



***“Wherefore I...cease not to give thanks for you,
making mention of you in my prayers”***

Ephesians 1:15-16

4 September 2011

Dear Praying Friends,

It has been a while since we've been away in Vancouver. We want to say “thank you” for all your faithful support in finance and prayer. The Lord is good and has given us opportunities to serve Him. We would like to share about the work here at Vancouver BP Church this past year:

Tuesday Bible Study Class

Rev. Chan has been conducting morning Bible study sessions each week for a group of about 10 members. The current series is on Old Testament Studies. It is encouraging to see the members participating actively through discussions and hearing their testimonies of how they have enjoyed learning God's Word in-depth together. After the summer break, classes will resume on 6 Sep 2011.

Eagle Ridge Manor

This is an evangelistic outreach to the seniors at the old age home, Eagle Ridge Manor, every second Sunday of the month after the worship service. Rev. Chan usually preaches there once a month. The church choir would render praise items to cheer the seniors and their loved ones. This is followed by the preaching of God's Word to share the gospel and encourage believers in their faith.

Sunday Worship Service

About 70 regular worshippers attend the worship service each week. Rev. Chan usually preaches every first Sunday of the month and conducts the Lord's Supper. After the worship service, warm fellowship is extended over lunch catered by members in the kitchen team.

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Prayer meeting is held on Fridays after Awana Club. Thank God for the families and adults who come regularly to support this prayer ministry. Surely, more members should come and pray for the work of the church. Chairing the prayer meeting once a month, Rev. Chan has been sharing Bible lessons on the life of godly men.

Awana Club / Children's Outreach

On average, some 30 children from the neighbourhood attend Awana Club regularly. It is held on Fridays from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Mrs Chan helps out each week and conducted a workshop for teachers on “Leading Children to Christ” in July 2011. During the summer break, the church organised two special events – Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) and Watermelon Party.

a) Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) – 18-22 July 2011

Thank God for the 42 kids — mostly from the neighbourhood — who registered for this summer evangelism programme. The theme was “Rev It Up!” The kids had a good and fun time learning God’s Word together and we praise God that 8 of them received Christ as their Saviour.

b) Watermelon Party – 25 August 2011

In an effort to reach out to kids in the community, the Watermelon Party was organised to include the sharing of the gospel as well as a fun time of games for the kids. Praise God that 33 kids signed up, some of whom were new from the neighbourhood!

Using the red watermelon as an object lesson, Mrs Chan shared the gospel with the kids and led them in a time of singing. Members who volunteered set up nine different game stalls and prepared “watermelon” snacks for the kids. Through this event, we thank God for the 5 kids who came to the Lord as well as new kids who signed up for Awana Club.

We count it a privilege and joy to be able to serve our Lord in spite of our limitations. Thank you for your support and kind thoughts towards us. Please continue to pray for us as we remember you in prayer:

- Pray for God’s grace and strength as Rev. Chan prepares sermons and Bible study notes — his vision / eyes get tired easily and can’t read for too long
- Pray for Mrs Chan as she ministers to the children and those in need
- Pray that the brethren at Vancouver BP Church will continue to grow in Christ and be more active in the Lord’s work
- Pray for Preacher Mok as he ministers to the people
- Pray for sis. Weiping as she leads in the Mustard Seed Pre-School and children’s ministry
- Pray for Rev. Chan as he prepares to teach at the Vietnam Bible Institute (Nov 2011)

Lord willing, we look forward to seeing you in November 2011. The Lord bless and keep you.

Lovingly in Christ,

Rev. & Mrs James Chan

