

## “My True Hero”: The True Hero

Xueqin Zhao, Runsheng Li, and Ruiyun Zhao entered Sing Tao (Canada) Foundation’s 2017 My True Hero Community Service Award contest, sharing their experiences and the “hero” in their heart: CCM Centre. Thanks to their efforts, CCM Centre was selected as one of the three organizations to receive the award. These three seniors had never thought that their story would win the contest and bring in a prize of \$10,000 for CCM Centre when they volunteered to help their neighbours in need at Tam O’Shanter Seniors’ Apartment.



On December 21, in the witness of over forty volunteers and friends, these three seniors each received their certificate of merit from Andrew Go (chairman of Sing Tao (Canada) Foundation) and Calvin Wong (president of Sing Tao Media Group). Alice Mau of CCM Centre also received the prize for the centre.

Belying her age of 85 years, Sharon (as Ms. Zhao prefers to be called) is energetic and her eyes shine with youthful vigour. Asked for her thoughts on receiving the award, Sharon humbly said it was God who gave her the wisdom and grace to serve other seniors of the building.

Smiling, Runsheng Li said that Sharon is young at heart. After caring for her husband who has mobility challenges, she said, Sharon spares no effort to help others daily, and her positive attitude has inspired other seniors to take the initiative to help each other.



Helping Others is the Root of Joyfulness



Every Tuesday, Eleanor Wong and Mable Mak volunteer at CCM Centre, providing social services such as applying for financial assistance, free income tax filing, and accompanying non-English speakers to apply for various services.

Throughout her decade of volunteering, Eleanor Wong has provided quality services with a loving heart together with her professional experience. These experiences bring her joy because it affords her the opportunity to bring the gracious love of Jesus Christ to people, and also to bring people to Christ. She also gets enjoyment from learning as she keeps up with the changes in government regulations.

Mable Mak has taken on the dream career of her youth — social services — since her early retirement in 2016. Learning on the job with Eleanor, Mable feels enormous joy and gratification because she never thought that God would let her fulfill her childhood dream at CCM Centre. In particular, she has experienced the wonder of God when she prayed with people in need and matters were resolved. Mable hopes that in the future, she will have opportunities to bring others to Christ, such that they will receive not only blessings of this world but “everlasting blessings.”

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# The Heroes in Our Heart: Gratitude for CCM's Altruism



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As part of the resident community at Tam O'Shanter Seniors' Apartment in Scarborough, we experience firsthand the challenges of advancing age, including weakened physique and poor vision. Our daily lives are already laden with difficulties –that tend to escalate in times of illness and mishaps – without the added challenge of a language barrier. There are many problems that are beyond our abilities to resolve.

However, we have some close friends in the CCM Centre. During the past ten years, CCM and its volunteers have expressed their deep love for the community through its services to seniors. Their grace and car-

ing have helped us overcome many difficulties. To us, they are the most approachable and reliable people from whom we benefit deeply.

Here are a few examples out of many:

When 81-year-old Madam Shek required translation at a medical appointment, CCM sent a volunteer to the clinic. When Madam Shek did not show up, the volunteer called her right away, only to find out that Madam Shek had gotten off at the wrong station. The volunteer was able to pick her up and bring her to the clinic safely.

One 90-year-old senior in our building, Kam-chan Tsui, has many medical conditions, including a coronary stent and diabetes complications. In October 2008, his doctor said that he might need amputation due to ulcers in his toes. He could not walk due to the wounds, and his condition worsened despite medication. The whole family was extremely worried. When CCM learned of this, they immediately came up with the idea of contacting a community health service agency to provide cleansing and dressing at home. After four months of treatment, the wounds healed and the prospect of amputation was averted. Meanwhile, CCM helped the family apply for Wheel-Trans service, solving the problem of commuting to medical appointments.

On November 7, 2016, 81-year-old Cheung-won Wong went to a walk-in clinic with cardiac conditions. The doctor directed her to go immediately to the emergency room. Because CCM's vehicle was waiting at the exit when Wong came out of the clinic, she was able to get treatment in a timely manner and her critical condition stabilized. Until her daughter arrived from the States, CCM's volunteers were by her side the entire time. It was CCM's volunteers who paid her visits every day, bringing her food and company. The senior said with emotion, "It was CCM that saved my life!"

CCM helped the Yun-sung couple fill out all kinds of applications for permanent resident cards, health cards, and pensions as their children were not in the country; and provided transportation and translation services to 75-year-old Tse-kum. The volunteers' love, kindness and ungrudging diligence touched the seniors deeply and reaped their heartfelt thanks. Many seniors say that CCM is more keen to help them than their own children are.

As long as a senior asks for help, CCM is committed to putting in every effort to tackle all of their problems. CCM always lends a helping hand when we are most in need, allowing us to cross hurdle after hurdle, even those that concern life and death. We sincerely thank CCM and our many volunteer friends; it is your love and keenness that help countless people live better lives, especially the disadvantaged. We now understand that despite our advanced age, we must learn to adopt your spirit and do our best to help others. We must also strive to pass this love on to generations to come.

## Christmas Concert at Oriental Centre



CCM held a Christmas concert on December 23, 2017 in the Oriental Centre. The performers provided a wonderful afternoon of entertainment for audiences all over the mall. The emcee of the concert — Eric Chau, former renowned TV news anchor — vividly explained the true meaning of Christmas.

The Doulos Gospel Music Ministry opened the concert enthusiastically. They were followed by a group of singers from CCM's Men's New World and Unison Band, who performed renditions of Chinese and English Christmas songs. The elegant sound of Miranda's harpsichord lulled the audience into a joyful state of serenity. Likewise, Jacqueline, a repeat winner of oldies contests, impressed all with a brilliant performance of gospel songs. A vivacious group of children from CCM's Children's Choir touched everyone's hearts with their hymn singing and handbell performance.

The guest of honour that day was Gabriel, a boy with severe cerebral palsy. He put in a great deal of practice to play the Christmas tune "Holiday Bell" on a tablet. It was clear that his music was full of joy; together with his smile, the performance was extremely moving. Last but not least was the newly established band, Hallelujah Hallelujah, whose performance brought the concert to a perfect ending.

We thank the entire stage crew for their generous efforts. We pray that the Holy Spirit work wonders in the spectators' hearts, and that CCM can continue to benefit the community and bring glory to God.

## A Sensational Christmas Gala Dinner

On the night of December 21, 2017, the 130 members of CCM's Men's New World gathered with spouses and families at a restaurant for their annual Christmas gala dinner. The program included feasting, life in abundance story sharing, Christmas carol singing, and plentiful lucky draws.

The highlight of the night was a life message sharing titled "Who Are the Protagonists?" Who would be the main characters in Christmas? It turns out to be common folks like you and me. In God's eyes, the incarnation of Jesus was meant for every human being who is willing to repent and turn to God. Therefore, people actually become the protagonists in Christmas. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is well pleased" (Luke 2:14). How precious are these "men" in God's eyes that He would send His only son to be born for them!



Three participants of Men's New World spoke onstage, along with their wives who witnessed the reshaping of their family's lives since their husbands had joined Men's New World. These changes stemmed from the men gathering every Thursday evening (7:30 – 9:30 p.m.), where they promoted the "true me" culture, shared their successes and failures, and established genuine friendships with other participants of the program.

During those meetings, men opened their hearts, interacted honestly, shared real life experiences, and received practical help. At first, their spouses wondered why their husbands were so keen on attending the weekly meetings. However, when they saw the changes in their husbands, they were happy to support them in attending!

# Thanksgiving & Prayers



- Praise God for leading the Centre into a new ministry at our new location! It's been a journey to witness God's power and sovereignty, providing us a place not just to continue our services but also to start new programs that respond to community needs.
- With the Children Spring Camp and Youth Summer Camp coming up, pray that God gives us the wisdom, manpower, and resources to nurture our young ones in truth.
- Pray for the Revival Conference on April 28 led by Rev. Joseph Chi and his team that the Spirit will empower all with new strength.



## The Latest News

### Stretch Delight New Classes



A class (Thur) 1:30pm—2:30pm

B class (Fri) 9:15am—10:30am

C class (Sat) 11:15am—12:15pm

Children Spring Camp: Once Upon a Time **SPRING BREAK**  
March 12-16, 2018



Family Discovery—Children Reading Club  
2018/4/7– 5/26 1:30–3:00pm

CCM Children Choir

Every Saturday 2:00—3:15pm



Obadiah Prayer Mission

2018 Feb 21 - April 1

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# In Memory of Rev. Thomas Wang

14/10/1925 — 4/1/2018

On Jan. 4, CCM's founder Rev. Thomas Wang rested with the Lord from his home in the US, leaving a precious legacy of mission and vision with his dedicated life. As CCM Centres around the world gathered in memorial services to reflect upon his exemplary life, let us also ponder the question: "What would we like to leave behind in our life?"



## Karaoke Outreach Program



Every Monday, "Karaoke Queens & Kings" lights up the lives of some 20 participants with 2 hours of singing and sharing. Volunteers would be in full gear by 11am setting up everything

from audio-visual and reception to refreshments, then staying till all is wrapped up after 2pm.

Such enthusiasm and passion is definitely shared by participants who would sing their hearts out all through the 2 hours. Be it pop, folk or oldies, the melodies resonated with the friendship and sharing among them. Volunteers would also share their testimonies in Christ followed by a song to echo their feelings. It's a gathering with open hearts, caring, giving, and most of all the love of Christ touching everyone.

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