”.

On June 14 evening, Children’s Ministry volunteers conducted a children program in partnership with the Mandarin joint churches evangelical event. We were overwhelmed with 28 children packed the room. Yet it was a joy to see so many children and that means many parents attended the evangelical meeting. Prayed that the seed of the gospel be spread and grown in the heart of the families.

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy outdoor family time together. C&Y ministry organized a one-day family fun at Logos Land recreation park on June 22. Even though the weather wasn’t pleasantly cooperate, children still enjoyed all the water activities under the chilly, rainy weather...and asked to come back again if at all possible.

The 2nd Family Worship Sunday took place on July 14. The theme was “Celebrating the FAMILY”. We were blessed to have Pastor Shawn Veitch encouraged parents and families with the Word of God. What could be a more beautiful picture than to see the Family of God embracing families; families sitting together, families



holding hands to pray together ...? Another beautiful picture was to see the body of Christ serve together before and during the worship service putting in their 110% commitment all to the glory of God. Stay tuned for the 3rd Family Worship Sunday coming up by the end of October.

VBS is coming from Aug. 12-16. Neva Hui, VBS coordinator, is gearing up with lot of preparation and training. The VBS team can still benefit with more adults, parents or university students. Please contact Neva (ccco.vbs@gmail.com) if you're available to help even just for part of the time. Pray that this year VBS can again reach out to many more children, especially those who are from non-Christian families. May this year's theme "Kingdom Rock" help them not only to know God, their creator and also learn to stand strong for God.

Summer is only a breather to the coordinators of the different Children's Ministry program. They have already started planning and recruiting for regular Sunday/Friday children programs to resume in September. If you love children and would like to help in children programs; please, please don't hesitate to contact Salina Yan (salina.yan@ccco.on.ca). Or even you just want to learn more about this ministry, I'm more than happy to share about the joy in serving in Children's Ministry with you.

Youth Ministry – Pastor Joshua Wang

Psalm 103:17 But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children.

Our recent family worship service (July 14) reminded me that we truly are a Family of families. What a beautiful picture witnessing brothers and sisters of each generation continuing to influence generations to come. Each year, brothers and sisters give up their vacation time, weekly evenings, financial resources, prayer and fasting to our young people! Never forget that these young people will quickly become families and church leaders themselves!

These years in children & youth ministry are critical in developing mature disciples of Christ who we pray will become faithful witnesses, godly parents and servants. This does not happen overnight or through any one event, but through consistent teaching and godly examples set for them by brothers and sisters. Please pray for the C&Y ministries and our church as we desire His wisdom and guidance.

In May, our youth worked faithfully together in preparing for our coffeehouse outreach event. Each year, the youth work incredibly hard towards this event but they agree that the fruit is worth the labor. They cooperated with one another in organizing the decorations, food, program, games, testimonies, music, drama, videos, welcoming, invitations etc. In the process they learn that brothers and sisters may not always agree on things that they are passionate about, however; they also learn to forgive and receive forgiveness in the process. On June 1st, over 100 students attended our coffeehouse. We had 90 chairs set up and many sat on the side benches and stood in the overflow at the back of the sanctuary! What is most encouraging is that the youth were passionate about inviting their unchurched friends to a gospel centered event that they had ownership of. The gospel was preached through testimonies, drama, and media in a powerful way that speaks to a generation that craves authenticity. For the past few years, we have had YF alumni like Jeff Ling, Manson Yan and Neva Hui preach the gospel through Scripture and their testimony. This year we had Kiera from our YF share as well. Praise the Lord that our students continue to engage their friends at school, they are beginning to be kingdom people; not only bringing friends to church but bringing the church to the world.

Many in our YF also participated in weeks of preparation for our Mission trip to Oujé-Bougoumou. This year, 10 of our youth along with 6 adults ministered to 24 Cree youth! (see picture below) It was the most challenging year as far as the ratio of campers to counsellors that we have ever had, but the Lord was faithful and mighty to save. At the time of this writing, the youth have each submitted an individual sharing and some will share verbally in the coming weeks regarding how the Lord has been shaping them through the process. You will certainly hear more regarding our trip in the weeks ahead. We praise the Lord that you continue to support this trip through your fasting, prayer and finances! Thank you!

As the school year wended down, we continued our Bible study series through the life of Jesus and New Testament Overview, we also had an opportunity to hear about ministry with orphanages throughout China by a representative of International China Concern. Many of the youth are preparing for the upcoming Vacation Bible School ministry to serve the children. We are also looking forward to Discipleship Week (Aug. 19-23, 9:30am-12noon) which is a week set apart for Bible study and deeper spiritual growth. We study Scripture, ask tough and reflective questions and incorporate practical serving opportunities to learn and apply all that was previously learned. Our theme this year is based off of David Platt's new book "Follow Me". Students going into grade 9-12 are strongly encouraged to come each day. Our YF & PE Fall Retreat is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 13-15 or 20-22 as we continue to finalized retreat venues and details. We are also incredibly excited to continue our city-wide Rock the River ministry! Last year, in partnership with the Billy Graham Association we were able to see over ten thousand youth come to hear the gospel preached and this year the BGA has given us permission to use the name to run this event locally on our own! Please pray for the Harvest as we are expanding this ministry to include children & families as well!

As always, you can find weekly updates on cccoyouth.com and feel free to ask any questions or how you can be involved & praying! Please pray for our church and actively take part in caring for and equipping marriages, families and our next generation!

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