

Dear Pastors, Deacons, Mission Department and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord! May the grace and peace of the Lord be with you all.

We hear that it might be very hot in Toronto soon. Hopefully this update will bring some joy to you who have been supporting the ministry in Panama Chinese Baptist Church through prayer, short term mission, donation and other means.

Praise the Lord! The children ministry is now organized with servants and helpers. The baby we met when we came here short term in 2011 is now seven years old! He makes drawings from the stories in the Bible lessons in children Sunday school, such as Jonah being swallowed by a fish :-)
Thanks to the short-term mission teams who help with training the teachers!

We now have another round of children Sunday school teacher training in Spanish from Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) in Panama. The 30-hour course is near completion. In total eight adults and youths take the training.

The youth ministry is still maturing. Praise the Lord for their love of God.

Adult brothers and sisters also grow spiritually and join in serving. We lack a pianist, but the worship leaders are learning to use videos. May the Lord strengthen them.

Fifteen couples joined the Marriage Enrichment Camp, six of them from our church. They still meet in follow-up sessions after the camp. May the loving Lord help them with their spousal and family relationships.

The outreach to seniors has grown to about 35 people. We sing hymns and pray.

Panama Chinese Baptist Church is an independent church, but it is not self-sufficient. Brothers and sisters have been enjoying help and support without the notion that they should seek to be self-sufficient. Praise the Lord! They voted unanimously for beginning to seek self-sufficiency in a recent members' meeting, and have elected a small group to explore and make suggestions for the necessary steps. We pray that all will face the challenge with one accord, praying and relying on God together, while encouraging and supporting each other. May they experience the presence, grace and deeds of God even more.

Please pray:

1. For the youths who will have a retreat on August 24-26.
2. For the spiritual growth of brothers and sisters and their love of God.
3. For the efforts of the church to seek self-sufficiency.
4. For everyone's safety, and their strength in serving the Lord.

Your missionaries,

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