

CBC SUPPORTED MISSIONS & MISSIONARIES

Asia

1. Pastor John and Jenny with Mobilization Ministries.
2. Karen/Mitsu Nakamura (Campus Crusade/Cru) in Japan.
3. Darren/Lynn Ma (Overseas Missionary Fellowship) in Indonesia.

Europe

1. Kelly and Donna Hargan as they plan and recruit new team members.
2. Logins in Latvia as they continue to reach young adults of the Baltics.

South America

1. Bill and Valeria Hamilton(Reformed Evangelism Fellowship) as he pastors a local church and campus preaching in Sao Lourenco, northeast of Sao Paulo.

Africa

1. Mwembo (National Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship in Democratic Republic of Congo) as he continues his evangelism with the Central Africa ministries.

Greater Houston and neighborhoods

1. Grateful and blessed, the Resurrection Egg Hunt last Sunday, March 31 was successful. Many non-CBC families attended. We reached 25 kids in Alief Community Park, and 15 kids in the Gessner/Tanner neighborhood.
2. Will and Tara McCord, and their five children, Lisette, Emmett, Rinnah, Ellis, and Akedah for Mon. night Bible study group with interested persons of 8181 Med Center complex.
3. Continue to lift up students of UH, HCU, Rice, as the Baptist Student Ministries, Bridges Cru and Epic Asian American Cru reaches out to the unreached and unchurched masses. Directors Shannon Rutherford, Nathan Mahand, Andy Dennis, Daka and Snowflower, lead those efforts.



Chinese Baptist Church

UPRM

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Worshiping God In Spirit And Truth

“True worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth. . . . God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” —John 4:23-24

Jesus shares this important teaching while he is talking one day with a Samaritan woman (John 4:1-26). Worship is a sacred act that connects us intimately with God. It goes beyond rituals and outward expressions. It is a heartfelt response to God’s majesty and goodness. In worship, we surrender our hearts and minds to God, recognizing his worthiness, glory, and love. We draw near with awe and reverence, offering praise, adoration, and gratitude. True worship involves more than words and songs; it occupies our entire lives. It means aligning our thoughts, actions, and desires with God’s will each day. Worship occurs not only in a church gathering but also in our homes, workplaces, and communities. When we worship the Lord in spirit and truth, we encounter the transformative power of God. His Spirit ignites our hearts, renewing our passion for him and aligning our lives with his purposes. In the presence of the Almighty, we find joy, peace, and strength to navigate life’s challenges. Let’s be true worshipers, offering our lives as a continual act of worship to God. May we seek God with sincerity, authenticity, and a desire to know him more deeply. As we worship in spirit and in truth, may our lives reflect his glory, drawing others to experience the wonder of God’s love. In your Spirit and in truth, Lord, may our lives be a continual offering, reflecting your glory and drawing others to your love. Amen

Source : Today (refresh,refocus,renew), Reframe Ministries - Darrell Delaney

CBC LEADERSHIP AND OVERALL MINISTRY

1. **Preaching & Teaching Ministry:** for God's Word to be clearly declared, His voice heard, and His will realized in CBC church body.
2. **Ministerial Leadership:** To have a heart of Christ's humility and urgency, as we move into a new church year, work with new committee members, under the servant leadership of Pastor Gardner and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
3. **Church Council:** August Lau, Gene Woo, Jerome Yen, Nancy Lo, Hailong Yong, Ron Choi, Bob Ngao, and the four pastoral staff.
4. **Deacon Body:** Larry Joe, Davy Chin, Sherman Yeang, Johnson Leo, Gene Yee, Wayne Gor, William Gaw, Paul Lau, Gary Sham, Lawrence Fan and David Lee - as they focus on joyfully serving together with the pastors. Also pray for several prospective deacons to have a clear calling, a burden to be used by the Lord, and to willingly respond to the invitation to serve on the Deacon Body.

ENGLISH MINISTRY

1. **Worship:** For the Lord to fill us with his majesty, holy presence and life-changing truths as we come weekly to worship as a family. May He raise up new members to step into joining the music and praise team to lead the congregation in worship.
2. **Discipleship:** As Friday night and Midweek groups resume this week. For Easter visitors to be able to find a place of connection and spiritual growth. For upcoming Membership classes to plug prospects into church ministries.

CANTONESE MINISTRY

1. 8 Fellowships meet via Zoom or in-person - pray for growth in the faith to maturity.
4 Sunday School classes - Seniors, Genesis, Gospel of John, and Real-Life Discipleship Classes
2. Pray for the spiritual, physical, and emotional wellbeing of the elderly and senior so they will have peace and comfort through God's Word and through care from Fellow brothers and sisters.
3. Pray for patience for parents to maintain a balanced home life and spiritual life of young families with school-aged children.

MANDARIN MINISTRY

Shepherding & Relationships: For God to help the Mandarin Ministry to build up relationships in Christ through small groups, to grow as disciples to maturity, to serve, to reach out to those in need, and to evangelize the lost.

Mandarin Youth: Pray for the teen-aged Mandarin congregants to draw closer to God in their times of Bible study and fellowship together.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Pray for Jesus to continue to work in the lives of youth, youth leaders, parents and families so that they would continue to grow to maturity in their walks with Christ through faithful discipleship and community. Pray for wisdom for leaders and parents to meet students where they are at and to not be afraid to teach and admonish

(Eph. 6:4) with patience and wisdom (2 Tim. 4:2). Pray for students to desire spiritual growth and more of Jesus. Pray for parents to be equipped to be intentional with their students in discipleship.

Pray also for the admin/hospitality team and DG leaders to continue in their own spiritual disciplines and be rejuvenated in their own walks with God as they serve diligently.

KIDS MINISTRY

Pray for parents and grandparents - Pray that parents and grandparents seize precious opportunities with kids to influence their faith and shape their worldview according to the Scriptures. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

Uplift kids' workers and ministers - Pray for new workers to step in and help minister to kids through weekly Sunday school, administrative help or caring ministry, and summer VBC.

Pray for kids to be curious in learning about God through His people and creations, to deepen their knowledge and relationship with God, to grow in grace and not neglect to gather with God's people regularly. (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Blessed and grateful for kids' baptism at Resurrection Worship Service.

Cambodia Mission Trip, July 1-7, 2024

Attendees: Catherine Yen, Liz Yee, Kristen Eng, Charlize Cheung, Michelle Chen, Laura and Catherine Mey, Molly Nipper. May the Lord equip them, prepare them, and provide for all of their travel needs.

Arizona Mission Trip June 3-7, 2024

Attendees: Ius, Tim & Maggie Eng, Carol & Rebecca Gaw, Gene Yee, Oleg & Asa Xu, Luke Teel (non-CBC)

Taiwan Mission Trip June 29-July 5, 2024

Attendees: Xus, Jackson Yen, Jeff and Ginny Fang, Meredith and Geneva Chan, Wayne Hsu (non-CBC)

BEYOND OUR WALLS: The City, Our Country, Our World

Pray for suffering beyond our walls to point people to Christ. Ask for mercy for the vulnerable and weak in war, famine, religious persecution, and more. Pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Pray for comfort for those hurting and for Christians to bring glory to God through their love for the oppressed and their faith and obedience to Him.

Houston-Civic Leaders: : Pray for mayor John Whitmire, City Council members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Fred Flicknger, Tiffany Thomas, Mary Huffman, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Twila Carter, Letitia Plummer, Sallie Alcorn. For godly wisdom and effective governance for the good of the society and to the glory of God.

Taiwan Earthquake: Pray for the rescue efforts on the eastern part of the island, Hualien county. For the Lord's mercy, for grieving families, for the body of Christ to show support and compassionate care.