

The 26th Logos Baptist Church Joint Mission Conference (Chinese)



Speaker: Dr. Thomas In-sing LEUNG

Dr. Thomas Leung (梁燕城教授) is a renowned philosopher, writer, current affairs critics and a lay Christian minister. He graduates from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and earns his Ph. D. at University of Hawaii, USA. He has a quest for truth since his teen years and at the end finds the truth in the Christian God. He travels around the world, preaching every Chinese community, the words of God. He helped in poverty relief project in the third world countries and assisted in the drug

rehabilitation program in Hong Kong. Currently he is working on enhancing education of rural regions in China.

He is the President and founder of Culture Regeneration Research Society (CRRS) since its establishment in 1993. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of the quarterly journal, "Cultural China". He has been Adjunct Professor of Simon Fraser University and several renowned universities in big cities of China. He is the columnist of both the Economic Journal in HK and Ming Pao in Canada west and he is also news commentator of the Chinese radio stations in four major cities in North America.

In 2012, he has received the "Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal" from the Canadian government for his contribution as ambassador between Canada and China through CRRS ministries. . And in the same year he has also been appointed as the "Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National Committee members' overseas representative" as he has been submitting suggestions to China about issues such as rural village education, diplomacy, health care...etc.

He was invited as the biographee in the International Who's Who of Intellectual (The Twelfth Edition, England), and was also elected as a member in the Five Hundred Leaders of Influences (England). He is honored as one of the century's outstanding scholars when the Dictionary of International Biography issued him a Decree of Merit in 1999. He starts writing since 1975 and has produced some 32 books, more than 100 papers, over 4,000 articles and 100 gospel tapes, circulating among the Chinese communities in every part of the world

Joint Mission Children Conference speaker: Mrs. Mei-Yee Lee



Mrs. Mei-Yee Lee (李胡美儀師母) had been in Thailand/Burma for almost ten years as GOI ' s missionary with her husband, Keith (李傳頌牧師) and three boys, Samuel, Amos and Micah. In Thailand/Burma, Mrs. Lee taught local kids at church and at school as well. They returned back to Toronto in 2009.

MISSION?

MINISTRY THAT SHOULD NEVER CEASE!



Rev. Joseph Wong
Senior Pastor, Logos Baptist Church (Mississauga)
(Chairperson, Logos Baptist Church Joint Mission 2013)

Generally, there are two types of meetings that believers do not like to attend, besides prayer meetings, it is mission meetings. If a church can motivate and encourage one-third of its members to attend, it is already very good, some churches have even less to show! Church prayer meeting is the heart of a church, but the mission ministry is the reproductive system of the church. When the heart stops, the body will die, if there is no reproduction, then there will be no offspring! If a church does not pay attention to prayer, it will be like a walking corpse, it is a spiritual empty shell, and it is no different from a secular association! If a church does not consider mission to be important, but ignores people's lost souls and abandons the Lord's gospel mission, then the church is in a dying stage!

In my past thirty-two years of pastoral work, God has given me a very strong affirmation and belief in the building of the church, that is, we must build a missional church!

Five essential elements in the building of a missional church:5P

I. Passion

The first essential element of a missional church is to have "passion" from the leaders to the congregation. Starting first from the leaders, the senior pastor, pastors and deacons should set an example. Of course, the senior pastor himself is even more important, as he is the leader of the church. If he does not have passion, how is he able to encourage the believers and motivate the congregation to care about the expansion of God's kingdom? In order to give pastors this passion, every pastor should have at least one short term mission experience each year. A church cannot be lacking in passion, a church without passion is a dead church! A pastor's understanding and experience in mission will directly impact his passion for mission. I remember that when I went to Germany in August, I attended a meeting of the medical students of that place. When I saw those Chinese students who came over thousands of miles to undertake post-graduate studies in Germany, there was an urgency in my heart that I really hoped that they would find real faith! I could understand why Paul was so anxious to preach the word to the people in Athens when he saw idols all over the city!

Besides, the elders and deacons should also be diligent in the participation of short term missions, continuing their spiritual pursuit in this ministry with a humble attitude, and do not be proud and over confident because they have known Christ and heard about missions for many years. Let us ask God to give each of our leaders a pure and godly attitude, knowing that mission is not a fashionable trend for a short while, but is a ministry that has not changed over the ages. We should bring with us a godly learning attitude every time we join mission revival meetings, so that over time when the congregants see how the leaders persist in this ministry, they will also be influenced to follow and participate!

Time flies, I have now spent 23 years in Logos, and I have from the beginning considered spreading the gospel to be most important! I have gone on short term mission trips to many different places, but to follow Chinese people, I always have a sense of blood thicker than water. From the time that

I first started seminary studies in 1977, I prayed earnestly with my fellow classmates in tears, urgently asking God to open this iron curtain. I came to North America to plant a church in Mississauga in 1990, because I had to focus on church planting and pastoring, I could not realize my ideal and burden. Even though I had different short term mission experience during this period, but I always have a special feeling for China. In 2007, I started to share my burden with the elders of my church, and since 2008, I have been to China to repay my gospel debt every year. I help to train Chinese pastors in theology and pastoral care, I hope to do what I can for the Chinese people, so that they would have better pastoral care. I hope that the passion and burden for mission that God has put in me in the past will continue to challenge the congregants of my church, this is my hope and prayer!

II. Prayer

A church cannot exist without prayer, especially on mission ministry, we must let the Holy Spirit encourage and revive the congregants. The mission education of the church is not limited to October. In Logos Mississauga this year, in the prayer meetings on the first Wednesday of every month, we use 20-30 minutes to report on mission ministry to the attendees, including to pray for the work and needs of missionaries, mission field, mission team...etc. Prayer is to let the Holy Spirit acts in the church, so that the congregants can experience God's heart in loving people's souls, and to take part in mission to save more souls.

We can see from church history that prayer is the catalyst that puts mission ministry into practice. The Holy Spirit caused the early church to fast and pray, and then to send Paul and Barnabas out! In order for a church to have mission ministry, it must do well in prayer, so that the Holy Spirit will revive the believers, telling us not to be selfish and narrow-minded, but to cast our view on the world and to care what God cares. The pastors should be fervent and persistent in leading the congregants to pray, especially in church prayer meetings. We should not compromise or give up because of low attendance, or even replace with other methods. Instead, we should persist in leading the congregants to return to the truth, otherwise we will only cause the church to enter into a weak and unhealthy stage.

III. Partnership

We can join missions individually, or in partnership with other people, or even with the whole church. Unity is strength. Someone says Chinese people is a bucket of loose sand, but I hope we are not among those. The way that the five Logos Baptist churches working together diligently for mission is such a beautiful thing! Those with a stronger foundation can help those who are weaker, some churches can send both money and people, which is of course a good thing! Some churches can send people but do not have the financial resources, some have financial resources but have no one to send, some find it difficult to send either money or people. But we can cover each other, support each other, and even challenge each other. We have the same mind to work diligently for the gospel that we believe in!

Thank God that for the five Logos Baptist churches, the pastors of every church always come to meetings, and our meetings last at least 3 hours. Their attendance at meetings show how important we see the mission ministry, we each have different roles, we serve together each using our own gifts! It is even more precious for lay leaders to join us, giving us a lot of help!

IV. Pass it on

Mission ministry is not the work of one generation, but it has to be passed on from generation to generation. In order to have successors, not only the existing generation should have the passion for mission ministry, our next generation should also have the ability to carry on. Every time I go to Europe on short term mission, I see huge church buildings everywhere, but they are either abandoned, or sold for business use, or become museums for people to visit. The fallen state of the church make me so depressed. The glorious history of the European missions is a thing of the past and is no longer seen, what a pity! Of course there are a number of factors at work, such as the European immigration policy, the influence of postmodernism..., but the church and Christian

parents' leadership and impact on the next generation is crucial! The church and Christian parents must pay attention, care and sensitive to the spiritual influence of the next generation! I have heard some parents boasting, "I always use liberal education on my children, and I will not force them, but let them freely develop!" The fact is I observe a lot of parents say they give freedom to their children in matters of faith, but academically they would give a lot of encouragement, maybe even "pressure". Is this not a double standard?

This also gives our children a value system that spiritual matters are not as important as academic or physical training. How can this type of growing up atmosphere not cause our next generation to become the sad state of spiritual affairs as in Europe?

To the contrary, today I hear that there are a lot of young people in our Logos churches joining short term mission trips, and even a young couple from the English congregation chose to give up their careers to go to Africa as missionaries! This is the future of the church, we have successors, and we can pass on our baton! What a delightful matter!



V. Power of word

Today's church is going through a lot of difficulties in trying to teach, guide and educate believers to become disciples. This is the main point of our Lord Jesus' great commission! Our faith is not for decoration, what our church produce should not be "religious people", "Christians-in-name", "confused believers" ...etc. The church's mission is not to gather some "consumerism" believers, not to spread some "peace truth", "success theology" to appease people, to induce people to join. Pastors should preach on the Bible in the pulpit, tell the congregation God's will honestly, so that they will take part in the expansion of God's kingdom! No matter what state believers are in, some are very responsive to God's mission, this will of course give us pastors a lot of encouragement, but when some believers are cold, we should not be disappointed, but we should persist, faithful to what God has entrusted to us, and continue to teach on the truth.

God's word is powerful, we must believe that God's word has the effect to "turn death to life". As long as we are focus on passing on God's word, it will work in people's hearts, and has the power to transform and revive! This is the power of God's word that I have personally seen and experienced in pastoral work, it can take back people's hearts from the world and from Satan's hand, so that they can walk in the way of mission ministry and be used by God!

Conclusion:

This year I have the opportunity to take up the post of chairperson of the Joint Mission. At first I was sort of worried and scared, I was afraid that due to my pastoral work at church and my service in several gospel organizations and seminaries, as well as three mission trips this year, will affect the work at Logos Joint Mission. But the Holy Spirit reminded me in prayer that I have to put in my all and ask God for ability to "correspond to work", it is good for us Logos pastors to take turns in carrying this meaningful challenge! After working for half a year, I can fully appreciate the hard work of Rev. Mah and Rev. Lau in the past, but because of God's kingdom, mission is a ministry that I will persist in carrying out!

The church including the whole congregation has not excuse in not putting their all into mission!

Many Thanks for the Past 26 Years

Rev. Michael Lau

Senior Pastor, Logos Baptist Church (York Region)



After 26 years in ministry, Logos Baptist Church - Joint Mission has many thanks to offer to God. Let us illustrate five thanksgiving items.

The first thanksgiving is about having all the opportunities working with God beyond our in GTA and beyond in the past 26 years. Mission is about the action of God. Logos churches were joined hands with God and with each other. Our missional experiences shaped us to become more sensitive to the mighty work of God “in” our churches and around the world.

The second thanksgiving is about the mother church of Logos, Milliken, who was under the leadership of Rev. Peter Mah took the leadership to form the Joint Mission 26 years ago. Since the beginning until the beginning of 2013,

Milliken Logos had volunteered to take up the burden of administration and legal liability of Joint Mission. We would like to thank the Lord for their generosity and faithfulness in leadership.

The third thanksgiving is about the process of Joint Mission became a legal entity and charitable organization in 2012. The process included incorporating LBC-JM in the Federal level as a legal entity. This part of the process was much easier than gaining the charitable status from the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA). CRA did a wonderful job in making sure we are indeed doing according to our incorporated purposes. We thank the Lord for the meaningful assistance of our legal adviser Eva Mak who is a church leader in Mississauga Logos. Now we are in the charitable organization list in website of CRA.

The fourth thanksgiving is about our annual Mission Conference. When CRA asked for past activity history, our annual Mission conference handbooks and posters were strong supporting evidences. Even though our traditional Mission Conference happened on the third weekend of October, but we have maximized our effort in promoting and educating Mission in each Logos church throughout each year. Some churches using October as Mission Month, Short-term-Mission (STM), Mission related seminars during our Sunday School time. Financially, each church was practicing the Faith Pledge for Mission. Because of joined missional effort, LBC-JM can support many missionaries around the world. Many STM visited around the world, like Northern Thailand, Germany, Senegal and Mali, Panama and Venezuela, and China to assist the local churches to expand the Kingdom of God. God called our brothers and sisters from Logos churches to join the global mission team in full time ministry. They are Rev. John and Ruth Chan, Pastor Kanvas and Ann Ho, Rev. Wilson and Liana Lu, Fred and Angela Chu, Victor and Grace Chang, and many others who are different capacities. Logos churches should thank the Lord for building His missional life among us.

The fifth and final thanksgiving is about the pastoral leadership and missional leadership from each church that formed first the Joint Mission Committee then the Board of Directors of LBC-JM. I thank the Lord for their passion and enthusiasm in Mission. Their devoted spirits formed a strong leading committee. Their contribution of time made the annual activities, programs, and conference success. Praise the Lord to protect and devoted a willing heart among the Mississauga representatives to travel a long distant to attend long meetings over the years. When LBC-JM became a legal entity, the directors sent by each church is willing to take up the administration and legal liability of JM as Milliken had done it before.

There are many thanksgiving we should utter before the Lord for what He has done “in and through” us in the past. However, we must also continue to seek for new adventures in the future with our God who is in action until His mission is done.

Mission field Sharing - Germany

Rev. John Chan, LBC Mississauga

After I have graduated from the university in 1991, I moved to Toronto. I then joined Logos Baptist Church Mississauga and became one of their members. It is not possible for me to tell all my experience in detail for the past seventeen years with just a thousand of words. I try to review those days in four aspects.



1. Calling Together

In the summer camp of 1998, when the speaker talked about Jesus asking Peter three times if he loved Him after His resurrection, it seemed the Lord was asking me, "Did you love me? Did you love me more than these?" In the front of the Lord who loved me and died for me, I answered, "Yes, Lord. I love you." The Lord said, "Feed my lamb." Since then, I offered myself to God. I quitted my job, went to seminary to equip myself and prepare myself to serve God in full time.

This special calling experience not only happened to me. Many brothers and sisters also have the same calling experience in the past years. Every year in the summer camp, there are many brothers and sisters respond to God's calling. They dedicate themselves to full time ministry. However, the process from dedication to entering seminary and then into ministry field cannot be done in one day. In order to let these dedicators have a good nurture, support and guiding, a Dedication Fellowship was set up in 2001 to help them. There are four gatherings per year with about 20 – 30 brothers and sisters attending the Dedication Fellowship. In the Fellowship gatherings, they listen to the pastors' sharing, pray for one and other, encourage each other and remind themselves not to forget their promises to God and continue to equip themselves for being a useful vessel to God. Thank God. From 2001 up to date, there are almost ten brothers and sisters have graduated from the seminary. They have also entered mission/ministry field.

2. Growth Together

In the year of 2000, I was the head of Mission Department of LBCM. At that time, I had a little knowledge of mission. I felt I was not the right person in charge of the Mission Department. Thank God. He led Rev. Andrew Lee who came back from Africa to help Logos Baptist Church Joint Mission. Rev. Lee taught me and guided me to understand the mission ministry and how to help the church to promote the ministry.

Since then I served in the Mission Department till 2008 when I was sent to Germany as a long term missionary. During this period, we implemented the education of mission, strengthened the structure of Mission Department and encouraged brothers and sisters to participate in short term mission. In 2001, Logos set a rule of mission ministry and also set up a joint mission ministry committee (this is the former Logos Baptist Church Joint Mission). Reviewing these ten years, I thank God for giving me a chance to grow together with brothers and sisters from different Logos churches through learning and serving in the mission ministry.

3. From Short Term Mission to Long Term Mission

Short term mission is important to Mission Ministry. The purpose of short term mission is to give brothers and sisters a chance to experience personally in mission, open their eyes to see how big the field is and let them focus not only on local gospel preaching but also on preaching overseas. By short term mission, they can know the hard work of missionaries in preaching gospel and establishing churches in other countries. Being the head of Mission Department, I have the responsibility of implementing and leading the mission ministry of the church. Thank God. He gives me many chances of short term mission in other places/countries. From 2002 to 2008, every year I had at least one chance to short term mission. I had been to Panama, Germany and Kingston in Canada.

In May, 2005, Ruth and I led a STM team of several brothers and sisters from the English

Congregation to Czech. During this STM in Czech, the Lord called us to be long term missionaries. God not only calling us but also put this burden on us. In a trip by train, we saw there was a field with a flock of sheep but no pastor to look after them. We both thought accordingly of those Chinese people living in Germany like these sheep without pastor to take care of. We were willing to tell these oversea students about God's love, salvation and the Truth of Bible. We hoped they could build up a good relationship with God as we did. Thus they could find the meaning of life and eternity hope during the years of studying in Germany.

4. Each part does it work, help each other

In 2001 Logos established a joint mission ministry committee. We also set the rule of mission ministry. This implied that Logos was serious on the issue of mission ministry. We grouped the resources of each Logos church and set the rule. All these are done for preparing us to send missionaries out in future. Thank God. Rev. Andrew Lee couple is the first couple of missionaries we sent out. The couple of Rev. Wilson Lui is the first couple of "Home Grown" missionaries Logos sent out. Thank God. He has chosen Ruth and I to be the first couple of "Home Grown" missionaries sent out by Logos Baptist Church Mississauga!

October 28, 2008 is an unforgettable day to me. Ruth and I said good-bye to our family members and the brothers and sisters of the church at the airport. We then set off to our mission journey. Ten years ago, from a young man with a few knowledge of mission till today as a middle age missionary, from calling to entering the mission field, from short term mission to long term mission, from participating to setting the rule of sending missionaries, and now enjoying the full support from the brothers and sisters of mother church, all these are the grace of God!

Mission field Sharing - Panama

Rev. Canvas Ho, LBC Mississauga

The Lord has great patience on me. I had dedicated myself to serve the Lord full time as soon as I accepted Christ when I was young, but I had never had any action towards serving Him full time, because there were needs of the family and the weaknesses of my faith. My wife and I were serving the Lord actively in the church and thought that might mean full time service and satisfied the Lord's calling. When I enjoyed the reward of my job the best, I found that it couldn't satisfy me when one day I will be facing the eternity. I deeply believe what determines what we are going to do in the eternity is depending on what we do in our present lives.



Before I serve in Panama as a long term pastor, I had experienced 4 short term missions in 4 different countries. And each trip experience, I learned the actual mission field situations and its needs which gave me positive influence and helps towards mission and the sharing of the gospel. And each short term mission trip leads me to get closer towards long term mission. As well in every mission trip, I believe I get more than I give out.

As the matter of fact, I could serve the Lord in this age, it's the wonderful kindness of God. What I had served the Lord in the church, my work experience as well as my life experience, could be very helpful for me to use in the mission fields; but of course, at the same time all of these could be my disadvantages towards serving the Lord, such as over-subjective and persistent. May the Lord Almighty help me to have a humble heart to serve Him!

It is the Lord's grace that I could serve Him. It is His wonderful arrangement that I could serve Him in this life stage of mine. This is His mercy and patience to me. My wife and I have the serving heart, is not because we have any talent to serve Him, it is...

2Co 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

The Summer UK/Germany Short Term Mission Trip

LBC Mississauga

Rebecca Leung, LBC Mississauga

Rev. Joseph Wong was the leader of this STM team of a total 6 members to London, UK (Aug. 11 – 19) and Hannover, Kassel & Gottingen, Germany (Aug. 20 – 27).

We were basically serving the Chinese Church In London (CCIL) in Colindale for the first week. Colindale was developed as a London suburb after the tube station opened and used to have an oriental city that shut down in 2008 which has left quite a big population of Chinese there. Our mission there was to run a 3-full day VBS for kids and evangelical workshops for the parents, hold evangelical outreach training and cultivation training workshops for believers, organize a gospel tract distribution event, visit some Chinese business owners, and conduct a few gospel meetings at church.



Talking about running the VBS in London, I was very surprised to see how little resources they had and their struggles to find enough volunteers. We brought from Canada the whole package of VBS materials together with four of us. (Rev. Wong and Tony were responsible for evangelical workshops for the parents.) We helped from the opening, singspiration, games, crafts, Bible lesson time... all the way to the closing. I started to believe that many churches in North America are indeed spiritually mature, vibrant, and doing incredible ministries right where we are. There is absolutely nothing we should complain here, but instead, we should be thanksgiving every day for the abundant supplies to feed our spiritual needs.

When the time came to gospel tract distribution, a local sister and I were placed at the entrance of a tube station close to the church. There were countless people out there who actually considered highly unattractive, and many were not welcoming or friendly at all. Probably some tried to take advantage of us, while some were sincerely glad to meet us and hear why we came. When 2 old (I mean really old) British men approached me, I thought, "Hey, I can finally meet some nice brothers." I greeted them with a warm smile

and asked if they knew about the Chinese church in the area. One of them replied me with excitement and said, "Oh yes, dear! Church... we go to church every night. Haha... the pub is our church. Why don't you join us? You'll be delighted! Haha..." I walked away and said no more. Then I met another British young man whose girlfriend is a Chinese. I initially approached the Chinese lady and tried to invite her to a Gospel meeting. We were speaking Mandarin, so her boyfriend asked me what we were talking about. When he realized what I was doing, he immediately said to me in a very determined tone, "I don't believe in God!" In a split of a second, the Holy Spirit spoke through me gently, "That's why I'm here." He left right away without leaving me any chance to talk.

Gerard Long, the executive director of Alpha USA, once said, "I think the trend is clear and it's not good! Although there are some wonderful churches... the statistics indicate that the Church in America is in a poor state and is heading the same way as Europe." Western Europe is post-Christian, and most leaders are atheists. Regular Christian church attendees of UK services are around 10%. Many large beautiful churches are closing all over. Some are becoming museums and just reminders of Europe's rich past. Some church buildings begin to fall apart, and the cost of repairs is too much. But if you have been binge drinking like young people do today, you are not in a fit state to get up on Sunday mornings. In the past, at least women would not have been suffering from hangovers on Sundays. Sadly, even acknowledging Christian roots, has done nothing to prevent the complete embracement of secularism. A number of European nations will have Islamic majorities very soon in the future. How can this be when Europe has such deep Christian roots?! I wonder how far away from this we are here in North America according to Gerard Long?

I had a chance to meet with the choir pianist of my church in HK who has immigrated to London for 10 years. We had dinner together one night, and I met her husband the first time. I was surprised and disturbed to know right away that he was not a Christian. I had the same feeling of Jeremiah that "His word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot." I then spent the whole night

sharing and explaining the gospel to him. At the end of our dinner and conversation, he still did not accept the truth as I tried to convince him to place his faith in the Lord. I understand that sometimes it takes years for the gospel seed to bring forth fruit. Success in soul winning is simple obedience to spread God's truth to others.

A day in UK to me was like a week! Time didn't fly! Needless to say how my daughter (turning 10 in September) cried for mommy every night when we skyped. I took off with a really bad skin allergy that had never happened to me before. Almost my whole body was covered with itchy rashes. Thank God that it didn't flare up on my face. My family doctor put me on a 5-day course of Steroid and then 3 allergy pills a day until I came back to Canada for another appointment. I'm sort of the naturopathic type and not the conventional type. This trip has left me no choice but finished the Steroid pills in London. Then after taking a couple days of allergy pills, I decided to quit but rely on God alone. My health condition didn't improve much until I came back to Canada. But I thank God for this unique experience of manifesting His power & glory through this weak and fragile body. As we were working with the kids in the VBS we have incarnated James 1:27. When we were sharing gospel on the streets of London we put feet on 2Cor. 5:17-21 as we become ambassadors for Christ urging lost people to be reconciled to God. In all locations we were trying to demonstrate the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters in Christ (1John 4:7-8).

We then headed to Hannover, Germany for the second week of our mission trip. We immediately split into 2 teams. Rev. Wong led team A with Gabriella & me to stay in Hannover, whereas Tony led team B with Eva & Jackie to Kassel. We joined four different fellowships to evangelize to different age groups with their unique background. One thing in common that I found in these fellowships is almost all of the members are Mandarin speaking Chinese scholars who are anticipated to go back to China when they get their higher degrees. I believe that God is doing tremendous things all over the world, and it was awesome to see what He's doing in Germany, and be part of that for a week. He keeps bringing in Chinese scholars to expose to them the Salvation of Christ.

This mission trip has provided me with a unique way to stretch my faith, and it called for sacrificial service that deepens my walk with God in unprecedented ways. Through these opportunities I was forced to step out of my comfort zone and to rely upon God to work in me and through me. It provides me with a chance to truly give up my rights, to humble myself and learn submission and dependence upon God that I rarely embrace here in Canada. I can't think of anything that has caused our people to rely more upon the power of God than our short-term overseas trip. This trip has helped keep me from becoming complacent, and it keeps me in touch with the truth of Hebrews 11:6. It reminds me of one of my favourite stories from the Bible. When Elisha and his servant were surrounded by a huge army, and the servant was terrified, telling Elisha this really didn't look good! Elisha was like, oh yeah he couldn't see the army protecting us, so he prayed to open his eyes to see the much larger army surrounding the other army.

As far as money is concerned, I will not argue that it is expensive to send people on overseas short-term mission trips. Luke 6:38 reminds us that we cannot out give God. 1Tim. 6:17-19 calls us to lay up for ourselves a firm foundation for the coming age through giving. We have been blessed in North America, and we are truly blessed when we give to the Lord's work. We have the resources so we can go, and therefore we should go and do something of kingdom significance and not just out of selfish interest. I believe the financial end is another area in which we can stretch our faith and see God come through. God is faithful.



We can trust God to continue to provide because He will always finance His will.

It's indeed a life-changing & God-glorifying ministry experience. We were doing something at the very center of God's heart. From the beginning, His plan was that all people would know Him. In Genesis 12:1-3, "The Lord had said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your people and your father's households and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'" About 4000 years later, Jesus Himself commanded us to "... 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) As we moved out in God's love, we got to evangelize to people who met Jesus for the first time and their lives were changed forever. All people and countries live in sin and indeed need Jesus. My prayer is that we will continue to press ahead in missions for the glory of God and the gain of His kingdom.

May Psalm 67:1-4 become our prayer as a church, and may we do our part.

Short Term Mission – North Thailand (ChiangKhong Christian Education Center)

LBC Milliken, LBC Jireh

Jacqueline Lai, LBC Milliken



I'm so grateful to have this opportunity to come to CCEC once again. When I came back here, it felt as though I had never left. Everything felt very familiar. In the beginning, I was really curious to know what God wanted to show me through my second time coming to CCEC. One thing that I asked God to do was to open my eyes to the blessings in my life. I was privileged to have the chance to teach the grade 1-3 classes. There were many joyful moments had been shared by my team and the students. They are bursting with energy! I was able to get to know my team members and see their gifts in working with children. All of my teammates had something different to offer. Many times I am reminded to humble myself in my serving life. Sometimes it is through working in unity with my teammates and on other occasions it is through caring for the students and working with them one on one. God was showing me how to live in the way that He loves everyone. God has shown me his love and encouragement through English camp as well. Many of the students were so eager to learn English. Even though the hours were long and there may have been frustrating times amongst the team members, it all paid off to see that the work we have done did not go to waste. In the end of the camp, during the ending ceremony, the students went up one by one to share about how they felt about the camp. We could see that God used our service to glorify Him. My prayer is that all of the English camp students will get a real understanding of salvation and God's love for them.

This mission trip has also taught me that to love, we must have humility. Through making friendships with the dorm students, working with the primary 1-3 kids and working with my team, God has shown me that I must let go of my pride. God has softened my heart to learn how to love. With this, I continue to learn how to love my family.

Another experience that I am truly thankful for was the opportunity to teach Pong how to draw. At first, my expectation was that I was going to teach very similarly to the way I had been taught how to draw when I was young. But as I taught him more and more, I saw that through art, I was able to get to know this student. Through teaching him art, I was able to build a relationship. It makes me very happy because as an artist myself, I knew how happy I would be as a child when I got to learn how to draw. I feel privileged to be someone who can fuel his passion for art and continue to build on his gift. I see a lot of potential in him and I'm excited to come back and see how his skills have continued to improve.

My time at CCEC was one that I will hold dear in my heart. God has showered me with blessings during this mission trip. There are many lessons that I have learned about who God was and His love and I will continue to work hard to build a stronger relationship with Him when I'm back in Canada. I thank God and CCEC for providing this wonderful experience for me.

Short Term Mission – East Asia Stephanie Cheng, LBC York Region

Praise the Lord for who He is, for what He has done, and for what He is continuing to do from now until eternity! I thank God for giving me this opportunity to share, and I thank you for supporting me and being a part of my spiritual journey.

I know that the things I have seen, heard, and felt were no coincidence, and that one story is definitely not enough to describe how real and powerful God is. You have to truly seek after Him and experience Him for yourself. That is my hope and prayer for all of you, as well as that you'll be encouraged to live a life that is holy and pleasing to Him, and to take your faith seriously.

At the start of 2013, from listening to sermons in church and online, and through my daily Bible readings, I knew that God was calling me to get out of my comfort zones to truly understand what it means to be a follower of Christ. The weather was very hot on the first day of the trip, but my team of 16 members – half Korean and English speaking – walked through the two university campuses that we were going to be witnessing in, and prayed for the people that we were going to meet. For the next two and a half weeks, God provided us with the best weather that we could have ever asked for, and lead us to people whom He prepared in advance for us to meet. It was very easy to make friends because the students there are so friendly and generous, and loved that we were from Canada. The friends we made usually treated us to meals and took us around campus and/or off-campus while we tried to get to know them, and share the gospel with them using the Four Spiritual Laws. In the afternoons, we would attend language classes. We were taught some helpful conversational phrases by local Christian students that attended the universities. When classes were over, we would go back to the campuses to make new friends or meet up with friends that we already made. Usually after dinner, we would all squeeze into one room to have our team meetings where we worshipped, prayed, and shared stories that happened during the day with each other. As well, every night, a different team member would share their life story so that everyone could have a better understanding of their background and how to pray for them. Even though I would be exhausted by the end of each day, I was still filled with joy as I heard that many students accepted Christ as my team members shared. I was blessed to witness nine of the students I evangelized to, come to Christ. For me to have been able to see so much fruit, it shows that God had already been working in their hearts long before we met. He definitely softened their hearts and minds to be open and receptive to the gospel. As well, it is evident that the meetings with our friends were all planned out.

One story that I will share with you is about two lovely girls who I had the hardest time leaving behind in East Asia. These two adorable girls were so bubbly when we first met them, but when we showed them the "Falling Plates" video clip: http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XNTMzMDM4MDI4.html the entire atmosphere changed as their expressions changed. It was so evident that they were moved by the love of Christ because by the end of the video, their eyes were filled with tears. We then shared the gospel, and they too, accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour. They were so filled with joy after receiving Christ and knowing that we were all part of His family. I was also blessed with the opportunity to teach them how to sing "Amazing Grace". With the great language barrier, it was so beautiful to hear them sing this song about God's amazing grace and love for them in English. During our follow-up as we directed them to the local missionaries, I was so touched to find out that they memorized all the words to the song, and would sing it every single night. They even obtained a copy of the Bible in their language, and told us that they found a church to go to every Sunday. Saying goodbye was the hardest thing to do because we knew that we'd probably not see each other again here on this earth, unless He wills it. My heart kept breaking as they urged me to stay. I really wanted to be there with them, to disciple them, encourage them, watch them grow in their walk with God, but I know that God wanted me to learn to let go and trust that He would take care of them. I told them to always remember God's love and that even though I couldn't be there with them, God promised that He would.

Time is so precious. It is not our own. We are given time in this life, to glorify Him and make Him known to all nations – that every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. The Day of Judgment is nearing. He is coming soon. The time is now to pick up our cross and follow Him. This is just the beginning of our journey with Him.

Short Term Mission – Quebec Chibougauma/Mistissini

Pamela Wong and Jamie Wong, LBC Milliken

Very often, I've heard brothers and sisters share about their short term mission experiences, and I've always wanted to experience it firsthand. This year in July, my daughter (19), son (16) and I signed up for the Quebec Mistissini Joint Short Term Mission ("STM"). The organizer is Toronto Lock Tao Christian Church, but the mission members are from different churches. This STM was established in 2000 and some members have been attending it for 12 years. The main purpose of this STM is to help out Rev. E. Hall and Frieda (wife) who spread God's love to aboriginals through renovations to the bible school, kid's programs, cooking, worship and many other ways.

We had meetings before setting out for the mission, and our chairman, Peter Lui, told us that only through God's grace were we able to attend this mission, so Thank God! We prayed extensively for the STM and prepared our hearts to serve God. He reminded us that we were not going on this STM to help people, but rather to see the work of God's hand in Mitissini.

I've learned a lot about the aboriginals' daily life and culture. In Mitissini, most of the natives are Cree and speak mainly Cree and English. Children are in a Cree immersion program for school until Grade 4 where they start to learn English. Only a handful of teenagers graduate from high school every year, and even less aboriginals are graduate from colleges. Some young people move to city and try to integrate in mainstream society, but due to the differences of cultural background and educational levels, they are held at a disadvantage. This unfortunately results in many young adults moving back into their villages and developing reliances on drugs and alcohol. 99% of aboriginals confess that they are Christians, however, many of their growth in faith stops at this stage. Rev. Hall and Frieda try to help them to learn about God through the bible and God's love, hoping that God can change the course of their life.

Every year in July and August, three different STM teams visit Chibougaumau/Mitissini. Our STM team served through children ministries, cooking, worship and renovations. This year, the renovations team fixed the failing foundations, installed a tiled floor in the common/dining room and did many other repairs to keep the building standing. As well, our worship team helped lead a small portion of the worship at the annual tent meeting otherwise known as the Perch River family meeting. The tent meeting is held yearly by a local Pastor during the evening (7PM-12AM) and draws over 600 natives through the span of a week. This gives a chance for Aboriginals across Canada gather together to praise God and share testimonies.

I signed up to help with the kitchen team. Through this experience I now truly understand the tireless life restaurant workers have. Chairman, Peter Liu was on kitchen team too. He always mentions that STM life is a lot like the life of Christians in Gospel of Paul. Although we do not break bread, we share our things, have our own responsibilities, help each other out, are patient to each other, are filled with joy, and show team spirit. This was only truly possible through the work of God's hand.

My children have also learned many valuable lessons from the STM. They experienced STM life, gained a better understanding of aboriginals' culture and obstacles they face, and were able to see God's hand working outside the four walls of our church. Most importantly they were able to get to know themselves and God better.

Short Term Mission – Panama, LBC Calvary (Nov 17-29, 2012)

Theme: Matthew 28: 18-20

Goal: Reach out to unchurched people and show care and support to brothers and sisters through visitation, worship workshop, Bible study and evangelism training.

Calling: “Step out of our comfort zone to experience God’s work in a different part of the world (i.e. Panama) and to explore the life of a missionary.”

Here are our experiences and insights from the Panama mission trip:

A. His Kingdom is BIG

God’s kingdom is so great that He watches over people everywhere, even in places far and small. We could see how God is with the people in Changuinola, Panama. We experienced how God works through HIS people with limited resources. That was truly amazing!

B. Treasure what God gives us

We had experienced power failure, water shortage and limited internet access. God reminded us how richly blessed we are in Toronto, especially when we have so many opportunities learning the Word of God. We must treasure all these God-given resources!

C. Simple faith

The faith of brothers and sisters in Panama are so simple and pure. They put God’s word in their heart and walk it out in their lives. They rely on Him and seek HIS presence every day. Their faith in God is deepened through daily walks with God!

D. Be faithful to God and Wait for His work

God prepared many opportunities for us to share God’s love with the shop owners. Upon sharing the gospel with them and praying for them, God told us, “Try your best to do your part and God will do the rest.” We learnt to work with God and wait for HIS work patiently!

E. Worship wholeheartedly

Panama brothers and sisters set us a very good example on how we shall worship our God with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our soul. They put their eyes on God and are so focused on worshipping Him no matter what happened!

F. Abundant grace

What a beautiful picture it is to see brothers and sisters from different countries gathering together to worship the same God! In His abundant grace, we learned to know and love each other. Thank you God!

G. Genuine heart longing for God's Word

Although it was already very late when brothers and sisters closed their shops and they were extremely tired, yet they still came and participated in Bible study and training workshop. They were so eager to learn God’s word!



LOGOS BAPTIST CHURCH - JOINT MISSION BUDGET

證道浸信會聯堂差傳財政預算

(Milliken, Calvary, Mississauga, Jireh & York Region)

(美麗徑堂、加略山堂、美城堂、以勒堂、約克區堂)

		2013	2014
Offering from each Logos	各堂分配		
Offering - LBC Calvary	加略山堂	21,000.00	22,050.00
Offering - LBC Jireh	以勒堂	10,000.00	10,500.00
Offering - LBC Milliken	美麗徑堂	130,000.00	136,500.00
Offering - LBC Mississauga	美城堂	48,000.00	50,400.00
Offering - LBC York Region	約克區堂	35,000.00	36,750.00
Total Offering received		244,000.00	256,200.00
Associated Missionaries/Ministries : Expense	證道聯堂差傳所支持的宣教士、事工：		
Panama (Kanvas and Ann Ho)	巴拿馬 (何建華傳道 夫婦)	33,000.00	27,000.00
Mali (Andrew Lee)	非洲 (李偉明牧師、師母)	38,000.00	40,000.00
Germany (John and Ruth Chan)	德國(陳欣懿牧師、師母)	45,000.00	45,000.00
AIM (Grace and Victor Chang)	非洲(陳偉鑾夫婦)		24,000.00
Annual Joint Mission Conference	聯堂差傳年會	2,000.00	2,500.00
CCCOWE-Pan Am	汎美華福	5,000.00	
Urban Mission (Jireh)	城市宣教-以勒堂	5,000.00	5,000.00
Canadian Chinese School of Theology	加拿大華人神學院	4,000.00	4,000.00
Tyndale Theological Seminary	天道神學院	2,000.00	2,000.00
Urban Conrad Kwok	泰北(郭定牧師)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Urban Mission (Short Term)	城市短宣	2,000.00	2,000.00
Alliance Bible School of S&C America	中南美洲聖經學院	5,000.00	5,000.00
Cambodian Ministry	柬埔寨事工	2,000.00	2,000.00
Canadian Baptist Ministry (Bethel House, Jeff Carter, Pak Loh)	加拿大浸會差會	6,000.00	2,000.00
Great Commission Centre	大使命中心	1,000.00	1,000.00
GO International (Jimmy Mo, Keith Lee & John Loh)	華人福音普傳會	9,000.00	9,000.00
Northern Thailand Ministry (C.C.E.C & CANAAN LISU GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP)	昌孔基督教教育中心, 迦南僕僕福音協會	3,000.00	2,000.00
On-field missionary & Ministry (Fred Chiu)	趙舜民及事工	8,000.00	8,000.00
SIM Canada - Kenya (Joseph Chu)	國際事工差會(朱肇平)	3,000.00	3,000.00
Panama Baptist Church	巴拿馬浸會	2,000.00	2,000.00
Child Evangelistic Fellowship	萬國兒童佈道團	2,000.00	
NSCCC-Ted Wu		3,000.00	3,000.00
Grace to Chinese Int'l (Wilson Chan)	恩霖中華國際協會-Wilson chan	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Subtotal	184,000.00	192,500.00
2014 Short Term Mission Trip	2014 短宣旅程		
STM Trips (Germany and UK)	德國和英國	5,000.00	5,000.00
STM Trips (Panama)	巴拿馬	13,000.00	20,000.00
STM Trips (Pastoral Staff)	教牧同工	14,000.00	10,000.00
STM Trips (Mali)	非洲馬里	6,000.00	
STM Trips (China)	中國	2,000.00	10,000.00
STM Trips (North America)		6,000.00	
STM Trips (Thailand- ChiangKhong Christian Ed Center)	泰北-昌孔基督教教育中心	12,000.00	10,000.00
STM Trips (Venezuela)	委內瑞拉	2,000.00	2,000.00
STM Trips (Northern Quebec Native)	魁北克省北部原著民		5,000.00
	Subtotal	60,000.00	62,000.00
Administration	行政		
Office supplies	辦公室用品		500.00
Professional Fee (Insurance)	專業保險費	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Subtotal	1,000.00	1,500.00
Grand Total	總開支	245,000.00	256,000.00
Net Income		- 1,000.00	200.00
Support from Surplus:	從盈餘支持		
Rev. Wilson Lu 2013	呂偉青牧師	42,000.00	
Rev. Mah	支持馬英傑牧師 (華福會-加拿大聯區)	12,000.00	12,000.00
		54,000.00	12,000.00

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The 26th Logos Baptist Church Joint Mission Conference Mission Conference Program

3:00pm - 5:00pm	Discussion Forum	
	"How to express love for our fellow kinsman under the new movement of China"	Chairman: Rev. Joseph Wong Speaker: Thomas Leung Translation: Salina Wong (Mandarin) Translation: Eva Mak (English)
5:30PM - 6:45PM	Dinner	
7:00PM - 7:25PM	Annual Meeting	
	Chairperson: Rev. Joseph Wong	
7:30PM	Evening Message	
	Welcoming	Rev. Joseph Wong
	Praise & Worship	Praise Team
	Scripture Reading (Roman 9:1-3) and Prayer	Rev. Praymond Chan
	Sermon	Speaker: Dr. Thomas Leung Translation: William Chiang (Mandarin) Eva Mak (English)
	Response Hymn	Praise Team
	Response Card & Offering	Rev. Michael Lau
	Presentation	Rev. Joseph Wong
	Announcement & Benediction	Rev. Kenneth Thumb

Joint Mission Children Conference (Age: 4-12)

Time: 7:30- 9:30

Location: LBC Milliken Basement