

The Christian Brigade in CCM



Over the past year (from September, 2017 to June, 2018), a group of youths ranging from aged 6 to 15 years old would be arriving at 7 p.m. every Tuesday night in energetic and lively mood at CCM Centre. Wearing their Boys & Girls Christian Brigade uniform, these youths enthusiastically engaged in Bible studies, trainings on drills and life skills, leadership development, team work, community services, and camping skills... etc.

Certainly, games, exercises, rock climbing, these go well with youths whom were optimistic. But Bible studies! Are these not super boring ideas? Strangely though, if you tried to interview those youths who engaged in these activities, besides the Christian Brigade activities, they would often talk about joining and learning more of the Lord Jesus as one of the reasons for their participation.

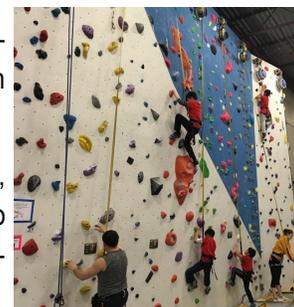


Seems odd, eh? Not a bit! As God made men by unifying the spirit, soul and body, the Boys & Girls Christian Brigade also fulfills the needs in these three areas. The diversified learning satisfies children's yearning for the spirit, soul and body; it expands Christ Kingdom, and promotes the proper development of children's compliance, devoutness, discipline, self-respect, language, behaviour and character. Ultimately, these children mature in Christ-like personality, and this is exactly the founding purpose of the Boys & Girls Christian Brigade. This unique purpose just cannot be fulfilled by community activities in general!

Let's listen to the story of David, another team participant, who takes part in the Boys & Girls Christian Brigade:

"Computer games and internet chat has always been part of my life. Everyday afterschool, I would enclose myself inside my room digging into my favorite online games with my friends while doing my homework. I seldom communicated with my family and want to escape pressure from the real world.

Once, a friend of mine invited me to join the rock climbing event organized by the Christian Brigade in his church, to meet up with group members same age as mine. I was to follow instructions from the director, to learn how to overcome obstacles. Wow! Interactions within the peers, building up with self confidence, true caring from counselors.....so ironically different comparing to on line chat or school events, totally non-existent outside this world!



Ever since then, I started to join the Christian Brigade. I no longer want to cope inside my room with devices on me, because I have found a genuine group of friends to growing up with me, to share joy and challenges together.

Did you find David's story touching? This was his real experience indeed!



BB Parent Support Group



In January of this year, CCM Centre has convened a parent support group concurrent with the activities of the Boys & Girls Christian Brigade Canada on Tuesday nights. Prior to that, parents would be checking up on their cell phones or went shopping, after dropping their children off. After the support group had been formed, we invited the parents to stay behind to explore some parenting topics together. The group read books together and invited the author to share in the workshops. At times there were health-related lectures as well. Parents have established intimate trusting relationships through these interactive sharing. While the children were growing together in the Boys & Girls Christian Brigade, the parents were also growing together in the group.

One parent talked about how he had neglected to spend time with his daughter because of his work. Initially, his daughter resented joining the youth brigade. After a few months, seeing the change in her father who was taking more time to chat with her and being more attentive to her; she had become a "beneficiary" indirectly. As a result, she insisted on coming to the brigade.

Another parent shared that parents needed to establish a healthy relationship before bringing up children into the picture. He was diligent to communicate more with his wife to reach consensus on parenting topics. Even though parenting today is full of challenges, through this platform, everyone is willing to support each other along the way so that everyone can reap the bountiful joy out of the hard work.

KK, Why Did You Take On the Chair Position Again?



Keith Kwan, also known as KK, has been coming to CCM's Men's New World by brother Anthony's invitation for the last two years. At Men's New World, KK came to know many true friends. As for Anthony, he did his best to take part in CCM's annual walkathon, Footprints of Love, despite his health had deteriorated from cancer. In addition, KK was invited to be a sponsor whom he fully support annually.

In 2017, KK immediately responded to the invitation to take part in the Footprints of Love planning committee. He was deeply moved as he witnessed how Anthony, though severely ill, still willing to take part in the walkathon to contribute his share in God's ministry. As a result, he took it upon himself to serve as chairperson. And in view of a deficit that exceeded \$100,000 from CCM Centre's relocation, the planning committee set a goal by faith to raise \$70,000 from the walkathon.

On the day of the 2017 walkathon, when we saw that the number of participants in the event fell short of target, we couldn't help feeling downhearted, "Alas! Looks like the goal of the fundraising campaign couldn't be reached! All we could do is to proceed in the mindset of "doing our utmost and leaving it in God's hands." To our surprise, we reached the target amount of \$70,000, which could cover part of CCM's deficit. The God that we believe in is real and alive; He knows that CCM's vision is "to bring the Church to the people, then bring people back to the Church," and our needs are pressing. How would He not intervene when we beseeched his help for shortfalls in CCM's operational budget! Lord Jesus is the source of living water! Unfortunately, Anthony had already left this world before the walkathon and could not witness the result of the fundraising campaign.

After this battle, the whole fundraising committee felt greatly motivated as they realized that God would guard good works according to His will when we work together selflessly and do our best to serve. Beyond our expectations in 2017, and the pleasure of teamwork, the entire fundraising planning committee joyfully remained in office to plan for Footprints of Love 2018. The target amount is set as \$80,000 and scheduled for September 8 (Saturday) at Milliken Park. Each planning item is currently in full swing, and we all look forward to this God who "creates new things out of nothing" once again at CCM's ministry through another miracle!

Moses was called when he was 80 years old!

Mr. Hin Yuen Leung, also known as Uncle Leung, aged 7 years senior to Moses at 87, joined an event hosted by CCM in February of 2017. He was moved after hearing the gospel message, and continued to participate in varies Bible studies meetings. He also attended Church Worship service, Sunday School, cell group, fellowships, etc. After several months, he decided to accept Christ as his own Lord and Savior, repented and turned back to God. Within the same year on December 17, 2017 before Christmas, he was baptised and joined the church.

During this year in February (2018), Uncle Leung learned that the Toronto CCM will be holding the "Footprints of Love" Walkathon Fundraise on Saturday, September 8th. Uncle Leung was moved one year ago to join CCM events. With the opportunity to believe in the Lord, he heartfelt the objective of CCM for the meaningful message of: "Bring the Church to the People, Bring the People back to the Church". He diligently takes up the importance of this purpose by joining the "Walkathon", hoping to raise more funds to support the expenses of CCM's various events.

Uncle Leung had come to know the Lord for nearly one year, at 87 years senior to serve! We are much younger and high-spirited, believed in the Lord as Christians for a much longer period. Shouldn't we be putting in more effort, and more diligent to serve?



日期 Date : 2018年9月8日 (週六 Saturday)

時間 Time : 9am - 12pm

地點 Venue : 士嘉堡美麗徑公園 (C區涼亭)

Scarborough Milliken Park (Shelter C)
Steeles Ave E. & McCowan Road



Thanksgiving & Prayers



🙏 Thank the Lord for leading the “The Prayer Mission of Obadiah 2018” from February to April. More than 50 prayer warriors took part and served in prayer together.

🙏 Thank God for sending Rev. Joseph Chi to lead 4 classes of Worship and Praise Training at the center and a Music Revival meeting at TCMC in April. Many people had been blessed through the training and the event.

🙏 Please pray for the Children Summer Camp in July and the Youth Leadership Training Camp in August. The Center does not apply for summer students because of the unacceptable government's application requirements. Pray that God gives us the wisdom, manpower, and resources to nurture our young ones in truth even we don't have government's resources.

🙏 Please pray for the “Thailand Summer Short Term Mission” which will be held for 4 weeks in July. Pray for the perseverance, peace and safety of the staff and the participating young people. May God use them to bring the gospel to others.

🙏 Please pray for the “Footprints of Love Walkathon” which will be held on September 8. Pray that God moves more people to participate and support this important annual event.



The Latest News



Children Summer Camp — July 3-27

Youth Summer Leadership Camp — August 13-17

Family Fun Day & Road Show — August 18

Footprints of Love Walkathon — September 8

Interest Class recruitment: Guzheng & Erhu

**** Please call CCM Centre for details****

How much you know about Tree of Life Bible Study?

Since the beginning of 2016, on Wednesdays from 10am-12noon of every September to May of the following year, there is a group of brethren with a searching heart to hold a bible study together at Toronto CCM.



Since 2018 there was a number of 30 people joined to an increased number of 40 people participated in the “Tree of Life Bible Study”.

The Vision: “To Believe the Word of God can change people’s lives”
The Purpose: “We dig deeper God’s truth for building up people’s lives.”

The Goal: “To cultivate members the habit of daily bible study, and live out the Truth.”

The Tree of Life Bible Study is classified as an “International Ministry”. The method of using Tree of Life Bible Study and its materials was also practiced at Christian Churches and its organizations, as well as in the United States, Canada, Panama, Costco Rica, Holland, Germany, Columbia, United Arabs, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Australia. There are Cantonese and Mandarin classes. There are bible study classes held in about 20 locations in Canada alone.

The method of bible study is defined as “4 stages of bible study”:

1. Self study: participant is to study the verses and answer the studies’ questions.
2. Group study: participant is divided in groups to discuss the verses, and to learn from each other.
3. Summary the chapter: to lead team members through conference call to summarize a conclusion and life applications.
4. Analyzed the Word: verses chosen by dedicated bible scholars so members can understand the verses studied that day more in depth.

The Bible study held once a week and prayers within the members guided them to build up and encouraged through their life’s experiences, and to grow in God’s Word. There are no boundaries of religion within the brothers and sisters, to gather once a week, yet they were enlightened interactions and discussions. The number of participants has been increasing gradually. Because there is acceptance, guidance, so naturally, news was spread to other brothers and sisters, to join this spiritual feast together!

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