

# **An Open Letter to Churches/Organizations/Seminaries and Friends of GCCI**

## **The Great Commission Center International will terminate its ministries as of June 30, 2017**

When the Great Commission Center International (GCCI) was established in the United States in 1993, understanding and involvement in global mission among Chinese churches were very limited. Dr. Thomas Wang, our Founder, hoped that utilizing the networks that he established while serving with the Lausanne Movement and the AD 2000 and Beyond Movement, he would encourage the Chinese Church to make available their God-given rich resources, in partnership with international churches, to the thousands of unreached people groups for the advancement of world evangelization.

In the past 20 some years, through GCCI's efforts in cultivating new mission fields, (passing on established mission works to other bona fide mission agencies); promoting missions to the Muslims, Jews, intellectuals and grass-root peoples; publishing mission-inspiring periodicals; and developing contextualized mission Sunday school curriculum; "Global mission" is no longer an unfamiliar notion for most Chinese churches. Number of Chinese mission organizations has reached three digits. And it is estimated that there are over 3,000 Chinese missionaries in all 5 continents.

In early spring of 2017, GCCI International Board (February 23), Canada Board (March 6 and 24) and Hong Kong Board (March 24, 29) have had their respective meetings to evaluate GCCI's contribution to the Chinese Church. All members agreed that the staff of GCCI have done their best to serve the Chinese Church and glorify God. The vision for Roma Missions that GCCI has initiated since 2013 has inspired the Chinese Church for cross-cultural missions. Several churches and organizations in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong and even Eastern Europe are getting more involved. They are willing to continue their partnership with the Roma leaders in transforming their people and their communities with God's gospel of love. All these are God's wonderful works and beyond our expectation.

Since GCCI has completed God's calling in serving the Chinese Church of this generation, after much soul-searching and discussion, all board members have agreed that GCCI should consider terminating its ministries and passing the baton to a new generation. Therefore, a motion was passed unanimously that GCCI will conclude her ministries on June 30, 2017. However, the already announced short-term mission trips this year will be continued as originally planned. And GCC-Canada will carry on their Roma ministry until the end of this year before passing it on to other mission organization. After ministry winding down in June 2017, it will take 3 to 6 more months to settle all other organizational matters, until our registrations with respective governments are dissolved.

GCCI International board decided to hold A Thanksgiving Service in the USA:

Date: June 24 (Saturday), 2017

Time: 5:00 – 6:30pm (Thanksgiving Service), 7:00 – 8:00pm (Dinner)

Place: Korean Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

4435 Fortran Drive, San Jose, CA 95134, USA.

We firmly believe that the tide for cross-cultural missions among the Chinese churches will get stronger and stronger. God will raise up more Chinese professionals and mission agencies for global missions. This is our fervent prayer!

Peter Chung, Chairman of GCCI International Board

Peter Ho, Chairman of GCCI Limited Board (HK)

Kok-Swang Tan, Chairman of GCC-Canada Board

Members of all three Boards

Thomas Wang, GCCI Founder and President Emeritus

Sharon Chan, GCCI President

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