

# English Ministry Update

Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

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## A Letter to Grandpa

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Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favour and honour; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Psalm 84:10-12

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### G.L.O.W.

Members from our teens youth group, Barnabas and Crossroads fellowship collaborated in an outreach to our community on Halloween, October 31. Entitled GLOW, God Lights Our Way, it was an opportunity to connect with the surrounding community, on a night when many would be out trick or treating.

Stay tuned for some sharing from our youth in next month's newsletter.

*The following is a letter written by Francis Lee to his grandfather, the late Deacon Pang Yiu Lee on his passing. Deacon Lee faithfully served our church since 1984 when he moved to Toronto from Hong Kong.*

Dear Granpa,

It's amazing how quickly life can change, and sometimes it can be hard to express all that one is feeling. Even though we weren't able to see each other in your last moment here, I just want you to know that you are greatly loved and that you will be greatly missed.

Thank you for taking care of me when I was young. Thank you for walking me to school. Thank you for making me those little snacks when you brought me home. And thank you for being there for me when I got older. Thank you for recognizing my hardships and not just giving me quick advice. Thank you for just listening when the going got rough and no easy answers could be had.

You always taught me not to worry, and to trust God in all my life. You always made me smile with your jokes and stories. And you always prayed those ridiculously long prayers that I've only now begun to appreciate. I'm sorry that I've so little to show for all you've done for me. I know that you have always cared for me, even when you no longer had the words to say it. But you always taught us to trust God, who gives purpose to all things. I know that these last few years have been very hard for you. Like Paul, you always lived your life self-dependent, never wanting to be a burden to anyone, and your illness took all that away from you. But even though it's been hard, do not think that you have over-burdened us. Just know that this whole time, we have never stopped caring for you, even when we didn't have the words to say it.

So for now, I just want to say my final goodbye to you, even though we weren't able to see each other in your last moment. The God of Promise has provided for you, and He has made your legacy strong. I pray that you will rest easy now, until the day the Lord brings us back together again.

Your grandson, Francis

## Softball Leadership Convention

There will be a softball leadership convention on November 14 to discuss leadership for next year, goals, practice locations and dates, signup plans and then working on a plan to have all the devotions, booklets, ministry tools, events, and equipment ready before the start of next year's season. If you are interested in taking a leadership roll in this ministry, please contact Ivan Lung: [Ivan.lung@gmail.com](mailto:Ivan.lung@gmail.com)

## Operation Christmas Child

The entire English congregation is participating this year in Operation Christmas Child. The program brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the message of God's unconditional love. Each gift is a special reminder to a child that he or she is loved and often opens doors for Samaritan's Purse to provide other aid.

Operation Christmas Child focuses on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ—God's greatest gift. This project also makes an impact on the people who pack them.

### Suggested Items to Donate

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, skipping ropes, etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or pencil crayons, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, colouring and picture books, etc.

Hygiene Items: toothbrush, mild soap bar (in a plastic bag), comb washcloth, etc.

Other: candy (hard through the centre in packaging), t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, etc.

### DO NOT INCLUDE:

Toothpaste (due to customs regulations)

Liquids or items that leak, melt or freeze—shampoo, gels, paint, cream, lip balm, liquid glue, etc.

Food items (due to shipping regulations)—chewy, soft-centered, crumbly, or unwrapped candy, gum, etc.

Used Items (due to customs regulations)

Breakable items—glass, porcelain, mirrors, etc.

Items that can scare or harm a child—knives, war-related toys, toy guns, etc.

