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Feature

Little Money and Big Money

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In 2003, in order to assist our evangelical work worldwide, the International Assembly (“IA”) promoted the “Everyone Takes Part in Offering to World Evangelical Fund” event, passed at the 2nd meeting of the 8th World Delegates Conference. This fund has served as a special fund for world evangelism. In the past ten years, over one million US dollars have been applied to assist world evangelism and pioneer regions. Thank God, to this day there are still many brethren who love the Lord and have persisted in their participation, offering a dollar a day to assist in world evangelism. May God remember them.

The development of holy work requires God’s power, human power, and financial power. Everyone can participate in holy work by offering money. The key in offering does not lie in monetary quantity, but in whether you have offered your best. Just as the poor widow – even though she offered only two mites it was deemed big money. The Lord Jesus said, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood” (Mark 12:43). Similarly, when Mary anointed the Lord Jesus with a jar of

spikenard, some people considered the act wasteful, but the Lord Jesus said that she was taking hold of the time when Jesus was still with them and did her best onto the Lord. The key for them receiving the Lord's praise was simply that they grasped hold of the opportunity to love the Lord with all their heart, all their soul, all their mind, and all their strength.

Our wealth may be little compared to the rich of the world, but we can turn it into big money by the way we use it – by applying it onto the Lord. For many years, I have been assigned to serve in finance-related holy work and have witnessed many loving brethren making offerings to support the church/IA with all their heart and strength. Over the past several years, I have received calls from many brethren asking for the full registered name and tax registration number of IA so that they can name IA as the beneficiary in their trust or will. After the Lord take them home, they want to offer all or part of their estate to the church/IA for use in holy work. Thank God, many brothers and sisters love the Lord, understand that their wealth is entrusted to them by God, and turn their wealth into big money by zealously making offerings to assist holy work.

People often say, “If you ignore money, money will ignore you.” This reminds people to invest and make financial planning wisely, using the smallest amount of principal to yield the greatest return. If someone asks you to invest one dollar and guarantees you a hundred-fold or thousand-fold of return, such investment must carry big risks. You may even lose all in the end. Some people invest in their children, but one day these people and their children will leave this world and everything will return to dust. Therefore, the wisest investment is in our spirituality. Investment in our spirituality is established on faith, love and hope, because we will receive the reward of eternal life.

Faith must be built on Jesus Christ. Do everything by faith: by faith Abraham offered Isaac; by faith the widow of Zarephath gave bread to the Prophet Elijah first. Miraculous things followed and they both received returns that were a hundred-fold greater than their investments. If we were to sum up the Lord's teachings with one word, it would be “love.” If we divide this up into two parts, then it would be “love God” and “love men.” Matthew 25:40 tells us that inasmuch as we do it to one of the least of our brethren, we do it to the Lord. The manifestation of love is a willingness to make sacrifice and offering. In the end, the righteous will be taken up for eternal life because of their love. If our hope were only in the people or things of this life, then one day we will surely be disappointed. At the end times, silver and gold will not deliver us, but rather will become our stumbling block (Ezekiel 7:19). How do we turn the money that is only useful in this life into wealth of everlasting worth and meaning? That is, how do we turn little money into big money? This is a topic worthwhile for us to ponder on. The Lord Jesus taught us to make friends by unrighteous mammon so that when we fail, they may receive us

into an everlasting home (Luke 16:9).

May we take hold of this life to manage wisely the wealth that God has blessed us with, apply it meaningfully, and turn little money into big money to repay the Lord's grace and lay up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-20). May the Lord bless us all.

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 [Church News](#)

Canada Current Holy Work Report

Canada is a vast, but sparsely populated, country. Currently there are 4 churches and 1 house of prayer. Namely, on the west coast: Vancouver in British Columbia, Calgary in Alberta, Edmonton; east coast: Toronto in Ontario, English-French bilingual region of Montreal, and service location at the capitol, Ottawa.

1. Features of Canadian Churches

- a. Geography: What differs from churches in Asia is that all the churches are distant from one another, making it difficult to be in contact. The closest churches require 2-3 hours drive, and 5-6 hours by flight between the east and west coasts.
- b. Background: The majority of believers are immigrants from Southeast Asia (Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia), Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, and a few locals.
- c. The Two Generations: In the recent 20 years, members continued to immigrate to Canada. The first generation of immigrants was mostly bilingual, speaking their home language as a mother tongue. The second generation has gradually grown up in church with English and French as their first language. Although the language and thought process between the two generations are different, under God's guidance, both generations are able to work in one accord and understanding.
- d. Marriage: Many of youths at marriageable age are of the second generation. Apart from marrying in the Lord, many also look for youths with similar backgrounds, who've received western education and speak its language but are still familiar with Asian

cultures. Therefore, besides Canada itself, youths have married members from the US, England, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, etc. A few have also married members from Asia. For this reason, even though Canadian churches do not have many members, they are closely connected to various parts of the world.

2. Current Canada Holy Work Report

a. Liaison

i) Canada Coordination Centre (CCC)

Canada holds an annual Church Conference. Elected members nominated by each local church form the Executive Council of Canada Coordination Centre, with term of two years. Due to the distance between churches, monthly council meetings are conducted via Skype. All the events, seminars, and coordination are carried out by the Canada Coordination Centre.

ii) CCC Newsletter

The CCC Newsletter is published every half-year, reporting the various church events, activities, holy work, etc., in different churches. This is to strengthen the bond and understanding between each church.

iii) Internet Ministry

Due to Canada's geographical environment, in the recent years the Canada Coordination Centre have actively utilized Internet tools to promote Internet ministry in order to strengthen contact and communication between the church and members. Examples include local church websites or online Bible study fellowships, the establishment of committee work website, the development of network news, communication, fellowship and evangelical websites, etc.

iv) Integration

In the recent years the Canada Liaison has put effort to improve the integration of organizations, bylaws and regulations. Even though there is a long way ahead, may God continue to guide so Canada liaison may become more complete and accord with God's will in the near future.

b. Pastoral and Training

i) Canadian Full-Time Ministers and Retired Elders & Deacons

Through many years of hard work, the Canada Liaison currently has two full time ministers: Pr. Timonty Yeung (Calgary) and Pr. Hung-Chung Hsieh (Taiwan GA) and one full-time TTP Student, Tony Kuo (Vancouver). Other local churches have retired deacons and elders to help with pastoral works. Due to the distance between churches, the pastoral work is not easy. However, thank the Lord for the fervent and full dedication of these full-time and retired ministers.

ii) Assistance from IA (US GA, Taiwan GA)

In order to strengthen the foundation or bond of the Canadian churches, regional (east and west coast) and national seminars and trainings are held regularly. Due to the shortage of full time ministers in Canada, all these events require the assistance of ministers from other countries. In recent years IA, USGA, and Taiwan GA have sent many workers to assist. Canada Coordination Centre is truly thankful and grateful to God's guidance.

c. Growth

i) Branching of Churches

Currently, the churches in Vancouver and Toronto have membership of over 200 people. These two churches are in the process of carrying out the important work of branching out. Due to the various government regulations, it is not easy to branch out a church in Canada. With the high cost of land, and the many different regulations pertaining to the crossing of provinces, they face many more challenges than any other region. However thanks to God's guidance, the work of branching is being carried out steadily. We hope members worldwide can share in this concern and offer any needed help. Recently, Calgary also has continued to grow. It became the fourth church in early 2013. Members are now actively searching for a chapel; we look forward to the next step.

ii) New Generation Workers

The Canadian churches are composed of different waves of immigrants. Therefore, the age division is more obvious; the culture and language between the first and second generation are also different. Though Canada is a multi-cultured society, under God's loving guidance, they are different but harmonious. Through many

years of cultivation, we have clearly seen in the recent five years that the second generation of youths who have received a complete education here are now actively participating in church holy work and taking many leadership roles in church. The trend will become more obvious in the future. Our hope is that, with the participation of these new generation of workers, the church can become more merged with the local culture, communities, and ethnic groups so that the gospel of God may truly be grounded and spread abroad.

When many speak of Canada, they think of dwelling in polar lands, a polar bear country. Canada is a great land with little population. It is also rich in natural resources with beautiful geographical landscapes. It's one of the few places where you may witness the pure creation of God's hands. It presents the natural color of its country with pleasant climate and summer sceneries; it is like heaven on earth. Although the winters are cold, you may also enjoy many different winter activities.

Brothers and sisters in Canada sincerely welcome brethren from all over the world. Though it is now winter time and the weather is rather chilling, we already receive the upcoming warmth visitation and are thrilled to acknowledge the care brethren could bring us. We are one family in the Lord. May all glory be to God in the heaven.



Mother's Day Service – Montreal House of Prayer



Sacred Music Camp – Calgary Church



Elderly Center Hymnal Sharing – Toronto Church

 *Intercession*

1. Please pray for IA work assignment as below:

Date	Location	Program	Personnel
January	Philippine	Evangelizing to Chinese Filipino	WF Chen/VMT
1/14 – 2/5	US	e-Learning Project	HH Ko
1/12-26	Argentina	Short-Term Theological Class/ Spiritual Evangelical Convocation	HD Chang/ Raymond Chou
1/23-2/3	Ecuador	Pastoral Work	CH Chou
1/10-20	Dominican Rep.	Pastoral Work	Jason Hsu
1/5-10	UK	Africa Missionary Volunteers Training (London Church)	IA/ UKGA
1/12		AMC Meeting (London Church)	Africa ministry Workers
1/2-3	Germany	Meeting of workers helping in South Europe Pioneering Area(Heidelberg)	HH Ko/ BQ Wang
1/31-2/2	Austria	Spiritual Convocation and Evangelical Service (Vienna)	CW Chan
1/4 – 14	Spain	Pastoral Work (Barcelona/ Madrid/ Albacete)	FM Tse/CJ Hsieh
1/1-20	Russia	Spiritual Evangelical Convocation	Steve Hwang
1/5 – 3/16	South Africa	Pastoral ministry / Spiritual Convocation	MH Chang
1/13 – 26		Pastoral ministry / Spiritual Convocation	Derren Liang
1/16 – 2/24		Pastoral ministry/ Training/Spiritual Convocation	Luke Chan
1/23 - 2/23	East Africa	Pastoral ministry/ Training (Kenya/Tanzania/Malawi)	FF Chong/ TK Chin, Volunteer

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 *You Could Help the Worldwide Evangelism Mission Simply by Contribution
a dollar a day...*



How You Can Help

You are called to take action for the sake of worldwide evangelism and the spreading of the gospel...with **a dollar a day**. If everyone could daily extend one dollar towards the International Assembly World Evangelism Fund, we could, together, accomplish the commission that our Lord Jesus Christ left behind. Your financial commitment will open up possibilities and resources that will lead us to save many souls.

Please take time to fill out the offering sheet available at your local church, to pass this message on to loved ones and family, and to pray for God's ministry. May the Lord be gracious to you!

To find out more about the dollar-a-day program and donation options, ***please contact*** ia@tjc.org or tjciatwn@ms25.hinet.net.

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