

國際董事會主席的話

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月前(2017年3月),我們公佈了大使命中心「光榮結束」的消息後,美國和香港的辦公室,以及我們董事個人都接到不少來信、電郵和電話,紛紛表示震驚,不能置信,甚至有機構同工來電話詢問是真的,還是開玩笑(因我們在3月31日發出公告,大家在4月1日愚人節早上收到)。其實我們和大家一樣,對大使命中心的結束十分不捨,但既然知道這是神的心意,就只有順服神的帶領。

神的確使用了大使命中心開拓了不少宣教工場,特別在一些備受忽略的地區和族群,更是傾盡全力,只求能將福音帶給這些未得之民,實 在激起華人教會宣教的熱忱。此外,在宣教文字和教育方面也作了不少

貢獻。為此我們感謝神!

眾所周知,大使命中心的創辦人兼首任會長王永信牧師具前瞻性的先知眼光,而且有國度性的胸懷,不戀棧職位。例如:他在1961年創立中國信徒佈道會、1976年發起華福運動、1990年倡導主後2000福音遍傳運動,如今都一一交棒了。而且他放下後,若非新任負責人請益,否則他從不過問。他常提醒同工的一句話:「大丈夫要能拿能放。能拿還容易,能放卻不容易。」在我們看來,王牧師兩方面都做到了;他這種無私無我的屬靈榜樣,真令我們欽佩!

其實大使命中心早在2007年初就曾考慮光榮結束。當時,王永信牧師已逾80歲,他認為自己不宜再負責一個機構,於是堅決向董事會請辭,並向董事會提出三個方案:(1) 找接班人;(2) 和其他機構合併;(3) 光榮結束。大家都知道大使命中心與一般機構不同,找接班人不容易,所以也曾考慮結束。感謝神!時任副會長的陳惠文博士,在眾董事的勸說和鼓勵下,才勉強同意在2008年1月正式接棒;大使命中心因而延長了9年的服侍。

陳會長傳承使命,不違大使命中心的初衷——「深化靈命、邁步差傳」,努力加強宣教文字出版和教育。近年所開拓的羅姆人事工,短短的三年內已喚起華人教會的關注和參與,確是看見神的帶領。董事會每次接到陳會長的事工報告時,都感到不可思議,美國和香港辦公室合共只有7、8位同工的團隊,怎能完成那麼多裏裏外外的工作,可見同工們一人負責多人的工作,他們真是全然擺上。陳會長從2016年4月生病以來,仍持守崗位,大使命中心的事工並沒有延誤,這種鞠躬盡瘁的精神,真是難得。董事會全寅為他們的事奉而感恩!

最後, 謹代表國際董事會感謝眾教會、弟兄姊妹二十多年來的愛護和支持。「大使命中心」這機構結束了, 深盼她所帶動的事工在神恩典的引領下繼續開花結果。

「願祢堅立我們手所做的工;我們手所做的工,願祢堅立。」(詩九十17)

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無盡的感恩

王永信



聖經對於人類歷史的沿革及人物的更替有非常詳細的教導 與記載。不論在舊約或新約時代,神多次多方面的繼續興起合 乎每一時代的得力工人。

希伯來書十一章幾乎是一篇點將錄,列舉不同時代中為神「鞠躬盡瘁」的僕人使女們。甚至今日的華福會歌中也如此說:「主愛中華,恩寵有加,地大物博,代出俊哲。」信徒們、主僕們、甚至福音機構們,一代一代的過去,但是慈悲仁愛的神必定照顧祂自己的工人與工作,在每一時代中,建立祂合用的器皿!

最近一兩年,大使命中心的主要同工們及董事會各位成員 曾多次開會、禱告,討論大使命中心的前景並尋求神的旨意。 經多次的商討及禱告後,深覺大使命中心在過往二十多年中以

口傳、文字,開荒及宣教教育等方面的事奉,對華人教會已經發揮了應有的作用及應盡的責任。

此外,目前大使命中心兩位主要同工都患重病(本人一年以來患腎病,需要每天洗腎。現任會長陳惠文博士從去年4月患乳癌Breast Cancer,現仍在醫療中)。而且大使命中心三處的董事會半年多以來努力尋找合適的會長接班人,至今仍未尋得。

所以同工們及各位董事最近數次開會後決定,大使命中心的事工在今年(2017)6月30日「光榮結束」。至於一切善後工作(如動產及不動產的處理等),於本年年底前完成。哈利路亞!榮耀歸於神!

我們特別在此向慈悲仁愛的神發出至高的感謝, 祂垂聽我們的禱告, 一路看顧引領我們直到 今天。願一切榮耀、稱頌歸與祂的聖名, 直到永遠!

我們同時感謝每一位同工、義工、董事及各處一切以禱告及奉獻支持大使命中心的主內朋友們,我們大家多年來在主內同甘共苦,勇往直前,直到今日,實在感激不盡!願神看顧恩待您們每一位、每一家前面的一切,直到主來!

願我們大家靠主恩典在個人崗位上為神、為人、為己,繼續努力前程,是為盼,是為禱,阿門!

大使命中心的故事 The Story of GCCI

陳惠文

大使命中心的前身 — 大使命神學院

Our Forerunner - Great Commission Theological Seminary (GCTS)



1988年,大洛杉磯地區的羅文牧師和 張子華牧師二人有意開辦一所神學院,為 北美教會訓練傳道人。當時王永信牧師剛 隨洛桑運動國際辦公室遷至南加州,聽 見分享後,非常贊同並鼓勵他們進行。大 使命神學院遂在1989年2月向加州政府註 冊,可是兩位發起人仍要牧養教會,籌備 工作未有進展。

1989年9月,王牧師卸下洛桑國際主任職務,羅、張兩位力邀其任神學院院長。王牧師清楚表明自己對普世宣教的負擔,只答應暫代一、兩年。於是,大使命神學院在1990年正式開始籌辦,同年9月開學。

In 1988, Revs. Eddie Lo and Fred Cheung felt the need of training bi-cultural pastors for North American Chinese churches. They shared their concern with Rev. Thomas Wang who just moved to south California. Rev. Wang agreed with their observation and encouraged them to proceed. The Great Commission Theological Seminary (GCTS) was formally registered in California in February, 1989. However, as both pastors were busy with ministries of their churches, preparation for the Seminary was set aside.

In September of 1989, Rev. Wang retired from the Lausanne Movement. Revs. Lo and Cheung invited Rev. Wang to assume the leadership. Rev. Wang made it clear that he could only help for one or two years until both of them found their pastoral successors. Thus, preparation work for GCTS formally started in 1990 and the first class was offered in September, 1990.



張子華牧師與羅文牧師伉儷造訪王永信牧師夫婦 分享大使命神學院異象



92年大使命神學院學生

王牧師並沒有忘記神給他的普世使命。柏林 圍牆在1989年9月被推倒,東歐和蘇聯政改,王牧 師隨即帶領華人佈道團深入西伯利亞中部鄂畢河 (Ob')流域18個城市,向俄羅斯人傳福音、舉辦福 音會議及作短期培訓,如1991年在捷克的「新東 歐歸主大會」、1992年在拉脫維亞的「獨聯體福 音會議」,以及在俄國東部海參崴、伯力、馬加 丹等地佈道和培訓等等。

Rev. Wang did not give up his vision for global mission. He started mission works in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern European countries after their opening up. Besides the evangelistic excursion in 18 cities along the Ob' river of Siberia, he helped organize the New Eastern Europe for Christ Conference in Czech Republic (1991), The Commonwealth of Independent States for Christ in Latvia (1992), and evangelistic meetings and pastoral training in Vladivostok, Khabarovsk and Magadan etc.



獨聯體福音會議中韓國詩班獻詩(1992)



新東歐歸主大會委員會



新東歐歸主大會開幕禮



蘇聯解體,市民仍需排隊購買食物

局勢的發展使王牧師對普世宣教的負擔更重,難以兼顧神學院的工作,可是乏人接掌;於是大使命神學院轉型為大使命中心,時為1993年。

雖然大使命神學院只有一屆畢業生,但每一位學生都需要參與前蘇聯和東歐的宣教工作, 這就培育了他們參與宣教事奉之心,今日仍有在宣教工場服事的畢業生。

Rev. Wang's burden for global mission grew as the post-Communist world getting relaxed. It became impossible for him to take care of both. Unfortunately, no one was willing to take over the Seminary. As a result, GCTS was evolved into Great Commission Center International (GCCI) in 1993.

Although there was only one graduating class from GCTS, all students were trained to have a heart for mission as they were required to participate in mission works in the Former Soviet Union or eastern European countries. Some of them are still serving on various mission fields.





大使命神學院學生參與西伯利亞短宣

全力開拓前蘇聯的佈道事工

Evangelistic Ministries in the Former Soviet Union

大使命中心成立後,即全力推動前蘇聯及東歐的事奉。

首先開拓前蘇聯西部;先到俄羅斯,然後轉到西南的烏克蘭、白俄羅斯。當時聚會多租用人民大會堂、大學禮堂,或借用老教會,甚至站在露天市場開佈道會,來聽福音的人很多。當地國家很多都有東正教、基督教背景,但經過70年無神論思想的洗腦,人民心靈空虛,少數年邁信徒更是渴慕真理。在短短的兩、三年內,有逾15,000人歸主。

GCCI focused her ministries on the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe at its beginning. Although no one on GCCI staff spoke Russia, God provided us with very good interpreters. We started our ministries from Russia to Ukraine, and Belarus. These countries had been under atheist government for 70 years, hollow souls were panting for the Truth. We rented People's Halls, university auditorium, and old churches to hold meetings for these hungry souls. We were not afraid to preach in open spaces. In just two to three years, about 15,000 people came to the Lord.



俄羅斯佈道會決志者眾,台前無法 容納,連台上也站滿了決志者



大使命與唐崇榮佈道團合辦烏克蘭和 白俄羅斯宣教之旅



神再為我們打開中亞洲哈薩克斯 坦、吉爾吉斯斯坦、烏茲別克斯坦等 地的門。中亞五國的居民多為穆斯 林,對福音比較抗拒,工作開展不 易,但神引領了一些美國和韓國的宣 教士來作我們的導師。

當時的華人教會對前蘇聯地區仍 有恐懼,懂俄語的人也不多,我們 在前蘇聯的果子就交給了美國宣教 士、韓國宣教士等來跟進和發展。

God also opened the doors of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan for us. The people of these Islamic dominant Central Asian countries were rather resistant to the gospel. However, God led some American and Korean missionaries to help us break the ice.

During those days, Chinese people were still in fear of going to the Former Soviet Union. In addition, not many Chinese spoke Russian, so we could only ask American and Korean mission agencies or churches to follow-up what we started.

促成喜馬拉雅山區福音遍傳運動

Evangelization Movement in the Himalayan Region



96年參加喜馬拉雅福音會議

在1993年Urbana宣教大會上, 王牧師聽到宣教士Cindy Perry分享 印度教王國尼泊爾的需要,受感動 要協助這個於1991年才開始對外 開放的國家。透過Cindy的介紹, 王牧師認識了尼泊爾的教會領袖, 更被邀為他們在1994年籌辦首次 全國福音會議。這次會議挑旺了尼 泊爾教會的佈道和宣教熱忱,即時 成立全國協調委員會,分區舉行跟 進會議。其後更擴大聯絡網,在 1996年及1998年的兩次大會中,





邀請在不丹、錫金、大吉嶺、那加蘭,甚至西藏的尼泊爾人參加,並鼓勵他們將福音傳遍喜馬拉雅山。今日,他們已發展成為一個全民族的宣教運動,海外的尼泊爾裔也加入了。

Following the meeting between Dr. Cindy Perry and Rev. Wang at the Urbana Conference in 1993, GCCI was invited to organize the first training for Nepali churches in 1994 after the country opened up in 1991. Very excited and inspired, Nepali church leaders formed a National Coordinating Committee and conducted follow-up conferences in different regions. In the 1996 and 1998 Himalayan Conference of Evangelism (HIMCOE), there were participants from Bhutan, Sikkim, Darjeeling, Nagaland and even Tibet. They adopted "Himalayan People, Missionary People" as their motto/goal and encouraged churches coming together to evangelize the entire Himalayan regions. Today, this Nepali evangelistic initiative has become a mission movement among Nepali within and outside of Nepal.

支援東歐福音事工

Serving the Eastern European Churches



巴爾幹福音會議上詩班和樂隊

在「新東歐歸主大會」上,我們認識了一些巴爾幹半島的牧者,知道這些身處東正教或天主教國家的基督新教教會都比較弱小,傳道人也缺乏各類資源,於是有感動扶立東歐的傳道人。1996年5月首先鼓勵匈牙利的教會舉行「匈牙利全國復興會議」,鼓勵各宗派合作推動全國福音運動。同年9月又參與在塞爾維亞舉行的「巴爾幹福音大會」的工作,鼓勵福音信仰基督徒在主裏合一,促成巴爾幹各種族的復和,為已失去和諧的世界帶來希望。



匈牙利復興大會籌備委員

During the preparation of "New Eastern Europe for Christ" conference, we learned that Protestant churches in this region were under the shadow of the dominant Orthodox or Catholic churches, and pastors were in need of training or stimulation. In May, 1996 we helped churches in Hungary to hold a Revival Conference to encourage cooperation among denominations for national evangelization. In September the same year, we helped organized a Balkan Mission Conference in Belgrade, Serbia to call for Christian unity across the boundaries of denominations and ethnicities. There was also a plea to further the reconciliation among different Balkan people groups ushering in some hope for the broken world.

不忘海外華人

Not Forgetting Overseas Chinese

1992年,大使命中心同工首次往海參崴向俄人宣教時,在自由市場遇到一些中國的小 販,大家交談甚歡。從他們口中知道,海參崴、伯力市、烏蘇里司克等東岸大城市都有不少 中國小販和留學生,總數多達10萬之眾。神既將這些華人帶到我們面前,豈能不顧?1993年 6月在伯力市建立自蘇聯解體後第一間華人教會——哈巴市華人教會,成立後即交給中國信 徒佈道會跟進。可惜,後來因種種問題未能繼續,殊為可惜!

其後,無論在任何地方,只要有華人,同工們都會為這些華人學生、商人另開聚會、講

座。所以1994年4月先後在莫斯科、聖彼得堡兩大城市成 立華人教會,其後分別交由美國洛杉磯的台福基督教會及 羅省基督教會的宣教機構接手。又在哈薩克斯坦阿拉木圖 成立了華人團契,交由美國侯斯頓的華人教會繼續發展。 但一些華人較少的地方如烏克蘭、白俄羅斯等國,則無法 成立教會。

Back in 1992, we met a group of Chinese peddlers at the open market in Vladivostok. They were open to talk with us and told us that there were some 100,000 Chinese peddlers, merchants and students in several large cities as Vladivostok, Khabarovsk and Ussurijsk. Since God brought the Chinese to us, how could we ignore them? Thus, the Khabarovsk Chinese Church was established in June 1993. It was the first Chinese Church in the Former Soviet Union after its breakup. We invited CCM-USA to shepherd this new-born church. Unfortunately, it could not continue after several months.

Thereafter, wherever we went if there were Chinese, we would organize special seminars, evangelistic meetings for them. Of course, some places such as Ukraine and Belarus, there might not be enough Chinese converts or seekers to form churches, but, by the grace of God we did establish Chinese churches in Moscow and St. Petersburg in April of 1994. These two churches later were adopted by the Global Life Enrichment Center and First Evangelical Church Association respectively. Houston Chinese Church also adopted the Chinese fellowship in Almaty, Kazakhstan.





聖彼得堡華人教會

哈巴市華人教會

首次接觸穆斯林群體

Meeting First Time a Muslim People Group



短宣隊接受東干會長禮物

1995年,在哈薩克斯坦偶然 遇到一些被當地稱為「東干人」 (Dungan)的中國回民後裔,是清 代「陝西回民起義倖存者」的後 代。自1880年代以來,他們仍保 持清末陝西農村的風俗習慣,甚 少與外界聯絡,成為當地社會的 邊緣人。但對我們這群和他們面 貌相近的華人卻願意接待,並且 與我們簽署合約,接受我們的 幫助。於是,從1995年開始,我

們不斷派遣專業短宣隊(醫療組、教育組、農耕組、工程組等)前去,將基督的愛帶給這群穆斯 林。粗略計算,從1995年至1999年,北美及香港約有超過100人曾參與東干事工。1999年,大使 命中心將東干事工交給台灣「路加傳道會」繼續發展;他們後來在美國成立了「路加國際服務

社」(Luke Service International) 來主理,直到今日。

In 1995, we met a group of so called "Dungan" people in Kazakhstan. Their ancestors were the survivors of the socalled "Hui people rebellion in the 1880's". They live an agricultural communal life-style and keep the customs of their ancestors to this day in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. They seldom had contact with outside world, and became a marginal people. However, they were excited in meeting us,





馬山清東干人會長簽署與大使命中心的合作合約

development. So, we organized professional teams (medical, education, agriculture and engineering) to serve this group. It was estimated over 100 people went and rendered their services to the Dungan people from 1995 to 1999. In 1999, we passed this mission field to Luke Medical Mission of Taiwan. They registered a non-profit organization in the USA under the name of Luke Service International and broadened their service to non-Dungan people in Kyrgyzstan till this day.

北美中國學人事工

Ministries among Chinese Scholars in North America

1980年代末,北美地區的中國留學生日漸增加。起初,他們對基督信仰不大感興趣,對教會敬而遠之;但「六四事件」後,人心轉變,加上美加在90年代初允許89年及以前來的留學生及交換學者長期居留,華人教會見此契機,積極接觸他們,信主人數驟增。為幫助他們盡快認識聖經,改變無神論的價值觀,大使命中心聯同三個機構在每年的聖誕節前後,為他們舉辦「中國學人培訓營」,不少人在營會中蒙神呼召踏上全時間事奉之路。當神在他們中間興起了領袖,可以自行作類似培訓時,2003年後即停辦。

Numbers of Chinese students to North America grew rapidly since the end of 1980s. Because of their upbringing, they did not want to associate with Christianity and churches. However, after the "June 4th incident" of 1989, their sentiment changed and became more open to Christianity. Also a large number of them got permanent residency in North America. Chinese churches began to reap harvest among these elites. To help them learn about the Bible and reform their value system and moral behavior from atheistic ideology, GCCI in cooperation with 3 other organizations conducted annual "Overseas Chinese Scholars Discipleship Seminars" around Christmas time. Dozens of participants dedicated themselves for full-time service and enrolled in Seminaries. When some of these Chinese scholars could hold their own training, we concluded this ministry in 2003.



在德州銅谷舉行的中國學人培訓營



1999年培訓營的 團體照

海外中國勞工

Overseas Chinese Blue-Collar Workers

1998年,又接到太平洋群島的呼聲。當時在關島的解英崗牧師來函,分享 太平洋群島上成千上萬中國勞工的需要,尤其在塞班島,有約2萬中國女工。

感謝神,透過1999年及2001年分別在關島和菲濟島的「太平洋宣教會 議」及會後的短宣,有兩對夫婦願意短期留在當地事奉,也有一間教 會認領了一個工廠區,繼續關顧他們的需要。其後太平洋群島的勞工 開始減少,太平洋的中國勞工事工暫告一段落。

接著,又有波斯灣中國勞工的福音工作。2001年,透過在盧森堡 的黃漢明弟兄安排,王牧師首次踏足阿拉伯聯合酋長國,認識了在杜 拜和阿布達比的兩個小小華人團契。在神的恩典下,2002年2月的「第 一屆波斯灣宣教研討會」,不但讓參加者目睹當地華工的需要,同時 也看到神奇妙的工作,在這些嚴禁傳福音的阿拉伯國家(包括阿拉伯聯 合酋長國、阿曼和科威特),竟然有公開的國際教會。主任牧師也願意 協助華人福音工作。在神的帶領及研討會參加者的見證下,杜拜華人 基督教會於2002年2月正式成立。

2003年,加拿大宣道會差會差派宣教士牧養杜拜華人教會,並兼 顧波斯灣其他國家的事工;而加拿大多倫多城北華人基督教會繼續派 教牧同工協助阿布達比華人團契的成長。大使命中心在波斯灣的工作

又告一段落了。





阿聯酋杜拜華人教會第一次聚會後全體留影



杜拜第一次浸禮後合影



科威特活泉華人教會佈道會



短宣隊在科威特教會留影

God also called us to serve the blue-collar workers from China. We received a Macedonian call from Rev. Ying-Kang Hsieh, he told us there were thousands of blue-collar Chinese workers in the Pacific Islands, and 20,000 female workers in Saipan alone. Through the two mission conferences in Guam (1999) and Fiji (2001), plus the postconference short-term trips, God called two couples staying behind to disciple the new converts, and one church adopted one factory site as their mission field. After 2004, Chinese workers began to decrease, ending this GCCI ministry.

Then, God opened the door of the Persian Gulf to us. Through the arrangement of brother Hon-Ming Wong of Luxemburg, Rev. Thomas Wang visited the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the two small Chinese fellowships in Abu Dhabi and Dubai for the first time in 2001. In February 2002, GCCI organized the first Persian Gulf Mission Conference and led participants to visit Chinese shops and construction camps and garment factories in UAE, Oman and Kuwait. All of us were also surprised to learn that the International Churches in this region were very mission-minded. Through the help of the senior pastor of the

International Evangelical Church of Dubai, the Dubai Chinese Church was established in 2002.

Responding to our invitation, the C&MA Mission Board of Canada sent a Chinese missionary couple to pastor the newly established Dubai Chinese Church in 2003 and Richmond Hill Community Christian Church also sent pastoral staff to help the Chinese fellowship in Abu Dhabi. Thus, GCCI could turn her focus on other ministries.

加強宣教書刊出版及宣教教育

Reinforce the Mission Publication and Education Ministries

2002年,在多次開荒及交棒的過程中,深感華人教會需要更廣闊的普世觀,同工們決定重訂《大使命》期刊的路線,多注重宣教趨勢的探討和最新資訊的分享;也不惜投放資源將多年來影響西方教會宣教進程的兩本巨著——Operation World 和 Perspectives on World Christian Movement: A Reader——翻譯為中文,《普世宣教手冊》、《普世宣教運動面面觀》分別在2003年和2006年出版。

We sensed that Chinese churches needed more mission education to deepen their commitment to God and also broaden their global view. Therefore, in 2002 we adjusted the focus of our periodicals towards mission trends and information. We also decided to expend resources to translate the two major books that helped shape global mission progress of western churches, i.e. *Operation World* and *Perspectives on World Christian Movement: A Reader*. The Chinese version of these two books were published in 2003 and 2006 respectively.



為協助堂會推行宣教教育,同工們更按華人教會的需要、華人的思維和學習方式 編寫了兩冊宣教主日學課程,定名為《普世宣教課程》(一)、(二),分別在2008 年及2012年出版,並在多個地方舉辦主日學老師訓練班,鼓勵教會在主日學課程中加 入宣教課程。

In order to encourage Chinese churches to include mission topics in their Sunday schools, we also wrote two volumes of contextualized mission curriculum for the Chinese Church based on the Chinese version of Perspectives on World Christian Movement: A Reader. The two volumes were published in 2008 and 2012. A number of teacher training classes have been conducted for churches.





2009年三藩市舉行



2017年在芝加哥



2010在悉尼



2012年在西雅圖

從2010年開始,我們又與美國中信合作,為有心參與宣教事奉的教牧同工和弟兄姊 妹,在每年的6、7月間舉辦為期一周的密集「跨文化宣教預備營」;也曾為牧師、長執和 差委會同工們舉行宣教研討營和講座。

同年,鑒於北美的華人神學院 (尤其是美國總會所在的三藩市灣區) 缺乏宣教學課程, 當時有幾位曾受正式宣教學訓練的同工都在灣區的宣教機構服事,經過多次商討後,大家 決定合作,以「華人宣教學會」名義每年為神學院開授三至四科宣教課程。在眾人誠邀 下,大使命中心成為該課程的統籌。

Since 2010 GCCI has been working with CCM-USA to hold annual "Cross-Cultural Mission Preparation Camp" for those who are interested and planning to join cross-cultural missions. We also conducted mission seminars for pastors, deacons and mission committee members.

In view of the shortage of missiology courses in most Chinese seminaries in North America (especially in the SF Bay Area where GCCI is located), several co-workers in various mission agencies who have advanced missiology degrees formed the Chinese Missiology Society. We offered 3 to 4 missiology courses every year for Chinese seminarians, with GCCI serving as the program coordinator.



首屆跨文化宣教預備營的導師和學員



導師、學員為同學按手禱告,差遣他們出去



2010年1月宣教學課程開課,林安國博 士講授第一課



2016年的教牧宣教研討營



文化辯論 營會火花最強的一晚—

回歸真神運動

Return To God Movement

2004年,三藩市市長繞過憲法簽發同性婚姻證書。在眾教會邀請下,大使命中心與灣區教牧同工 聯禱會合作,在三藩市最繁忙的十九街籌辦了一次露天集會,公開宣告華人教會堅守「一男一女婚 烟」的立場。當時約有174間教會,逾5,000名弟兄姊妹參加集會;不少非華人看到標語,聽到口號, 主動加入行列。當局看到反對聲激烈,頒令停止簽發同性婚姻證書。為了遏止繼續發展,加州多個維 護傳統婚姻的機構發起修憲提案(第8號提案),將「婚姻為一男一女的結合」列入加州憲法,大使命中 心亦參與推動選民聯署。在群眾力爭下,2008年11月這提案以小比數險勝。可是,其後對方以歧視為 由,向聯邦法院申訴。法院竟宣判對方勝訴!

我們相信惟有回歸真神才能改變這個世代,於是發起「回歸真神運動」。2005年,出版了 America, Return to God一書,寄贈美國政、法、經、商、教、媒體以及美、加等地教會領袖,之後推 動為「美國回歸真神禱告運動」,每年舉辦一、兩次禱告會。幾年之後,此事工交由新成立的機構負 青。我們也曾鼓勵加拿大和英國的教會領袖發動類似的運動,可惜沒有成功。

In February 2004, GCCI in cooperation with the SF Bay Area Ministerial Prayer Fellowship organized an Open Rally in SF to publicly announce the conviction of Chinese Christians on "One Man + One Woman = Marriage." Over 5,000 from 174 churches joined this Rally. People of other ethnicities also joined in along the way. Seeing this huge voice of protest, the court called on the SF Mayor to cease. In order to solidify publicly this marriage concept, several organizations in California called for Constitution amendment to define marriage as one man, one woman. GCCI joined the promotion of "Proposition 8" and organized another Rally in Cupertino in support. Although the



為堅守「一男一女婚姻」禱告

Proposition narrowly got passed, unfortunately the federal court ruled it unconstitutional.

We believe that the only way to change this trend is to call post-Christian countries to return to God. Therefore, we advocated "Return to God Movement." We published 500,000 copies of the booklet, American, Return to God in 2005 and sent free to leaders in political, juridical, commercial, economical, and educational

arenas, as well as media and church leaders. We also promoted "American Return To God Prayer Movement" and hold one to two prayer rallies every year. After three years, we encouraged this Prayer Movement to register as an independent organization. They continue to hold prayer rallies annually. We also tried to encourage church leaders in Canada and Great Britain to initiate similar movement but without success.



當美國最高法院通過「同性婚姻」合法後,舉行應對的研討會

不忘根源,向猶太人宣教

Forget Not the Root of our Faith, Reaching the Jews for Christ

主耶穌曾說過:「救恩是從猶太人出來的。」(約四 22下) 可是, 今日全球1,400多萬的猶太人中, 只有少數忠 於神,大部分仍不認耶穌基督為彌賽亞。大使命中心同工 有感於華人文化與猶太人文化相近,推動華人教會向猶太 人宣教。首先於2005年底的華人宣教動員大會一個晚堂 聚會中用「以色列的過去、現在與將來」為題,思想以色 列的復國與主再來的預兆,又定2007年12月《大使命》 期刊的主題為「猶太人的未來」,提醒華人教會神並沒 有棄絕他們,我們也不要忽略猶太人。為加強眾教會的關 注,再於2008年在美國舉行猶宣大會,其後又與幾個猶 宣機構於2009、2010及2012年分別在香港及澳門合辦猶宣大會。

2013年,大使命中心慶祝成立20周年時,於美國三藩市灣區舉辦 「猶宣、穆宣研討會」,因感華人文化較西方人士適宜作猶宣和穆宣 的工作,藉此研討會探討華人如何作為兩者的橋樑。

Jesus declared, "... for salvation is from the Jews." (John 4:22) However, there are only a very small percentage of today's 14-million Jews faithful to God and acknowledging Jesus Christ as their Messiah.

吹角表演

2008年在美國三藩市舉辦「瞭解猶太人」講座

In view of the similarity of Jewish culture and Chinese culture, GCCI encouraged the Chinese Church to acknowledge the gospel need of the Jewish people. In one of the evening sessions of 2005 Mission Mobilization Conference, the theme of "The Future of Israel" was expounded to promote Jewish mission, Then, in the December 2007 issue of our Chinese magazine, we used "The Future of the Jews" as the theme. Later, a series of "Mission to the Jews" conferences and seminars were held in USA, Hong Kong and Macau from 2008 to 2012 in cooperation with several Jewish mission agencies.

During the celebration of GCCI's 20th founding, "Mission to the Jews and Muslims Seminar" was

held in 2013 in San Francisco Bay Area. With closer affinity between cultures and better historical friendlier relationships the Chinese are in a more advantageous position to play an important role in mission to these two peoples.



2009香港猶宣大會



2010澳門猶宣大會

羅姆人的宣教工作 Roma Missions

2013年,大使命中心成立20周 年,我們深感是時候再開始開荒宣教 的工作。神透過美國宣教士 Melody Wachsmuth 的三篇文章感動我們去關 心東歐的羅姆人(吉普賽人)。2013年 11月,在東歐牧者的安排下,我們在 塞爾維亞和匈牙利首次接觸羅姆人社 群,目睹他們心靈和肉體的需要。在



2014年第一次羅姆人福音大會

探訪少數信主的羅姆人家庭時,發覺他們的價值觀和心態被信仰更新了,於是決定為東歐的羅姆人教 會領袖舉行聚會,鼓勵他們努力傳福音,同時也盼望藉此引介華人教會參與羅姆人的宣教工作。

2014年於匈牙利舉辦了第一次羅姆人福音大會,結束前,鼓勵羅姆人成立跟進委員會,並籌備



2013年秋探訪塞爾維亞 最大的一間羅姆人教會

2016年的第二次大會。他們起初非常膽怯,不敢承擔,但在短短的三年半 中,他們的自信心增加,傳福音熱誠提升,事事循序漸進,更組織了「羅姆 聯網」(Roma Networks),不但籌辦了2016年的大會,更在會期中選出地區 代表作聯絡和事工研究及協調的工作。2017年3月首次區代表會議已在塞爾 維亞舉行,並且決定擴大聯絡網,接觸全歐洲的羅姆人。感謝神,「羅姆聯 網」可以自行運作,我們也放心交棒了!

When celebrated the 20th anniversary of GCCI, we felt that it was time to start pioneer new mission fields again. God used three articles of Melody Wachsmuth to touch our hearts about the Roma people (Gypsies) in Eastern Europe. Thanks for the arrangement of a Serbia pastor, we went on the first fact-finding trip to Serbia and Hungary in November 2013. We could not believe that there was such a large group

of unwelcomed people in Europe. They were in desperate need, both physical and spiritual. We were further convinced that the Roma people needed the gospel after witnessing the drastic changes of their value system when they became Christians. Therefore, we decided to organize a Roma for the Nations Consultation for Roam Christian leaders, encouraging them to spread the gospel among their own people diligently, also inspiring the

Chinese Church to participate in Roma missions.

Before the closing of the 2014 Consultation, we helped the Roma leaders to form a Follow-Up Committee for more networking as well as preparing for the 2016 Consultation. At the beginning, they felt inadequate and timid to take up the task. However, in the last three years, we have witnessed their growth in self-confidence, organization skills and evangelistic zeal. This Roma Networks has been running smoothly, not only organized and held the 2016 Consultation



2015年「從羅姆到萬邦」研討會

successfully, but also conducted a Country Representative Meeting in March 2017. Their plan is to reach the entire Europe through the Country Representatives. Since they are operating by themselves now, we feel confident to pass the baton.

在2015年和2016年,大使命中心也分別假匈牙利和希臘為華人教會舉行了兩次向羅姆人宣 教的研討會,會後更安排到不同國家探訪。過去三年,已有美、加、香港教會約50人曾參與暑 期服事的短宣隊,也有以金錢支持羅姆人事工。2017年的短宣隊,我們鼓勵個別教會籌組,大 使命中心從旁協助。最近知道匈牙利華人教會及美國的普世豐盛生命中心正考慮長期參與羅姆 人事工,真是超過我們所想所求!

大使命中心一向的慣例是當盲教工場的群體可以自立或有其他教會/機構接手當地事工, 就是我們交棒的時候。羅姆人事工也不例外。

On the other hand, we conducted two seminars on Reaching the Roma People in Eastern Europe in 2015 and 2016 in Hungary and Greece mainly to encourage the Chinese Christians. We also organized post-seminar mission trips to different countries for the participants to have first-hand experience in Roma communities. There were over 50 people joining our summer service teams in the last three years and some churches supported Roma pastors financially. We were so happy that the short-tern mission teams in 2007 were organized by individual churches. And we are much encouraged by the decision of Hungary Chinese Christian Church and the Global Life Enrichment Center for their consideration for longer-term involvement in Roma missions.

It has been GCCI's policy that when other organizations or local people can take up the responsibility of a certain ministry, it is time for us to pass the baton. There is no exception for Roma missions.













結語

Conclusion

1993年,當大使命中心成立時,華人教會對跨文化宣 教的認識和參與非常有限,我們靠著神的恩典在不同文化 的群體中,打開宣教之門,也藉工場的移交,鼓勵教會邁 步差傳。

在2017年春的董事會中,大家深感大使命中心在過去 24年已努力服事了這一代的華人教會,完成了時代使命, 應該考慮光榮結束並且薪火相傳。我們確信華人教會跨文 化的宣教浪潮將會日益加強,神會興起更多宣教機構,更 多宣教士投入普世宣教。阿們!







大使命中心國際董事會



香港大使命中心辦事處同工

When GCCI was established in 1993, the Chinese Church had very limited understanding and involvement in cross-cultural mission. By the grace of God, we labored in various cultural/ethnic groups, hoping that through mission field transfer we could entice the Chinese churches into global mission.

GCCI's International Board meeting in the spring of 2007, all board members felt that in the past 24 years GCCI had done her best to serve this generation, and her mission; it is time for her to consider winding down

to achieve and pass the baton to a new generation. We believe that the tide for global mission among Chinese churches will keep rising in the days ahead, and God will raise up more mission organizations and Chinese missionaries involving in cross-cultural mission. This is our prayer. May God's will be done!

在「謝幕」前

羅錫為



「大使命中心」落幕了。

1989年,大使命中心的前身「大使命神學院」在洛杉磯「揭 幕」前,王永信院長跑到溫哥華,找了我當神學院加西區委。他要 建立一間訓練會佈道的傳道人的神學院,這個使命感召了我。

後來,改組為「大使命中心」,重心轉移為普世宣教和深化靈 命,時代感和使命感更鮮明、更強烈。

1998年回去香港事奉,辭去加西區委。王牧師到香港來,把我 拉進去香港大使命中心董事會,後來當了董事會主席,至退休前卸 任主席。回加後,加拿大大使命中心委任我做加拿大宣教事工的統

籌,並加入加拿大董事會。

「大使命中心」最後的一幕――「羅姆人宣教事工」。陳惠文會長身先士卒開拓了東南歐 羅姆人宣教事工一個新局面,把「大使命中心」的宣教事工推上另一個高潮,如今卻把成果交 出去,並在這個high note 宣告落幕。對於我這個由1989年到今天一直參與其中的一個「老戰 友」來說,是個甘苦交集(bittersweet)的況味。

我親歷大使命中心「舞台」的帷幕揭開,又見證了王牧師把指揮棒交給陳會長,現在又能 和他們兩位並眾同工在落幕一刻,向所有支持過「大使命中心」的教會和同道謝幕。藉「大使 命中心」服事了這一個世代,是我一生最大的榮幸和最美好的回憶!

我們期望的是天上的喝彩。而這帷幕再揭開處,是新世代為一場宣教的好戲!

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在羅姆人教會分享信息

2013年秋,大使命中心同工首訪羅姆人, 羅錫為(左一)牧師即參與其中



王永信牧師的勇氣

溫以諾



2008年溫博士受任為大 使命中心義務副會長

約二十年前,王永信牧師邀請我加入大使命中心的董事會。 王牧師退休時,亦請我出任大使命中心的義務副會長,與陳惠文 會長一起事基。

這些年間,我與王牧師同工,學習良多;我最敬佩的,是王 牧師的勇氣。

王牧師有創業的勇氣;他創立了大使命中心,推展普世差傳 事工。

王牧師也有結業的勇氣;當大使命中心「服侍了這一代華人 教會,完成了時代使命」時,他建議結束大使命中心的事工,功 成身退。

因為王牧師以天國為業,無論創業或結業,都按照神給他的 感動和神指示他的時候,作出行動。

王牧師以天國為業,以大使命為托負,值得我們敬重、效 法!

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2014年2月,溫以諾博士任副會長期間與董事會其他成員於 會議後合攝



2010年在香港主持講座:從散聚看香港的宣教角色

使命中心同行二十載

龍維耐



1996年參與喜馬拉雅山福音會議

1989年聖誕夜的羅馬尼亞廣場,政局如箭在弦, 群眾請求領導人禱告,萬人在寒夜裏同誦主禱文!一 個在無神論政權下的國家想念創造主,哈利路亞!

1991年正值東歐和蘇俄政權更替,風起雲湧時, 我有機會跟隨王永信牧師前往捷克參加「新東歐歸主 大會」(New Eastern Europe for Christ),這是由大使命 神學院(大使命中心的前身)與主後二千福音遍傳運動聯 合推動的。一個下午,數百與會者列隊唱著聖詩步入

波蘭,當地居民夾道齊聲和應。那歷史性的一刻,相信成立大使命中心的構想已在悄悄萌芽了。

1993年,大使命神學院正式轉型為大使命中心。1995年我被邀請來到香港事奉,那時大使命 中心香港辦公室剛成立,鄭金城牧師邀請我同去探索如何把福音傳給中亞一個未得之民——東干人 (Dungan,中國回民的後裔,參本刊第12頁),隨行的還有朱蕙碧姊妹等人。這樣,我們乘飛機先到 百廢待舉的莫斯科,然後南下剛獨立不久的哈薩克斯坦的阿拉木圖,再坐車進入東干人的大本營馬 山清去,會見了他們的會長,並簽署合作協議,其間也過河至吉爾吉斯斯坦的Tokmok鎮,並和一些 已在當地的韓國宣教士見面。王牧師往返中亞,多次在東干人中間探望,看見當地的需要,極力邀 請已迎70歲的楊嘉善長老前往,楊長老深受鳳動,到當地藉辦學高舉基督,直到今日。今日華人宣 教在中亞開花結果,是神使用了大使命中心為開路先鋒。

1996年初,大使命中心和主後二千在喜馬拉雅山地區舉辦「喜馬拉 雅區主後二千福音會議」(HIM-COE[']96),這次會議超過2,000人參加, 我也受激出席,見證了這些少數民族齊心興旺福音的熱心。

2012年塞爾維亞的Sabo牧師、師母向我們夫婦發出馬其頓呼聲,說 他們發現多個東歐城市有許多做各行業的華人,仍在福音門外,能否有 華人去傳福音;又請求我們寄些中文福音小冊過去,讓他們可以分派。 後來我們又發現,在Sabo牧師的教會裏有許多羅姆人,經濟十分拮据, 但竟關心中國人的靈魂,令我們慚愧。因為他們的協助,陳惠文會長對 羅姆人的感動得以落實為行動,這事已有很多文章記述,不再另贅。他 們未料到這純樸的跨種族的愛心,反過來叫中國人也成為羅姆人的祝



2014年羅姆人福音會議上與 Sabo牧師相聚合攝

福,所以大使命中心的刊物常提到這位Sabo牧師。主再來之日近,東歐的羅姆人可說是華人宣教的 地極(最遙遠、最風馬牛不相及者)。神從未離開羅馬尼亞!當日大使命中心的異象在東歐萌芽,今日 主使用大使命中心帶動華人進到東歐羅姆人當中(羅馬尼亞正是羅姆人主要聚居地之一),盡忠地服侍 了這一代宣教的華人基督徒!

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福音的質

馬英傑

聖經記載主耶穌走遍各城各鄉,宣講天國的福音,醫治各樣的 病症, 祂看見許多人, 就憐憫他們(馬太福音九36), 這應該是教會 及福音傳人的榜樣。特別在今日動盪及多災多難的世代,我們福音 的策略應該一手掌握福音,另一手掌握福利,兩福並用,供應人心 靈及肉身的需要,使福音工作更有果效,更突顯基督徒的「鹽、 光」的身份,這正是洛桑大會主張的「全人福音」。



早在1996年,隨著各東歐國家政治開放,阿爾巴尼亞(Albania)開始願意接受西方物資的援 助。阿爾巴尼亞文化及宗教部更向大使命中心王永信牧師宣稱歡迎宣教士進去工作。這個國家長 年在共產政權下,戰禍連年,生靈塗炭,人民生活極艱苦。大使命中心本著全人福音的信念,鼓 勵美加教會伸出援手。我們在多倫多的證道浸信會(美麗徑堂)聯同其他證道浸信會姊妹堂及城北 華人基督教會接受王永信牧師的邀請,決定集資購買日用品、食物、衣物及藥物幫助當地居民, 透過 Canadian Feed the Children (CFTC) 的幫助,在他們的貨倉內包裹、裝箱,我們憑信心準 備運送一個40呎長貨櫃的物資幫助他們。

這40呎長的貨櫃超過我們想像的巨大,長40呎,濶7.8呎,高8.5呎,空間有2,714立方呎, 可載重62,984磅。感謝神, CFTC 可以捐出 3/4 貨櫃的食物及日常用的藥物, 另外 1/4 的空間 由我們幾間華人教會負責填滿它。當時負責統籌的楊炎執事很有智慧,建議特別訂製一千多個特 定尺寸的紙箱,以便能使用貨櫃箱每一寸空間。我們在各教會分享需要,動員弟兄姊妹參與,各 人可以領取已訂製好的紙箱盛載捐出的衣物、兒童文具或家庭用品。每取一箱必須奉獻10元作 運費。裝載完成,運送至證道浸信會(美麗徑堂),滿載衣物及用具的紙箱超過一千多個,堆積如 山。然後由一批弟兄姊妹用螞蟻搬家的方法渾送往指定地點裝入貨櫃。參與的人雖然辛苦,但心 中十分喜樂,能因基督的名幫助有需要的人,是我們的榮幸。

最後,我代表眾教會到貨倉,驗明所有貨物裝載妥當,然後與工人及司機一起禱告,把貨 櫃鎖上,目送司機把它運送至紐約,再由海運送到阿爾巴尼亞。到達後,交由一個基督教機構 Stephen Center 負責派發。

日後我們收到 Stephen Center 寄來的錄影帶,看見派發救濟品的過程以及他們在當地的工 作時,大家都會滿心喜樂。多謝大使命中心給我們這次機會學習「施比受更為有福」;並見證主 所說:「你們要給人,就必有給你們的」(路加福音六8)。今日加國華人教會多已察覺「全人福 音」的重要,甚至有多間教會成立「社區中心」,透過服務社區,接觸人群,見證基督耶穌的 愛,滿有成效,神得榮

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靈慈父和神國將軍

我眼中的王永信牧師

張路加



雖然早就耳聞您的大名: 中信創辦人、華福之父、 華人宣教拓荒先驅、10/40之窗的共同提出者、 洛桑及主後2000福音運動的呼喚者、召聚者、領導者;

然而,於我而言,第一次近距離的看到您, 卻是在1994年由聖彼得堡開往莫斯科的火車上。 以近七十之高齡,帶著敏銳的眼光,國度的胸襟, 把握先機,奔波在俄羅斯廣袤卻屬靈荒蕪的原野上……

一週之中三次往返於兩地之間,僕僕風塵, 但您仍是神采奕奕,一次又一次,一地又一地, 奮力地主領著佈道會、奮興會── 要喚醒這片土地上的百姓:神的福音臨到你們了! 很希奇,成百上千金髮碧眼的聽眾,聚精會神, **聆聽一位黃皮膚花白頭髮的中國傳道人**, 向他們大聲疾呼: 悔改、重牛、復興! 能力的佈道如同疾風,捲起叢林般的手伸向救主…

以後是東歐,是非洲,是太平洋群島,是中東,是尼泊

哪一地沒有您的身影,哪一洲沒有您的腳蹤! 於是,許多在世界各地擺攤討生活的同胞們, 擺脫了流汗流淚的生活,開始在各處建立起神的教 會.....

再次被您召唤到身旁的,應該是自96年開始, 在北美發起的「中國大陸學人培訓」事工; 又一次震驚於您那戰略家的氣度和眼光, 敏銳埔捉到這一極具策略性的福音禾場!

和您同坐在一張桌上討論的, 是我們這些剛剛起步、蹣跚學習的小兵; 我們高談闊論、情緒激昂;您卻毫不為意, 只是仔細聆聽,偶爾點撥,把握大局,指明方向。

猶記得僅僅為了解答一群年輕人的請益, 講道後和師母枯坐三小時等候, 對珊珊來遲的小輩們毫不介意, 仍是笑容可掬, 傾囊相授……

王永信牧師為我按牧



以後我們開始明白了,對我們的栽培和訓練就在這些細 節中;

而最有效的培訓,就是讓我們親眼目睹, 甚麼才是豁達的胸襟、睿智的眼光, 如何詮釋「不甘平庸」,甚麼才叫做「國度事奉」。

一年又一年,一屆又一屆,這群當年的學生走向了工 場,

對今天的海外華人教會產生越來越大的影響; 當這個事工如今在神州大地持續和蔓延,

「海歸大潮」也同時把這些學生們帶向華夏的四面八 方……

這位帶著地道中國首都口音的神國將軍, 這位廣受普世教會尊敬的屬靈領袖, 總是在披荊斬棘,引領風潮, 看人之所未見, 思人之所未想, 行人之所未動!

這位半個多世紀前「北京基督徒會堂」執事的兒子, 這位八十年前在宋尚節博士佈道會上重生得救的基督門 徒,

同樣堅定地傳承著王明道弟兄的信仰和心志, 同樣固執地懷抱著宋博士的福音熱忱和全然委身,

以超前的戰略家的眼光,以恢宏的戰略家的氣度, 八十高齡仍前往中國邊陲之地,關懷牧養那裏神的群 羊,

也為中國教會栽培和按立年輕一代的牧者, 帶著屬天的異象和領受,日夜奔馳在國度的疆場上!

但是,這位鐵血將軍的眼睛又時常是低垂和慈祥的: 一位默默無聞的小兵的婚禮,他沒有忘記, 「白首偕老、同奔天路」的手書賀匾,筆墨猶新; 一遍遍地囑咐,一聲聲地祝福,猶如慈父對兒子的不捨 和叮嚀;

一位小兵的按牧,更使將軍驅車近千英里, 趕來主持考核和訓勉典禮;

「一次獻上,永遠獻上!」

嚴嚴的囑咐,細細的叮嚀,卻飽含著屬靈長者的深 情……

當屬靈的下一代接二連三地出生人世, 將軍的愛心紅包總是如期而至; 懷著無盡的爺爺對孫子孫女的疼愛, 擁入懷中,為他們送上寶座前的衷心祝福祈禱……



父子的深情擁抱

在勇士當奮起的地方,在教會當發聲的場合, 在舊金山,在華盛頓,在芝加哥, 在刊物雜誌上,在一封封寫給當政者的信中, 永不打盹,永不退縮,永不沉默!

在地球的這一端和那一端, 在各種膚色、各種語言、各種文化的聚會中, 總能看到那健碩而熟悉的身影, 那鏗鏘有力、震聾發瞶的聲音! 老驥伏櫪,志在千里;烈士暮年,壯心不已! 二十五年間,目睹著神國將軍事必躬親: 從年近七十創辦「大使命中心」,到年過九旬,仍孜孜 專注於「羅姆人福音事工」的倡導、推動並身體力行的 投入……

開始一項事工是何等的艱難與不易,

要放下一項成功日備受稱許的事工則更難;

然而神國的將軍永遠是那樣的謙卑:

一切都是神的工作,時候到了,我們就讓它光榮結束吧!

沒有留戀徘徊,沒有依依不捨,

甚至沒有華麗的告別演說;

放下得如此地乾脆瀟灑,令人震驚,

但離去的背影卻是如此地讓人難忘、尊敬!

壯哉!一位神國疆場的偉人,一位洞燭先機的將軍,

一位爐火純青的摩西,一位越戰越勇的迦勒,

一位屬靈的慈父,一位平凡而又可親的爺爺,

請接受一個神國小兵向您致上的崇高敬意!

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兩代的相交



全家和王牧師、師母的合影

王永信牧師為張路加牧師 的兒女祈禱

美國回歸真

盧慶洲

在日常生活中,「瞻前顧後」有時被人錯用來慨嘆被綁 手綁腳, 使之一事無成, 心感惋惜; 但實在意義並非如此, 有稱讚人處事思考周全之意。然而,筆者現在借用這詞語來 描述王永信牧師和大使命中心,又是另一番意思,就是讚揚 他門向普世華人教會傳遞的全新宣教理念。



毋庸置疑,大使命中心所推動的宣教事工是極具前瞻性的。從新東歐歸主、西伯利亞開 荒、喜馬拉雅山區佈道,向東干民族、太平洋海島及波斯灣宣教,以及近年帶動華人教會衝 向東歐羅姆人宣教。王永信牧師和陳惠文會長的先知觸角、先驅精神、大使命中心同工們的 勇往直前,是眾目所見的。

然而,王牧師和大使命中心的同工,雖深知要前瞻,但不忘顧後的必要,對所在地的美 國,也竭力償還福音的債。早於2004年,驚聞三藩市的市長妄顧民意,違反憲法,向同性戀 人士簽發婚姻證書,大使命中心同工們義不容辭地帶動三藩市灣區華人教會維護傳統婚姻, 組織露天公開大集會,喚醒美國人回歸聖經真理,維護傳統道德價值,保護兒孫,有7.000人 參加這次的大集會。

及後,眼見美國偏離基督信仰的根基,道德日漸淪亡,家庭支離破碎,國內危機不斷。 大使命中心的同工和王牧師深感美國唯一的希望在於回歸真神,於是又在2008年發起了「美 國回歸真神禱告運動」。這個運動的異象是藉著禱告帶動美國屬靈的復興,推動、激勵和連 結美國的華人教會同心儆醒禱告。因為教會復興,信徒成長,便能將耶穌基督的救贖和更新 的大能,彰顯在自己的社區和整個美國之內。

禱告是教會最重要的事奉,也是最困難推動的事奉。時至今日,「美國回歸真神禱告運 動」仍在大使命中心同工的指導下穩步前進。每年在三藩市灣區都舉行兩次聯合的禱告大 會,數百位禱告勇士不分宗派,不計較傳統,在眾牧長帥領下,為美國回歸真理、為教會合 一、為帶動復興在主面前同心禱告。大使命中心同工們努力的開創,三藩市灣區教會和弟兄 姊妹的付上,都在盼望美國有回歸真神的一天!

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他們服事了這世代

徐立



4月5日接到大使命中心的通知,經過24年的事奉,董事 會決定這機構在今年6月底「光榮結束」。知道這消息後, 心情很複雜,一方面是捨不得,另一方面心中的感觸很深, 畢竟筆者與大使命中心,與王永信牧師、陳惠文博士和大使 命中心同工從認識、相交,到一起配搭事奉有20多年的時 間。然而,就如傳道書第三章所說,時間是在神的手上,我 深信大使命中心在這時刻的結束,也一定是在神榮耀的計劃 中。

事工機構與地方教會雖然都是事奉神,也都與神國的開 展有份,然而,在實際運作與感覺上,這兩者很不同。機構

事工的性質比較傾向於傳福音、宣教和異象的傳遞;然而,就好像撒種,需要時間來開花結果;所 以,機構同工需要有神額外的恩典,因為除了忙碌與壓力,他們比較難見到事工的果效,不像在教 會事奉的同工能見到信徒生命的改變,看到教會的成長與成熟。

就如大使命中心公告說的,在普世華人教會對跨文化宣教的參與還非常有限的時候,神透過王 永信牧師和大使命中心,引介華人教會進入普世宣教,將神給華人教會的豐富資源,貢獻給千萬福 音未得之民,從而促進普世福音的廣傳。筆者就是在這當中被興起,從一個普通信徒,成為願意投 入各樣教會事工的平信徒同工,到積極委身在耶穌大使命的異象,最後成為全職投入宣教在歐洲牧 會的傳道人;在這轉變的過程中,大使命中心扮演了重要的角色。

80年代和90年代的北美華人教會已經有些宣教的覺醒。那時對很多教會來說,宣教的參與僅 限於每年辦宣教年會、邀請傳道人和宣教士來傳講宣教信息及見證。每年的宣教年會都會呼召,邀 請有心奉獻、有心進入宣教事奉的信徒到台前,接受按手禱告,希望能從這當中興起全職傳道人和 宣教士。然而,宣教年會對有心的同工來說是很折磨人的。面對宣教事工,同工們不僅帶著無力 感,也滿了內咎,因為幾年下來,每次宣教年會得到呼召到台前接受按手禱告的,幾乎是同一群 人;這些弟兄姐妹有呼召,卻走不出去;幾年之後,他們就不願意再舉手,更不想走到台前了。所 以,除了每年舉辦宣教年會和支持宣教機構,一般的教會很難鼓勵弟兄姐妹親身投入宣教事工。

1992年11月我參加了大使命中心舉辦的西伯利亞短宣。那次有30多位弟兄姐妹參加,這當中 以全職的同工為多,這是我第一次參與宣教活動。那時蘇維埃社會主義共和國聯盟(USSR)剛瓦 解。從1991年12月起「蘇聯」這名詞就失去了意義,那塊土地上的百姓前途不明,人心惶惶;裏 面一片空虛混亂,不僅許多附庸國在鬧獨立,貨幣(盧布)也嚴重貶值。就在這時刻,王永信牧師和 大使命同工受聖靈的感動,透過短宣隊把福音傳給當地百姓。

西伯利亞短宣對我的影響很大,不論是從王牧師的身教與言教,或看到未得之民對福音的渴 慕,或從大使命同工透明與真實的事奉生命,這些都改變了我對神國的認識,對宣教和宣教機構 的認知,以及對全職事奉的理解,以至我開始羨慕能成為神的僕人,因為我看到神透過祂僕人帶 來的影響是那麼真實,也看到那些願意真心事奉神的人何等有福氣!

短宣回來之後,我們在教會、在很多團契和查經小組分享了短宣心得,讓大家對宣教有比較 正面的認識。很多人因此知道耶穌所說的大使命不再是神對教會或基督徒苛刻的要求,宣教也不 應該是少數宣教士的責任,更不是宣教機構能獨力完成的使命。弟兄姐妹也看到最大的宣教資源 其實是在地方教會,每個信徒都可以在不同的崗位上投入宣教。感謝神,那段期間有不少人清楚 表示願意參加宣教活動,希望能去福音未到之地傳福音,體驗短期宣教。

第二年,我邀請了兩位有心的弟兄又去了西伯利亞短宣,其中一位弟兄是大學教授。那次大 使命中心辦的短宣對這位弟兄的影響非常大,幾年之後,他得到學校給的終身職位,卻毅然決然 地辭去了教授的工作去讀神學院,畢業後在紐澤西州牧會,幾年之後成為宣教士離開居住了幾十 年的美國,全家到台灣從事開荒、傳福音、成立教會的工作,如今他是被神重用的傳道人。

我個人也因著幾次的短宣奠定了事奉的方向,在教會以全時間事奉的態度接觸各樣的事奉機 會,預備自己等候神進一步的呼召。感謝神,清楚得到神的呼召之後,從職場退下來,到神學院 接受裝備,進入全職事奉。2006年我們跟隨許多屬靈前輩的腳步成為宣教士,離開住了將近30 年的美國,來到德國柏林,開始人生與事奉新的一頁,親身體會到全職事奉的多樣化與豐富。

在柏林的這幾年,我們帶著宣教的心態來建立教會、牧養和裝備弟兄姐妹,讓他們知道雖然 神建立教會在柏林,但信徒的心應該在神的國度裏。所以,雖然我們是華人教會,雖然我們的人 力、財力甚至經驗和能力都很有限,但教會願意嘗試跨文化的宣教。舉例來說,不僅成年人參與 遊民事工,服事本地的遊民(Homeless),我們很多年青人也願意每星期參與這事工。

也因著有宣教的心志,柏林教會的弟兄姐妹比較能帶著神的國度觀來面對世界,所以,他們 不會只顧自己的事或只顧華人,他們願意面對遊民、羅姆人或中東難民的需要。這些都是受到王 永信牧師和大使命中心潛移默化的影響。

寫到這裏,我想起使徒行傳十三36說的:「大衛在世的時候遵行了神的旨意,就睡了,歸到 他祖宗那裏,已見朽壞。」這是很多人喜歡的經文,那時大衛忠心服事他那一世的人之後,就睡 了;今天大使命中心也不辜負神的託付,忠心服事這一代的華人教會,完成了她的時代使命,就 「光榮結束」了。

就如文章起頭說的,宣教機構的同工很難親眼看到他們事奉帶來的影響,願這篇文章成為大 使命中心的見證,見證他們過去20多年來默默耕耘的果效。願神保守大使命中心的善後處理,也 求神祝福王永信牧師、陳惠文會長及每位同工,求神帶領你們開始另一階段的事奉,繼續成為眾 教會的祝福!

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的四大亮

連達傑



過去我一直認同「大使命中心」所作的,我也從他們的領受中得著很多啟迪和幫助;是故, 當我收到他們「光榮結束」的通告時,不禁也百感交雜起來——既欣賞他們此時的巨大勇氣,行 所行,止所止,又深信他們確是邁步在主的旨意中,信靠順服,別無所求。然而,對我來說, 從今年六月起,即表示我將少聽到他們的消息,也再不曉得其著意的新夢想和新事工又是甚麼, 相信這必帶給我若干的失落感,甚至深深的感觸。際此時刻,容許我回顧並分享一下「大使命中 心」感動我的亮點,這也是我對他們最欣賞的地方。

開拓眼界

自成立以來,我看見「大使命中心」同工並宣教團隊,不斷踏足世界各地,既開拓新的宣教 工場(例如在蘇俄獨聯體、中亞洲、各地「猶宣」及歐洲羅姆人事工等等),又努力地把各樣的福 音需要介紹給普世華人教會知道,以便鼓勵他們積極參與,這實在是難能可貴的事!因著他們的 努力,華人教會的視野得以拓闊,眼界得以打開,而「走向萬民」的理念和負擔,更可逐漸地 烙印在華人教會的信仰血脈裏。是的,他們實踐「開荒宣教」;既有方向,也有行動。我要感謝 神!

重視靈性

毋庸置疑,王永信牧師繼承了二十世紀上半葉華人教會的敬虔和奮興傳統(代表人物例如王 明道先生及宋尚節博士等),在推動普世宣教之同時,他並沒有忘記呼籲牧者和信徒也當注重靈 性成長的追求,而「雙管齊下」就是必須持守的原則了。依我看來,大使命中心這句口號:「深 化靈命、邁步差傳」(Rooted in Spirituality, Committed to Missions),無論中文或英文,都 是上佳的遣詞用語並意義深遠的話!華人教會實在需要一再被提醒一件事——靈命追求是不可或 缺的,其重要性更是先於事工的開展!

1998年1月,王牧師在傳真給我的信函中,特別強調靈命與宣教的重要性,並說:「過去數 年我與同工們一直推動並提醒教會這兩方面並重的需要,『深化靈命、邁步差傳』。單講差傳 而不注重生命的搭建幾乎是一條死巷。今天的宣教神學與靈修神學應達到一個integration」。我 認同王牧師的見解,是以今天,每當我在教導及宣講有關差傳的信息時,都往往多番提及聖靈作 為、靈命更新、教會復興及切切祈禱的必要。謝謝他們帶來的屬靈原則和亮光!

文字傳承

不用我多說,「大使命中心」對文字事工的堅持是有目共睹的。除了恆常出版的季刊外,普 世宣教課程的編寫、差傳工具書的編譯出版及多種宣教小冊子的印製等等,都清楚地表明了眾同 工皆相信「文字盛載及傳遞信息」的重要。這樣的努力,真是叫人欽佩,因為文字工作,從來都 是「粒粒皆辛苦」的。既是如此,為何同工們這麼多年來還是義無反顧地耕耘下去呢?我想這是 為了達致宣教教育的理想——「宣教學」是一門博大精深的學問,若缺乏了優良的中文文字及文 獻的累積,華人教會絕不可能在宣教教育和學習上有所提升,故從長遠眼光來看,文字劬勞是不 可或缺的。我十分欣賞他們這種毫不計較,只求付出的教育精神!

默默耕耘

一直以來,我總覺得「大使命中心」同工的「生產力」很強;雖然辦公室人數不多,但貴在 彼此同心,又互相協調配搭,結果往往是事半功倍,辦事有成!我要向所有的專職同工和義工致 敬,而自己特受其謙遜毅行所感動的,則要算是早年僕僕風塵的王永信牧師及近年更多兼前顧後 的「陳氏姊妹花」陳惠文博士及陳惠雪姊妹二人了。他們默默耕耘,勤奮作工,做事卓越,不甘 平庸,一切都只求討主的喜悅,我相信其屬靈的影響力真是不少啊!為此,我要大大的感謝神!

最後,祝願「大使命中心」眾同工、義工都能繼續忘記背後,努力面前,向著主所訂的「新 標竿」直跑,以至得著神在基督耶穌裏為他們所預備的大獎賞。阿們!

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的開始

周淑慧



周淑慧牧師參加獨聯體福音會議時在台 上為會眾祈禱

歐洲之行聽見神的呼聲

神顯示異象

有一年,我和丈夫吳德聖牧師到羅馬服事,抽空參觀聖彼得大教堂。走得累了,就坐在板凳 上休息。抬頭往上看,竟然看見空中有一個地球,地球上有兩位拿著冠冕的天使,有聲音說: 「我要差遣妳到全世界去傳福音,妳若順服必有冠冕為妳存留。」那時候我尚不知道我會參與普 世宣教,聽到神這句話,我不懂得回應,不敢說是,也不敢說不。

神照著祂的計劃說話

後來,我參加大使命中心在洛杉磯召開的宣教大會。會上放映了一齣15分鐘的短片,其中 一個畫面很感動我:一片成熟待收割的禾田上有一位窮婦人,旁邊站著兩個年幼的兒子,面上很 困惑:誰來收割呢?第二天,全村的人開著收割機來,很快就收割好了。就在那片刻,神向我說 話:「妳若順服,我必差人來幫助妳。」聖靈立刻充滿我,我哭得發抖,很害怕,不敢回答,我 怎麼能去宣教呢?但那一天聖靈選定了,也把訂金給我,支票上寫著:「我必差人幫助妳。」在 日後20年的宣教事奉中,我是滿滿地經驗到:神真實的差人來幫助我。

神奇妙肯定祂的呼召

連續兩次神的感動與聖靈的澆灌後,神又親身帶我去參加共產黨開放後在拉脫維亞(Latvia) 舉行的宣教大會。第一次接到大使命中心的信,我並沒有感動;但隔天聖靈再催促,我就清楚 神要我去參加。我看到了一個無法想像的景象:在原屬蘇聯的小國拉脫維亞,一千人參加宣教 大會,這一群受過共產黨逼迫仍持守信仰的俄人基督徒,他們有的是簡樸、虔誠、熱情、渴慕 的心。我心中說:「這群人顯示出真是耶穌基督的跟隨者!」在一週的會議裏,聽王牧師和Dr. Luis Bush的信息,聽俄人基督徒的詩歌和見證,我一直在流淚,共產國家沒有經過流血革命

正式開放了,比以前自由了。蘇聯的15 個國家都宣告獨立,神在歷史上大行奇 事,難怪當韓國詩班在台上唱:「我靈歌 唱,讚美救主我神,祢真偉大,何等偉 大……」,台上台下每一個人都在流淚, 讚美神的愛和祂偉大的作為。

這一次是我一生中特別的屬靈經驗。 神的作為是按祂的計劃進行,歷史的主宰 永遠是神;我終於向神投降,說:「神 啊!祢要差我到哪裏去,就差我吧!」



周淑慧牧師與夫婿吳德聖牧師

宣教事奉的開始

神在每一個人的生命旅程中都有祂的計劃。神給我有一個敏銳之靈,所以每當聖靈把感動放在 我心中時,我總會細心聆聽,禱告等候,直到明白後就付諸行動。

感動、負擔、異象、行動

踏上宣教事奉是神為我的長遠計劃,從年青時救靈魂的火熱,證明神已把宣教心放在我裏面 了。神的帶領是緩慢的,卻是穩當的;似乎看不見,卻是有目標的。神會為我們在四周預備塑造 感化的環境。生命本身有一種奇妙的感染力,在外表看不出來,但當生命與生命接觸,就產生了火 花,燃燒到對方的心中去了。

我踏上俄羅斯的土地,是因為遇見了王永信牧師,神差他來挑戰和啟發我。我們夫婦由柏克萊 搬到洛杉磯以後認識他,當時大使命中心的辦公室在南加州的巴沙迪那(Pasadena),租了美國普世 宣教中心 (U. S. Center For World Mission) 一座樓房的二樓,那時我任教於台福神學院(今正道福 音神學院),神學院也租了同一楝樓的樓下,所以有時我會到他們的辦公室去。

一位有異象的先鋒

王牧師是華人基督教界可敬可佩的宣教先鋒,是領受異象之人;無論是中國信徒佈道會、華福 運動或是大使命中心,都是他領受異象要發動華人教會起來而設立的。1993年,他們的短盲隊進到 莫斯科,要向俄人傳福音,同時也遇見一些華人。

一天在莫斯科,當他和隊員坐地鐵時,旁邊站著一位華人李先生,王牧師就向他傳福音。李先 生接受了,並邀請王牧師到他所經營的賓館去傳講,那裏住有40-50位到莫斯科找尋機會的華人。 那些華人聽了王牧師的講道,都決志接受主。後來就成立了莫斯科華人教會,由大使命中心差人前 去牧養,易明牧師是第一位差去的宣教士。

第一次踏上莫斯科

我與吳牧師及幾位弟兄姊妹第一次踏足莫斯科是1994年。

莫斯科華人教會初創時,也遇上很多困難,到來的華人有不同的省籍和鄉談,來的目的都為了

作生意賺錢,但常因為沒有身份而被拘捕,或貨品被沒收等等,加上大部分是單身出國,家眷在 中國,所以婚姻生活很難循規蹈矩,此外還有很多人際之間的問題。易明牧師不但要帶領教會, 也要牧養、輔導他們。

易明牧師曾參與越戰,一顆地雷在他旁邊爆炸,身旁的朋友都死了,只有他倖存;他覺得這 條命是屬於神的,就奉獻給主。退伍後,他真的當了宣教士,回應王牧師的呼召來到莫斯科。神 僕的生命充滿愛心與耐心帶領群羊。

成立普世豐盛生命中心

吳牧師與我將在莫斯科所看見的需要,以及王牧師的心意向台福總會說明,希望有機構或教 會去承接莫斯科的華人事工,但當時總會未有負擔,但同意我們憑信心去作這事工。感謝主,我 們對俄國的負擔能付諸行動!

於是,我們在莫斯科與大使命中心派去的鄭金城牧師一起禱告,要成立一個機構來支援這事 工。禱告後,我們決定以普世為目標,且要使信的人都得到耶穌賜的豐盛生命,所以定名為「普 世豐盛生命中心」。就這樣由零作起,機構沒有甚麼基金支持,也沒有錢,但神總會差人來幫 助,差來的都是那麼忠心愛主的人。當普世事工擴大時,需要多幾位董事,聖靈又感動祂的僕人 來加入。神實在是信實的神!

我們從大使命中心接手工場時,尚無宣教士可派,要借用大使命中心的高崇志牧師,他多留



莫斯華人教會成立

了一年。然後,我們就有宣教士 差去了;起初都是短期的,後來 就有長駐的宣教士。直到如今, 普世豐盛生命中心靠著主來完成 一切。

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命中心激勵了我們

馬其頓

引言

大使命中心的同工們是我 們夫婦的良師益友和宣教事工 的好夥伴。他們出版的宣教期



2017年4月25日馬其頓牧師(後排)到訪,與王永信牧師夫婦(前排左) 陳惠文會長合攝,王牧師手裏拿著的是杜拜華人基督教會十周年的特刊

刊圖文並茂,深入淺出,幫助信徒明白神對萬族萬民的差傳心意,鼓勵華人教會和信徒參與近文 化和跨文化宣教事工。願藉本文與同工同道分享他們如何激勵了我們的宣教和屬靈生命。

傳遞異象

「沒有異象,民就放肆。」(箴二十九18)神藉大使命中心創辦人王永信牧師、現任會長陳惠 文博士和同工們積極地透過「洛桑運動」、「華福運動」、「主後二千福音遍傳運動」、「傳回 耶路撒冷運動」、「穆宣」、「猶宣」、「羅姆人事工」等向普世的華人教會傳遞宣教異象。他 們不單到各地領會、宣講真理、喚醒華人教會和信徒們,投身參與普世差傳;他們更身體力行, 在俄國、東歐、中亞、塞班島、阿拉伯半島等地開發新官教工場。

大使命中心是神使用的貴重器皿,20多年來,因著他們傳遞宣教異象,數以萬計的華人信 徒和教會願意回應神的呼召,投入差傳,傳揚救主耶穌給最少聽聞福音的群體和僑居海外的華 人。在1997年夏的一個宣教大會,王牧師語重心長地勸勉與會者說:「今天神要找的是有心人 來參與大使命,與祂同工。」因著王牧師的先知性分享,我們夫婦回應神的呼召,奉獻生命,全 職參與差傳事工。

動員聯絡

溫德博士(Dr. Ralph Winter) 曾說過:「一個人看見森林起火,最主要的不是他一個人獨自 去滅火,而是要招聚幾十人來與他一同滅火。」這比喻指出宣教動員的重要性。大使命中心的 同工們,可以說是一隊卓越的華人宣教動員隊。他們以建立神的國度和夥伴宣教 (Partnership Missions) 為事奉的原則,努力動員和聯絡不同宗派和背景的福音派教會、機構和差會,同心合 意的興旺福音(腓一5)。

2002年秋,我們夫婦完成宣教士職前的訓練和學習,接受差會的邀請,被差派到阿拉伯半

島事奉當地的未得之民。在我們決定後的翌日,王牧師親自打長途電話來告訴我們,大使命中 心的同工們為阿拉伯半島的宣教事工禱告已超過一年,並邀請我們參加2003年2月在波斯灣舉 行的華人宣教會議。從那次會議開始,大使命中心便成為我們宣教路上的親密夥伴,他們轉介 教會、牧長和神學生來支援阿拉伯半島的事工;我們第一次去阿拉伯半島的旅費和及後在當地 購買的第一輛福音車,都是由大使命中心的夥伴教會奉獻支持的。

感謝神的帶領,經過14年多的事工發展,我們的事奉團隊,在阿拉伯半島的五個國家建 立了多間教會和聚會點,帶領了超過一萬多位未得之民信靠主耶穌,為一千多人洗禮歸入基督 名下。他們大部份是散居海外的華人,其中也有從前是穆斯林的外族信徒。另外,我們也差派 有奉獻心志的信徒,到東南亞和國內的聖經學院接受裝備,成為天國工人,向未得之民廣傳福 音。感謝神使用大使命中心的積極動員、代禱和協調,為神國在這片原是福音硬土的阿拉伯半 島上開花結果。我們深信當神國的子民無分彼此,超越教會宗派或差會的界限,同心擴展神的 國度,神就在萬民中得到最大的榮耀。

指導傳承

大使命中心的其中一個宣教理念,就是福音不單單要入中國和在中國生根發芽本土化,福 音更要藉中國教會出中國,向普世未得之民傳揚基督。2004年夏,王永信牧師和陳惠文博士 邀請我出席在三藩市舉行的第一屆「傳回耶路撒冷運動」國際會議,商討如何動員國內和海外 的華人教會與國際差會和同工接動,攜手合作參與跨文化的宣教事工。從第一屆到往後三屆的 「傳回運動」國際委員會裏,神讓我有機會與王牧師、陳博士和資深的宣教領袖們近距離地一 起事奉,他們良善的生命和忠心的事奉,是我學習的好榜樣,使我獲益良多。

感謝神,大使命中心的同工在主裏不單接納我們夫婦,並常常關心我們的事奉。記得有一 次,當我們在宣教工場遇到困難時,王牧師和王師母便以「要多些認識神和多些認識人」來提 醒我們,要倚靠聖靈的大能和與謙卑受教的同工共事。及後當我進修宣教學時,又承蒙大使命 中心的前任副會長溫以諾教授和現任會長陳惠文博士協助,分別成為我的導師團的主要導師和 委員。神讓我從導師們的宣教經驗和屬靈生命,學習如何更有策略地參與神的使命、動員教會 和建立新一代的天國工人。(提後二2)

結語

感謝神!大使命中心的同工們竭力事主,動員普世的華人教會和信徒積極地參與神的使 命。他們實在是「無愧的工人」(提後二15),激勵了無數的華人信徒,我們夫婦只是其中一個 的例子。雖然大使命中心將在2017年6月30日光榮結束,但是他們忠心事主所結的果子將永存 在天上;他們美好屬靈的生命,是我們學效的榜樣。我們衷心感謝大使命中心的同工們在主裏 的忠誠和勞苦!

神國的同工同道們,讓我們因著神豐盛的恩典和慈愛,靠著聖靈的大能,繼續在地方教 會、宣教工場和在未得之民的群體中,盡心竭力傳揚基督,同心合意擴展神的國度。

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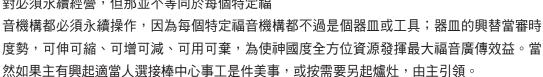
為主的事

陳金獅

敬愛的王永信牧師/師母、陳惠文博士等大使 命中心同丁蒙恩!

獲悉大使命中心即將榮休停辦,內心未 免深感惋惜,但同時認同因著一些客觀因素 忍痛榮休停辦的決定。

福音運動絕對必須永續推動,福音事工絕 對必須永續經營,但那並不等同於每個特定福





2012年,王牧師和師母探訪馬來西亞聖經神學院, 蒙陳金獅牧師(左一)及林日峰博士(右一)接待

無論如何,大使命中心二十多年來在創辦 會長王永信牧師與繼任會長陳惠文博士等同工 推動與帶領之下,實在是成就了極美、尊榮的 服侍,無論在文字(雙月刊、叢書等)、跨文化宣 教(穆宣、猶宣、羅姆宣、培訓課程等)、呼籲 國家悔改歸正運動等等方面,都發揮了領導作 用,並作出卓越貢獻;大使命中心確實服侍了 這一代的教會,榮神益人!

微僕個人也要借此感謝王牧師多年來的提 拔鼓勵,以及陳會長的愛心支持。您們「拿得 起,放得下」的豪情堪為榜樣。您們一生為主 國度的勞苦付出(從王牧師的中信機構、共同參

與的華福運動、大使命中心等事工至今,述說不盡),必有榮耀冠冕為您們保留。暫且歇一 歇吧,主必繼續一步步的引領賜福前程!頌祝

身心安康、靈裏滿滿的力量與喜樂!

微僕金獅 敬上

(作者為馬來西亞聖經神學院榮譽院長)

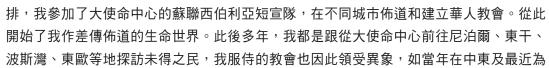
我的生命

陳琛儀

多年來,甚麼異象改變了我的生命世界?

神給了我們很多領受、學習和考驗,但其中一個最重 要的負擔,就是特別對跨文化未得之民普世差傳的心志。 我對宣教工作已有認識,但向普世未得之民傳福音、還福 音債、建立教會的心態,卻是從王永信牧師身上領受的。

早在1992年一次偶然的機會中,其實是上帝的安



東歐羅姆人協助建立教會等,教會的差傳工作越來越被挑 旺,兄姊也更多參予。後來我被激請參加大使命中心加拿 大分會的事奉,進一步與大使命中心的王永信牧師、陳惠 文會長等更深的聯繫,從他們的生命中學習作主僕人,討 神喜悅,落實亦踏實作差傳事奉。

自從大使命中心成立後,王牧師、陳會長及眾同工按

網絡和普世佈道差傳中。

入跨文化、非華人的差傳 現在使命已經燃點起來並

神旨意,忠心服事了二十 多年,引領華人教會更進



到東歐羅姆人社區及教會探訪, 出發前攝

日繼續薪火相傳,我們為大使命中心靠主恩堅定、耐心地 完成了時代的挑戰和使命感謝神!「無論是希臘人、化外 人、聰明人、愚拙人,我都欠他們的債。所以情願盡我的 力量,將福音也傳給你們在羅馬的人。」(羅一14-15)

(作者為多倫多城北華基堂主任牧師,加拿大大使命中心董事)

參與西伯利亞短宣

An Invitation to Serve

By Jim & Sally Foote

In September of 1991, just after the Soviet Union had dissolved, Dr. Thomas Wang, president of Great Commission Theological Seminary, participated in an evangelistic boat expedition in the Tyumen Region of Siberia. During this trip, Dr. Wang experienced a tremendous positive response to the presentation of the Gospel. He was convinced that God had "opened the door" to Siberia and many Christian workers were needed there for the harvest.

In October of 1991, Dr. Wang was the keynote speaker at the annual missions conference at our home church -Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brighton,



Jim and Sally Foote(right) with Rev and Mrs Wang

Michigan. Dr. Wang reported that the fields were ripe for the harvest in Siberia and many other places throughout the world but the workers were few. He challenged anyone in the audience who was ready to respond to the need for workers in the harvest to come forward and make a public commitment to do so.

At that time our nest was empty and we had been wondering what to do with the rest of our lives. We had been considering doing some kind of Christian work but nothing specific had materialized. We were both in the sanctuary but not sitting together when Dr. Wang extended his challenge. We both independently had a powerful feeling that God had just spoken to us through Dr. Wang and we felt compelled to go forward. We met at the front of the sanctuary and along with several other couples we made a public commitment to do something.

After the service, Dr. Wang spoke to us about what we might do and emphasized the need for workers in Siberia. He said that he was going to return to Siberia in December and invited us to go with him. Our first reaction was that no one in their right mind would voluntarily go to Siberia in December but we agreed to pray about it. After much prayer and with strong encouragement from fellow Christians, we concluded that Dr. Wang's invitation was of the Lord and we agreed to go. This invitation to serve in Siberia was the beginning of a ministry and an adventure with the Lord that was beyond our wildest dreams.

Here are some of our selected ministry milestones:

After we visited the Tyumen Region of Siberia with Dr. Wang in December, 1991, we attended the Nations for Christ conference in Riga, Latvia with Dr. Wang in May, 1992. Following the conference, we returned to Tyumen with Dr. Wang and then spent a month visiting cities in the region. And upon returning to the US, we accepted the call to become missionaries and began the qualification process.

In 1994, we completed a missionary training program. In between, In 1993, we took the first short term mission team to Tyumen in 1993.

We went through an intensive four month Russian language course, in1995, were commissioned as missionaries, and took up residence in Tyumen.

With grace of God during 1996, the Cultural Educational Center was organized and legally registered. The first Russian nationals joined the staff. Bible studies and other programs for children and adults were initiated, and a Christian library was founded.

Footprints International (FPI) was organized in 1998 to support the ministry in Tyumen. A group of

"Promise Keepers" visited Tyumen, and recovery programs were initiated, including AA, NA, and Alanon.

We became field directors for FPI in 1999, and the Camp Ark summer Christian camping program was initiated.

The search began for a Russian speaking pastor to plant a church in Tyumen began in 1997. Finally God sent Vladimir (Nadia) Chernyavsky to us from Ukraine to plant a church in 2000. Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church was organized and legally registered. We also had the first American short term mission teams participated in Camp Ark.

In 2001, Pilgrim Christian school was founded with the establishment of a building fund, and the search for land began. But it was not until 2004 that the land was bought, and 2006 when the land privatization process was completed.

The Tyumen Bible College began operation in 2002, and the Pregnancy Resource Center began operation in 2004.

Control of Pilgrim Christian School was transferred to an independent board of directors in 2007. And plans were completed for a community center building to house all of the FPI ministries, as well as providing a facility for use by the Christian community in general. Construction of the building began in 2008. We also celebrated the 10th year anniversary of the Recovery program.

The weather tight shell of the building was finished in 2009, and all FPI ministries moved in to the building when the interior of level 1 of the building was completed in 2010. Holy Trinity Church celebrated 10th year anniversary in the building as well as the 1st annual Holy Trinity Church picnic.

Work began on the third level of the building in 2011. A summer internship program was initiated. Holy Trinity Church had Christmas Worship service in the sanctuary of the new building.

In 2012, Dr. Wang returned to Cornerstone Church in Brighton, Michigan to participate in the annual missions conference. He was also the keynote speaker at the 20 year reunion for people who had participated in the ministry in Tyumen. As of that date, over 300 people had made over 400 visits to Tyumen to serve in various capacities. Dr. Wang kicked off the program by reminding the over 100 people who attended that the fields are still ripe for the harvest and the Great Commission is still in effect. Dr. Wang presented Jim and Sally with a framed photo of himself, Rachel, Jim and Sally in Red Square taken in 1992. An English speaking Bible study program was initiated in Tyumen.

Many high schools in and around Tyumen began in 2013 to invite the Director of the Pregnancy Resource Center to present her seminar on ethics and morality from a Christian perspective. These seminars continue to be very well received by students and parents.

An evangelistic music concert and dinner at the building in 2014:as very well attended, and construction inside the building was essentially completed.

A new pastor for Holy Trinity Church was called and installed in 2015. The old library was moved to the much larger new library on the second floor. The gathering room next to the library was furnished and became very popular. Six more people completed the 28 course 5 year Bible college program. Work began on the exterior main entryway.

Jim & Sally retired from the field in 2016. Our 25 year adventure with the Lord in Siberia was a fantastic experience. We cannot imagine any greater pleasure in this life than to be used as a tool by our Lord to draw someone to Himself and to be present when someone you have come to know and to love accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

For us this great adventure started with a crazy invitation to visit Siberia in December.

Igniting and Passing the Himalayan Torch

by Cindy Perry

I first met Rev Thomas Wang at an Urbana Conference in the early 1990s, little knowing the influence he would have in my life, and among Nepali and Himalayan churches over the following two decades. Out of that meeting Rev Wang was welcomed to Kathmandu, Nepal in 1994 by Rev Adon Rongong, as guest speaker for a pioneering cross-border Nepali Christian leaders conference. In the concluding Kathmandu Declaration the vision was cast



Cindy Perry (second from the left) introduced Rev. Wang to Nepal leaders

for extending the call for "the Gospel to every person and the church among every people" to the wider Himalayan region - beyond Nepal itself. Rev Wang proposed to hold a Congress of Evangelism in the Himalayas (as an extension of the AD2000 & Beyond Movement), which soon became known as HIM-COE. With his encouragement and guidance a movement for evangelism and mission was birthed with the first HIM-COE in 1996 held in Siliguri, North Bengal, under huge tents on the bare ground. Over 1500 church and Christian organization leaders from across the borders of Nepal, the Eastern Himalayas and North-East India, both inter-denominationally and inter-ethnically (Nepali, Lepcha, Bhutia) were gathered together for the first time under a common banner. A torch was ignited in their hearts, and they went forth determined to take the Gospel back to every corner of Nepal and the Himalayas and among Nepalis scattered throughout India, Sikkim and Bhutan.

The second major HIM-COE was held in 1998 in Darjeeling – this time to cast a further vision of Nepali churches becoming missionary churches. Rev Wang was present again as an elder statesman and guiding force to the national leaders. He personally followed the progress of the Torch Rally as over 50 young people marched 90 kilometers into the hills bearing torches and calling churches and Christians all along the way to join this new movement, and stopping to encourage them along the way. Then as the HIM-COE venue in Darjeeling reverberated with the cry of 'Himali jati (peoples), Missionary jati', Dr Wang symbolically put the torch, which had been laboriously but triumphantly carried to this famous hill station, into the hands of elderly foreign missionary guests - those who were early pioneers in

the region – and they Passed the Torch on to the younger generation Nepali leaders. It was more than symbolism, it was indicative of a new wave of the Spirit in the Himalayas, and of the Nepali-Himalayan leaders fully 'owning' the vision.

There were further waves of the HIM-COE movement which Rev Wang followed with great interest, and covered with prayer. Research assistance and surveys concerning the Nepali diaspora were also being carried out throughout this time by Himalayan Ministries, with partial support from GCCI. Then Rev Wang's influence was felt once again as HIM-COE morphed into HIM-GLO



(Himalayan Global Summit), which for the first time in 2009 brought together leaders from 16 countries of the global Nepali-Himalayan diaspora in Pattaya, Thailand.

Two years later, in 2011, the 2nd HIM-GLO was held, this time in Hong Kong. And again the Himalayan torch was passed on, this time from elder Nepali-Himalayan leaders to the next generation. Although Rev Wang wasn't able to be with us, I couldn't help but reflect on how this tireless Chinese follower and friend of Jesus had brought us full circle, back to the place of his own ministry beginnings. That even as GCCI was established in the early 1990s to draw Chinese churches globally into mission, his heart encompassed the Nepali and Himalayan churches as well. Almost in parallel with the incredible growth of mission among and through Chinese churches, Nepali-Himalayan churches have also jumped their borders going into over 100 countries around the world. Although many of the younger church leaders today may not know his name, Rev Thomas Wang's legacy lives on, in and through the lives of the many his life has touched – the Himalayan torch for the Gospel has truly been passed on and is being carried forward by a new generation.

A Testimony from Daya R. Pradhan, Founder/Director of Mission Himalaya (founded in direct response to vision received in HIM-COE)

Rev. Thomas Wang was an angel sent from heaven for me to impart to me a special calling in my life. He was a moving force behind the Him-COEs of different years in the Himalayan region. The message

the Lord sent through this special man of God for me was, "You may be a Presbyterian or you may be a Pentecostal or Baptist, but we are one in Christ for the sake of the Gospel," and, "Reach the unreachables." These may seem to be simple statements for many people, but this was life-changing for many of us, and became the core of my ministry and life.

In the process, I should not forget Dr. Chi-Hok Wong, one of



Key leaders of HIM-COE, Daya R. Pradhan (first at the left), Adon Rongong (third from the left) Rev Wang's disciples in the past at GCCI. Chi-Hok gave me a wider understanding of partnership in the Gospel, and opened his arms to connect and guide a novice evangelist like me to start a new ministry with the Nepali-speaking churches, first in Sikkim and North Bengal, and into North-East India. Now the Lord of the harvest has enlarged our reach among Nepali-speaking churches in different nations. Wherever I go around the world my motivation became "We Are One in Christ," and like a drum-beat the theme of "Himalayan People Missionary People." I am happy that now Nepali-speaking churches are growing as a strong mission force rather than a meagre mission field. The Nepali churches have become one of the fastest growing churches in the world. This is part of the legacy in the Himalayas of Rev Thomas Wang.

Rev. Wang had a father's heart towards the leaders throughout the Himalayas, rather than a worldly chairman's heart. I will never forget this elder gentleman crossing the busy street of Shillong in India, just to give me \$20 to have coffee with my group on my way back home (Sikkim) from NEI-Congress of Evangelism.

I also remember him taking time with Dr. Cindy Perry to meet with the young torch-bearers (who had walked fifty miles) on the way to Darjeeling from Siliguri. These torch-bearers had walked the steep Himalayan hills asking the oil of partnership and unity among churches. Rev Wang commented, "This torch should be seen by the churches all over the world!" His heart burned for unity and healing in the broken body of Christ. Rev Wang is a real visionary for the Kingdom of God, and communicated that vision to many of us.

I wish him a good health. May God continue to use him even in his weak and frail body. And may his legacy be a channel of blessings to many more different nations and tribes even as He has used him in the past.

A Message of Thanks from Rev Adon Rongong, Chairperson of HIM-COE & HimGlo Movements

Dear Rev. Dr. Wang,

It has been a great privilege to know you and to be able to spend some time with you working together in the field of evangelism among the Nepali-speaking people. You have been a great inspiration and a model in my life. You are someone who has contributed a lot for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Now there are around four million Nepali Christians and several thousand Nepali churches all over the world, and you and GCCI have been a great influence to advance the vision for evangelizing and mission to the rest of the world. It is not only among the Nepali people themselves, but now the Nepalese Christians are becoming instrumental to reach out to other ethnics and nationals. The new generation may or may not realize this, but a major impact in this direction was made by the Himalayan Congress of Evangelism (HIM-COE), which vision was imparted by you, and which the Nepali Christian world cannot forget.

May our God continue to bless the new generation as they continue the task till the Lord comes.

Thank you for your great contribution towards the Nepali-speaking Church globally!

(Dr. Cindy Perry is the former Int'l Coordinator for HIM-COE and HIM-GLO; currently South Asia Regional Director, Development Associates Int'l)

Chinese and Roma—A growing partnership in mission

By Melody J. Wachsmuth

In the span of time between 2013 to the present, surprising new relationships have been forged between Chinese Christians and Roma Christians. The Roma, a term designating related groups of people who may share a common language,



GCCI leadership met Melody Wachsmuth in Apatin, Serbia

cultural traditions, and common experience, number about 10-12 million in Europe alone, but are also numerous in places like North and South America. Because of complex historical and socio-cultural reasons, they remain largely marginalized and living in impoverished conditions through much of Europe. At the same time, in the last few decades there has been a tremendous spreading of Christianity among the Roma in places like France, Spain, Bulgaria, and Romania—and this story has largely been unknown to the rest of the Christian world.

The involvement between GCCI and Roma ministries is so strange and unexpected that only God could have orchestrated it. Dr. Sharon Chan read her first article on the Roma in May of 2013. Immediately, she felt moved in her spirit, but did nothing until she happened upon a second article by the same author shortly thereafter. Asking her colleagues to pray, she approached Dr. Thomas Wang for advice, and he encouraged her to follow this leading.

In the next few months, Sharon Chan took a number of steps to explore this idea, and each step required an act of faith. First, she wrote the author of the articles, Melody Wachsmuth, to ask for permission to translate them into Chinese. She then held a prayer meeting in Hong Kong for the Roma. Next, she began to plan a scouting trip to see the situation for herself among the Roma in Eastern Europe. However, not having a contact there presented a problem until a member of the Hong Kong Board connected her with Viktor Sabo, a respected pastor in Serbia who had been working with the Roma for years.

That first trip consisted of only five people, and they visited five cities in Serbia, as well as a Roma mission in Hungary. It was one thing to read about the Roma, but it was another thing to be on the ground experiencing the vibrancy of Roma hospitality set against the poverty. While the team was in Apatin, Serbia, another unexpected event happened. A leadership team from a small Roma church next door in Croatia came to fellowship with the Chinese visitors. To the surprise of everyone there, one of the visitors was Melody Wachsmuth, with whom Sharon had connected to months before! This seemed to everyone like it was an ordained appointment, and Thomas Wang and Sharon Chan shared their vision of wanting to host a conference that would serve as a platform to bring Roma leaders together from all over Europe. Melody Wachsmuth agreed to help them in their vision.

Outside of the Roma leaders the team had just met in Serbia and Hungary, GCCI was unknown to any other Roma leaders or churches—and so Sharon decided to embark on a journey through Eastern Europe that would allow her to connect with Roma leaders and share the vision.

In April of 2014, Sharon and her colleague traveled through eight different countries, guided first by Melody Wachsmuth and then handed off to Nina Vujić, one of the church leaders in Darda, Croatia. Many connections were made, and there was excitement, skepticism and bemusement as to the idea of this possible connection between Chinese and Roma.

Despite the skepticism, the vision went forward with much prayer and determination. As the date of the conference approached in September 2014, there were many logistical and programmatical challenges. There were over eight languages to navigate, a number of speakers dropped out at the last moment, and there were financial challenges. In the end, however, one hundred Roma Christian leaders, thirty mission leaders, and missionaries all coming from 15 countries took part in the Consultation in Budapest, Hungary.

During the conference, many felt that God was doing something, that there seemed to be a momentum happening through people connecting to each other, listening to each other, and thinking about the future together. People expressed the desire to have another conference in the future. Because of this, in consultation with GCCI and a handful of other local and international Christian leaders, a committee of six was formed, including three Roma and three non-Roma, hailing from six different countries.

Under Nina Vujić's leadership, the committee decided it did not want to just plan conferences, but become a platform for connection, networking, and research "for the sake of sharing the gospel and seeing the transformation in Roma communities throughout Europe." Since that time, Roma Networks, as it came to be called, spent two years researching and connecting with various Roma missions, churches, organizations and communities throughout Europe. They planned a 2nd European Conference for September of 2016, in which 190 Roma and non-Roma leaders assembled from 29 countries. During that conference, 44 country representatives were elected, and in March 2017, a meeting was held to share information and equip these representatives to expand the network.



Melody introduced Sharon to Roma pastor in Serbia

Although GCCI "passed the baton" to Roma Networks, their vision remained to help the Chinese Church to catch the vision for serving the Roma and to partner with Roma leaders. This is a slow process, but it is gaining momentum through prayer, publications, and ongoing events. In 2015 and 2016, Sharon organized a meeting for Chinese Churches in Budapest, Hungary and Thessaloniki, Greece to continue sharing information and building rapport between Chinese Christian leaders and Roma Networks. Chinese Christians have also taken various exposure trips into Roma communities in Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Albania, Greece, and Macedonia so that Chinese leaders can experience the realities firsthand.

The story is far from over-but now Chinese Churches in the USA, Canada, Hong Kong, and in Eastern Europe have shown interest and begun taking steps towards learning how they can partner with Roma leaders. As God is writing this unlikely story, many hope that more will become involved, relationships will be formed and strengthened, and the gospel and transformation will continue growing amongst the Roma in Europe and beyond.

大使命中心光榮結束感恩聚會紀盛

2017年6月24日下午5時,三藩市灣區的聖荷西韓國以馬內利長老教會,冠蓋雲集。超過300位華人的同工同道們,一起為大使命中心在過去24年蒙神看顧保守,並帶領各項事工的發展而向神獻上感恩。這天的光榮結束感恩聚會,不單有三藩市灣區的同路人,也有從外州和加拿大來的,更有特別遠道從澳門回來的舊同工,為的是緬懷神恩。

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