Praise and thank God for His blessings and guidance throughout the years. Houston Church is growing before our eyes! We are so blessed with many babies and truth seekers.

Our current (September 2012 - August 2013) Religious Education students consists of Kindergarten class (with 5 students), E1 (with 4 students), J1 (with our biggest class of 7 students), J2 (with 2 students), and Senior (with 5 students). We have a total of 23 students!

We are also expecting 2 more students in our Kindergarten Class by September 2013 making it a total of 25 at that time. Another Kindergarten Class student by September 2014 and the biggest gain will be September 2015 with another 5 Kindergarten Class students!

Wow!! God’s abundant grace has surely rained upon us with a total of 31 students by that time! We have in total an estimated number of students in September 2016 to be 35 with one Pre-Kindergarten student (based on newly born babies in 2012).

It is quite evident that God has truly blessed our church! May all the praises, glory, and honor be unto Him!

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9
"When My Burden is Heavy" .........................................................Sophia Wong (J1)

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I testify about how I have received God’s grace. There was one night that I was feeling very stressed out because I had an enormous load of homework as well as trying to deal with being sick. Also, my All Region Choir Clinic and Concert were happening the next two days. These things were hanging over me and weighing me down and I felt so helpless, until my mom asked for the whole family to pray. In this prayer I felt God’s presence; I cried for His strength so that I could finish all the things I had to do that night, and be able to sing the next two days.

I felt his comfort and grace wrap around me like a blanket and at that moment I realized how beautiful our God is. I was able to finish my work and I was able to sing for my clinic and concert. God has given me grace every single day, and I regret that sometimes I don’t notice it. Only in my hardest times will I realize how much God has blessed me and how much grace He has given me. I thank God for giving me His strength, love, and mercy. I thank God for His abounding grace. There’s one verse I will always remember from this instance: “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” May all the glory and praise be given unto His holy name.

"One True Physician" ...................... Deborah Lin (J1)

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I bear a reflection of where God’s grace was bestowed upon me. I had a fever of 102.3 degrees. By the afternoon, it rose to 102.9. We went to the doctor and he gave me some medicine. My mom and I prayed at night and by morning, I was better. This shows us even though these things don’t seem like much, they add up. God will always be with us no matter what...through thick and thin. Amen.

"God Helps the Helpless" ............ Gisele Yang (J1)

When I was 9 years old, I was in elementary school. After school on the way back home, a 9th grade guy was riding his bike. As he rode past me, he ran over my left foot. Basically, I had an accident that was not my fault. When I got home, my parents took me to the hospital and the doctor said that my foot bone was broken. I felt so helpless that I was afraid that I would not be able to go to school and walk like others any more. But, God cured me. I was able to stand up. Amen. God saved me.
“Resisting Verbal Temptation” ................................................................. Joshua Wong (J1)

In the name of Jesus Christ, I testify to God’s grace upon me. Well... I don’t really know if this was God’s will, but, I know it was a miracle. About two weeks ago, my bus came 40 minutes late. After 20 minutes of waiting, I finally figured, “Hey! I could catch up with my Bible Reading!” So, I went on www.biblegateway.com (which is a GREAT source) and read my two chapters I was behind on. After feeling the urge to say something that was really not nice, I read to the part about non-conformity. It was as if it was God’s will that I read the right verse at the right time. I thank God for letting me pass a trial for wanting to say something bad.

What has God given you that no one else can give you? (E1 Class)

Naomi Batamo
1. God let me speak Chinese.
2. God let me come to church.
3. God let me pray to Him.

Faith Wong
1. God let me worship Him.
2. God created the world for us to live on.
3. God helps me when I need Him.

Grace Wong
1. God let me have food.
2. God let me have clothes.
3. God gave me a family.

Kathy Wu
1. God let me speak English.
2. God gave me a house.
3. God let me be a peacemaker.

What do you think the “Grace of God” means? (Kindergarten Class)

Lydia Chen
1. To be able to look at the stars
2. Able to use my hand to make paper birds and frogs
3. My friends that I love
4. A home

Brian He
1. Able to help mommy and daddy
2. Learning and coloring with my crayons
3. That I can run around outside

Zacchaeus Wong
1. Helping my family clean up at church
2. Eating
3. My mommy and daddy
4. Loving everybody

James Yen
1. Yummy food like broccoli
2. I am happy that Jesus created me
3. Water we can drink
4. Friends, family that I have
"A Gift of Grace" ............ Hansel Chiang (J1)

God's grace was bestowed on me when I really needed a journal. I lost it when we were moving. The preacher gave me a present containing a brand new journal. I was overjoyed. I wrote everything in it. I was cleaning out a box of my stuff one day when I noticed my old one. I'll finish the new one then continue the old one, but, I'm glad I still have my old memories.

"Sick of Being Sick" ............. Helmmy Chiang (J1)

One day, I was sick and I was throwing up. It was very horrible and I just sat down doing nothing. My energy was out and I couldn't do anything. When I throw up, green material comes out along with my left over food. The feeling lasted for three days until I started to feel better. I felt that if I had another day feeling like that, I would probably die. So, that is how God's grace was bestowed upon me.

"The Comforter has Come" ....... Timothy Yen (J1)

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In the name of Jesus Christ, I bear a short reflection. A few weeks ago, I received a bad grade in pre-algebra. Unfortunately, it was below a 90, so, it was highly possible to have everything I liked to do taken away from me. I was so upset that I felt like screaming!!!!! I took out all my papers and studied them for the rest of the night. But after about 10:30 pm, I felt better. I thank God that He comforted me in my times of hardness because only He can give that kind of peace.

"All Around the World" ....... Sarah Wong (J2)

In the name of Jesus Christ, I would like to testify about God's grace. It is true that in our everyday lives, God bestows so much love upon us even when we don't realize. I thank God for letting me have the opportunity to meet some of my closest spiritual friends from across the United States who are able to support me on good days and in times of need - even through a phone or laptop screen. God has shown much love towards me through people and I thank Him for this wonderful grace.

"All Around the World" ....... Sarah Wong (J2)

15 Letters
Pre-Kindergarten*

12 Letters
Close Friends*
Kindergarten*

10 Letters
Elementary
Holy Spirit*
Peacemaker
Pre-Algebra

9 Letters
Education
Physician
Religious
Starry Sky

8 Letters
Spirituality*

7 Letters
Reflection

6 Letters
Bible
Choir

5 Letters
Bike
Faith

4 Letters
Broccoli

3 Letters
Helpless

2 Letters

1 Letter

*similar word in Word Bank exists
In the name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I would like to share a short reflection of God's Grace. I praise and thank my Lord Jesus Christ on His wonderful guidance! Before agreeing to teach the J1 RE Class back on August 11, 2012, I was quite apprehensive to do so. It had been many years which I have been teaching the E2 Class and have become accustomed to the format and complacent with our E2 students. God had a different plan for me, though, and I am extremely grateful for His intervention. Now, I am formidably proud of our large J1 class and am excited to share God's Word with them. Praise God for His grace in allowing me to affectionately grow in fellowship and as an instructor with each J1 student. May all the praise, glory, and honor be unto our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ......................................................... Brenda Wong (J1 Teacher)