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GFM METRO NYC

**Boaz Tingson: (InterVarsity  
Graduate & Faculty Campus Staff)**



Graduate and Faculty Ministry in Metro-NYC provide spaces for graduate students, post-docs, fellows, and faculty to encounter God, grow in friendships and community, and learn more about how the Christian faith is relevant to every aspect of their lives, including their studies and professions.

2023 has been another challenging year of ministry. The challenges of graduate school (time, energy, capacity) was a major factor in not allowing us to take the necessary steps to become a recognized group on campus. However, students continue to press in and engage and by God's grace, we have our first group of alumni for Stony Brook Graduate Fellowship! In addition, our staff teams spent this summer focusing on the book of Philippians as we long to bring back the basics of prayer and scripture study in our ministry. We are convinced that God's longing for the campus is for his people to continue to deepen their love for Him, His word, and His people. Our focus this fall is to continue meeting graduate students all across Metro-NYC and inviting them to consider the gospel to be good news, and how following Jesus can transform their lives as they pursue their academics and vocation.

**Would you pray for:**

1. Opportunities to continue meeting new students all across Metro-NYC. If you know a graduate student looking for community on campus, please connect them with me!
2. Favor on campus at Stony Brook as we seek to become an official graduate student group on campus.
3. Pray for our family as we navigate and balance our time with work and with our 3 children at home. Please also pray for our 2 older kids who will both be going to school this fall.

# PIONEERS

## **OCM Supported Missionary Couple: ZEG**

Thank you for your tireless work in supporting the work of the Lord back home and abroad and for continuing to stoke the flames of missions in OCM.

The beginning of 2023 brought much refreshment along with challenges. It was our very first home assignment, which deeply refreshed our spirits to reconnect with friends and family. It was especially encouraging to return to the community of OCM. At the same time, it was also a very jam-packed home assignment. We cleared out our home to prepare it for sale, preached an inaugural Chinese sermon in both Mandarin and Cantonese, tested for professional licenses in teaching English, and (our son) underwent his third cleft palate surgery.

As we return to Asia, we're looking forward to jumping back into the work and into the natural rhythms of life here. We will continue to progress in our proficiency in the local language, develop training materials alongside our team leader, disciple locals who have a heart for Muslim ministries, and further local Muslim friendships through frontline restaurant visitations. For this new season, we are aiming to expand our frontline outreach to public squares, parks, prayer rooms, and personal contacts. With Covid policies lifted, more can be done.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- 1) Pray for good collaboration with new agencies that have arrived to work with the same people group.
- 2) Pray for new contacts to be made in the Muslim community.
- 3) Please especially lift up our son's post-operative recovery. The bone graft is not taking well and the incision remains open.



## **H.O.P.E. Bible Mission | Directors Rick and Deb Carey: Guatemala, Central America**

**Who we are:** H.O.P.E. Bible Mission serves in Guatemala, Central America. The national team seeks to foster programs that focus entirely on underserved communities which have limited access to Biblical training, education, and healthcare. Working in partnership with AGAPE, a small plane aviation ministry based in Guatemala City, H.O.P.E. helps give physical access and spiritual edification to pastors, churches, and teachers in the Quiché mountain region of Guatemala. H.O.P.E. focuses on Biblical Leadership Training, youth training, and a Firm Foundations program for teachers of children. Run:Hope, our education initiative, provides training for teachers and support for students to access a middle school education.

**Our work this year:** Our year began with a four-day conference for 25 of our Run:Hope teachers and three school directors to prepare for a new school year and to be encouraged and edified spiritually. The Biblical leadership program is in full swing this year teaching 67 pastors and leaders with a systematic three-year program. Our Firm Foundations program for teachers began this past spring in Salquil Grande and we are thrilled that it is being taught by our first seminary graduate that was supported through our Run:Hope program.

**Future plans:** Our vision is to continue to remain faithful amidst continued difficulty in travel due to strong rainy seasons and difficult mountain roads. We are exploring the possibility to begin a Light and Life school in the community of Chel. The need for Bible training in new communities exceeds our current staffing, but we are so grateful for a wonderfully devoted team who does whatever is needed to keep paths open for ministry.

### **Pray for us:**

1. Pray for spiritual and physical health and strength for each member of our national team (7 couples and 5 individuals) as well as three pilots currently in training with our partner ministry AGAPPE.
2. Pray for all those who participate in our ministry programs, for perseverance, for wisdom and discernment as they in turn lead their churches, students, and communities.
3. Pray for Deb Carey as she develops and directs the Run:Hope program and prepares the conference for January 2024 and for Rick as he balances his roles within OCM and HOPE.

# PIONEERS

We (the “Abu Khalil” Family) are with Pioneers International. Pioneers mobilizes teams to glorify God among unreached peoples by initiating church-planting movements in partnership with local churches. We work in the Middle East, and our ministry is focused on reaching Arabic speaking Muslims in North Africa and the Middle East with the gospel, disciple making movements and training National believers in Christ from both Christian and Muslim backgrounds to fulfil the Great Commission. “Rafik” is both the head of Maarifa, (a project of our Media Department) and the area leader for two countries in our North Africa Middle East Region, and “Cindy” works in Media as a graphic designer.

- We trained 80 Arab Christians omissions
- 64 Arab missionaries went to the field to reach out the unreached people groups in UAE, Egypt, Sudan, India
- 91 House fellowships in Egypt, Sudan and Morocco
- New believers from Muslim Background through our media ministry is: 270 people in the last 7 months in 2023
- 11290 downloads of the Bible and Christian material.

Planning to create new content (Production) to reach out to Arab Women in the Arab World

Creating new media campaigns to reach out to Shit’a Muslim in the Middle East

Sending new 30 Arab Christian missionaries to the field by the end of the year to plant churches.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- 1) That God will send our way those who are interested/open and want to know Him.
- 2) Multiplication of church planting among Muslims in the Arab World.
- 3) Protection for ministry and our team members, we have around more than a 100 people involved in ministry.



## **Erika Lee,** **Manni Lee, May Lee**

### **Our mission at Women of Wonder!**

**(WOW!)** is to build a community that walks alongside women to uncover and affirm their God-given calling through prayer, teaching, and celebration in hopes of fulfilling our vision to see sisters soar. Our ministries reflect our values of DISCOVERY (we are committed to the ongoing journey of discovering who God is and who we are), HOSPITALITY (we embody God's heart of hospitality through unhurried welcome, acceptance, and engagement) and PRESENCE (we invite you into generous and compassionate attentiveness to others, to self, and to God. Our presence to one another seeks to lovingly honor every story as part of God's story). We carry out the vision, mission, and values in partnership with churches and organizations in caring for and sustaining their leaders through our monthly Biblical teaching seminars, silent retreats, prayer support, and spiritual care ministries. WOW! believes this will help the Church to flourish to the fullness of its calling in affirming God's call to leadership and discipleship for every individual with the hopes of men and women being able to lead alongside one another to further God's kingdom here on earth.

We started 2023 with strong emphasis on spiritual formation work. There was an increase in collaborative partnerships as ministry groups and churches opened up their spaces and their community for WOW! to serve their leadership. In person, we have led workshops about deeper reflective prayer with SOON Movement, hosted day retreats in both NYC and Boston and held our semi-annual weekend silent retreat. We continued to journey alongside individuals and groups through spiritual direction and discernment of their calling and purpose virtually through two Lent cohorts that included women in locations all the way from the northeast US to Hawaii, a three month winter Soul Care Cohort for women in leadership and an eight month series of group journeying for a small group of women that spanned from fall 2022 to summer 2023. We sponsored a three day NYC women's conference with Full Collective that had an audience of 200 attendees, with women coming from all over the US and overseas with the emphasis of women being sowers of God's word and work. For the 1-on-1 spiritual care directed by each of the WOW! Staff, we have had an increased participation as a result of receiving a grant from Thriving in Ministry to reach a wider audience. We will close off the summer with one more Refresh Silent Retreat.

For the remainder of 2023, we will be facilitating several more cohorts, virtual half day silent retreat and an active contemplative day retreat in the NYC. We are participating in a year long cohort with a group of women leaders exploring how to build and develop compassionate leadership and communities through more reflective and contemplative practices. This is fairly new in many church spaces, but we are seeing that creating more spaces to listen to one another as Jesus took the time to listen can be powerfully transformative for individuals and groups. We will finish the year with some additional fundraising and board recruitment work.

WOW! We are continuing to build our organizational capacity and hope to add someone to our team to reach and serve a wider audience. We are praying for more individual and church partnerships to strengthen our ongoing work of relational support to missionaries, seminary students, nonprofit leaders and ordained and lay leaders in the Church.

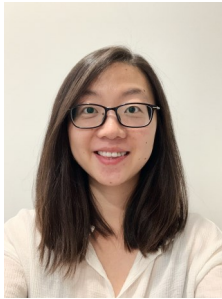
### **Prayer Requests:**

- Manni Lee: Family care and support has been more demanding and would like more strength and God's provision to help meet needs. More flexibility in engaging with young adult children so as to continue to walk alongside them with faith, hope and love.
- Erika Lee: We are praying for more alignment between my ministry with WOW! and Jeff's pastoral ministry within the church we serve.
- May Lee: Praying for a deeper relationship with my daughter and her relationship with God restored and faith renewed.



## **Chinese Overseas Christian Mission**

Reaching the Chinese to reach Europe. Evangelizing and discipling foreign students, immigrants, 2nd generation, and nurturing believers in the UK and Europe through partnership with churches and parachurch organizations. Equipping them to plant and develop churches/fellowships and to serve their communities. Encouraging disciples to share the gospel both intra-culturally and cross-culturally throughout the UK, Europe and beyond in their home countries.



### **Candy Zhang**

As a COCM missionary, my primary focus is serving Mandarin-speaking students and immigrants in the UK and Europe, while coordinating ministries at the COCM Training Centre. By the end of this June, I have transitioned from supporting a church in north London after nine years, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve there, especially in helping with the restart of their Mandarin service after Covid. Meanwhile, the COCM Training Center has come to its first-year milestone and praise the Lord for the progress made, particularly for the transformation of two courses into resources that could be used for lay leaders to use in their local settings.

Looking ahead to the fall and the upcoming year, my ministry plans will focus on three key areas. Firstly, we aim to further develop the Training Center by offering relevant courses and resources that will empower churches, address their needs, and raise up more leaders. Secondly, I will be supervising and mentoring university graduate volunteers who stay at the mission center. Lastly, in response to the significant influx of Chinese students in London, we have decided to launch Oasis London, an outreach initiative creatively sharing the gospel with the young generation.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- 1) COCM Training Center—Please pray for wisdom from above as I plan and coordinate the ministries at the Training Centre for next year, so that it would effectively equip and strengthen churches. Additionally, please pray for God to provide a suitable person to join as admin support.
- 2) Oasis London - Student Ministry Initiative May God give us discernment as we embark on the Oasis London Student Ministry Initiative. Pray that God would prepare the hearts of the students we hope to reach and also help us build a united and passionate serving team.
- 3) Please pray for my parents back home that God would take care of them. And may God open the eyes of my father to see the truth that he may accept Christ as his personal savior.





**Xu & Melody with Caleb, Olivia & Clayton** are doing

Mandarin-speaking student ministry with COCM in the UK. Our priority is leading two campus fellowships

covering three universities. Two universities in the midland city of the UK called Leicester, and another one is Cranfield University, which is 20 minutes driving from COCM

Headquarter. The work includes guiding the Mandarin-speaking University students to seek for God, to know God and to longing for God. This is achieved by various approaches such as Bible study, personal evangelism, pastoral caring, discipleship training and so forth. We also support other Mandarin ministry in COCM such as camp ministry, gospel team, and preaching in Chinese Churches.

In recent years, with the arrival of our three children one after another, we have shifted our focus from leading and supporting nationwide ministries to engaging in local church support ministries. This year, COCM has sent us to serve at the Milton Keynes Chinese Christian Church in the UK, particularly in their Mandarin-speaking congregation. Over the past few months, in addition to leading the church in establishing a Mandarin-speaking student ministry at a nearby university, we have also been actively involved in preaching, leading Bible studies, sharing the Gospel, providing pastoral care to members, and offering support in various ways to the Mandarin-speaking congregation of the church.

Firstly, we will continue to lead the church in conducting student evangelism ministry at nearby universities, spreading the Gospel to Mandarin-speaking students. Secondly, we will persist in shepherding the Mandarin-speaking congregation within the church. Especially with the influx of a significant number of new immigrants from Hong Kong joining the church, we will place a stronger emphasis on fostering communication and unity between Mandarin and Cantonese-speaking congregations within the church. Lastly, we also hope to engage in more learning and experimentation within the children ministry. Resources for children's Sunday school in the UK's Chinese churches are relatively scarce, and we aspire to introduce more resources, train Sunday school teachers, and guide children to grow healthily in the Lord.

**Prayer Requests:**

1. Please pray for our pastoral ministry at Milton Keynes Chinese Christian Church. May our service bring glory to God, benefit others, and contribute to the building of God's house and Christ's church. Also, pray that we can encourage more church brothers and sisters to get involved in student evangelism ministry.
2. Please pray for us as we learn how to lead the children ministry. Ask God to grant us a heart full of love for children and guide us to use various lively methods to help the children in Sunday school get to know God better.
3. Please pray for our three children, Caleb, Olivia, and Clayton. Pray that God gives us sufficient love, patience, and physical energy to raise them. More importantly, may they walk in the Lord's will from a young age. Also, pray that we would know how to balance our ministry and the needs of our family.



## **Tim, Rosie, Adora & Serena Li**

are based in Milton Keynes, serving at COCM mission center. Our ministries include three

major parts: student ministry, church supporting and new media. Tim and Rosie lead a campus student fellowship in central London and support the Chinese Church in London New Soho Congregation (leading worship, leading Bible study and preaching). Tim also coordinates 'Living Water' new media ministry, including an online Christian magazine (COCM活水文字- Living Water Ministry (livingwatercocm.org)) and a podcast (漁舟暢聊). Besides helping centralized conferences, Tim coordinates COCM Mandarin Student Ministry Forum and makes videos for COCM general director's monthly sharing.

Light and Life fellowship in London: Give thanks to God that He has blessed us a student core team. We have been witnessing God's work as the number of regular attendees increased from 5 to 30+, which encouraged us a lot. Church Support: Tim and Rosie has served in a Chinese church situated in central London for 6 years. The majority of the church members are university students and young professionals/families. As the advisor of their mandarin core team, Tim helped restructure their serving team and develop a series of workshops on sex, which has very good feedback. Rosie focuses on young family ministry and serves at the mums' group.

After 7 years based at COCM mission centre serving fellowships and churches in London, God has led Tim and Rosie into a new ministry direction. Tim, Rosie and two daughters will be sent by COCM to Glasgow, the largest city in Scotland, to plant a mandarin-speaking church next summer. Currently, there is almost no mandarin Sunday service in Glasgow but there are more than 10,000 students and a large number of Chinese families there. Before moving into this new direction, Tim and Rosie is now in 6-month sabbatical after working with COCM for 7 years. Rosie continues her theological studies and Tim prepares for church planting.

### **Prayer Requests:**

1. Please pray for Tim and Rosie's sabbatical. Give thanks to God for granting us time to rest, time to study and time to look after two kids.
2. Please pray for Tim and Rosie's preparation for the church planting in Glasgow next summer. May God open doors for us and provide co-workers and the venue for worship.
3. Please pray for Tim's grandmother who had a car accident and suffered a brain hemorrhage. She is still in a coma. Please pray for her healing.



## **Mak and Narola Sanglir: Thailand**

Our ministry is holistic, focusing on the Hmong people in Nan Province, North Thailand whose religious background is animist and spirit worship. We are involved in evangelism, church planting, discipleship making, leadership training, member care, and children and youth ministry. The Lord led us to start The Firm Foundation (TFF), which focuses on reaching out to children from Grade 1 to university students. Currently, Kathy's Home (KH) in Pua, House of Hope (HOH) in Thawangpha and Beacon Hall (BH) in Chiangmai are registered under this foundation. We minister at KH, Monday through Friday and go to the Hmong villages on Sat- Sun for weekend ministry.

Our weekly ministry is teaching the Bible (Mon - Fri) to the children at Kathy's Home and going for weekend ministry to the Hmong villages. We teach in the churches and mentor the families in their homes during home visits and some after Sunday worship at the church. In January, we visited our former coworker's family whose dad passed away in another province. Early March, we had VBS at KH before the end of the school year. We also visited Mak's mom, 94-years-old, during the school break in April and rejoiced together with our second son Jason as he proposed to his fiancé Imtila, in Nagaland. The new school year started in May with 29 students from seven villages. We were blessed with two visits from team Singapore and the recent team from OCM. The team members have encouraged us and all the children at KH through their testimonies and sharing from God's word. The highlight was also a reunion with our alumni in Bangkok and in the North. Praise God for those who are no longer babes in Christ!

We look forward to the upcoming English camp mid-September and late November, and the VBS/English camp early next year at KH. We want to focus on families as well and have Bible studies in the villages. Additionally, we will be speaking in Nepal in Oct to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the church that the Lord helped Mak start at our house in Kathmandu. We will also speak at a couples retreat back to back in Nepal. Lord willing, we plan to be back in Nagaland for Christmas to plan for Jay's wedding early Jan. We are praying we can complete the Chronological method of Bible study (Creation to Christ) with the children at KH before school ends in Feb/March.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- 1) Please continue to stand with us in prayer for the salvation of the children at KH and for the spiritual growth of those who have believed.
- 2) Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts of the believers in the villages to understand the truth of God's word and apply it in their lives.
- 3) Please also pray that God will bring a missionary couple to carry on the Hmong village ministry and KH ministry with the children in Pua so that we can work alongside and train them these coming years.



## **New York Short Term Mission:** **Min. Audrey Chan**

Thank you OCM for supporting and praying for New York Short-Term Mission (NYSTM) always. OCM and NYSTM have been mission partners in evangelism for many years. NYSTM was established in 1993 which is almost 30 years ago. NYSTM's mission is to train believers to be preachers and fulfill the Great Commission throughout their lives. Our Goal is to raise up believers to spread the gospel through Short-term training and Long-term mission. Time flies. 2023 seems to have started not long ago but it is already October now. This is also the Mission Month of OCM.

I greatly appreciate OCM church and all the brothers and sisters for your prayer and financial support.

While covid-19 slows down, our outreach opportunities speed up:

- 5/13/23 Saturday, Mother's Day Celebration in Elmhurst
- 6/7/23-6/10/23 Wednesday-Saturday, Mission Week in Brooklyn
- 6/17/23 Saturday, Children Festival at Leif Erickson Park in Brooklyn
- 6/24/23 Saturday, Flushing Evangelistic Outreach
- 8/4/23-8/12/23 Fridays & Saturdays, and 8/13/23 Sunday, Jesus Loves Chinatown mission outreach
- 8/27/23 Sunday, Children's Festival at Roosevelt Park, Lower Manhattan
- 9/8/23 Friday & 9/9/23-9/23/23 Saturdays, Jesus Loves NJ (our brand new mission outreach in NJ)

About two years ago, I started mobilizing OCM members to practice reaching out to the community at Sunday Gospel Station. I am glad that I have the opportunity to teach Sunday School evangelism class two times a year to equip them in knowledge and skills. This year, the two sessions were 1/8/23-2/26/23 & 6/18/23-8/6/23. It's amazing to see the trainees being able to practice at Gospel Station what they have learned from the class. I'm happy to see that my serving at OCM has become part of my evangelism ministry.

### **Prayer requests**

1. NYSTM's 30th anniversary luncheon: preparation, promotion, support and attendance of pastors and believers.
2. Teamwork of NYSTM staff: wisdom and ability, unity, and team spirit.
3. Pray for the strength and wellbeing of my body, mind, and spirit.



**International  
Students Inc.\***



**Minister Kenny  
& Cindy Chau**

**Title: Church Mobilizer & Ministry Representative:  
Spiritual Life Advisors (New York University—NYU)**

Our mission is to share Christ's love with international students, disciple them for God's Kingdom, while directly partnering with local churches. As a chaplain at NYU, we bless students through many events and strategic initiatives. These include: leading a weekly International Christian Fellowship (ICF). I direct the Professional Mentorship Program which OCM members are mentors to NYU International Students.

**Summary of first three quarters of ministry:**

1) Professional Mentorship Program: Praise God for OCMers who served as mentors and 3 OCMers on the Leadership Team!

<https://professionalmentorshipprogram.weebly.com/>

2) Cindy co-led a support group for international students who are also parents. Students were from China, Taiwan, Japan, and Colombia.

3) International Christian Fellowship (English speaking) gathered students weekly from over 10 countries for Community Dinner, Bible Study, Discipleship, and Evangelism.

4) We continued to partner with different departments at NYU and with OCM (and other local churches) so that NYU will view the local church as an invaluable resource and a trusted partner.

**Fall Ministry Planning:**

1) Professional Mentorship Program (in partnership with OCM and Vision Church):

a. Discipling members to share their personal relationship with Jesus.

b. Continuing to expand the "Married Couples" cohort so that husbands and wives (and families) can serve together!

2) International Christian Fellowship:

a. Developing 4 new staff to serve as advisors.

b. Discipling students to stand firm in Christ and to be His witness to their classmates and roommates.

3) Preaching and vision casting with existing church partners and new church partners.

**Prayer Requests:**

1) Spiritual, emotional and physical protection for my family.

a. Pray on the Armor of God.

b. Marriage strengthening in the midst of ministry and raising children.

c. Joey and Meimei's relationship with God and to be His blessing to their classmates.

2) Ministry Home walking distance to NYU. A place where students can come over for dinner, discipleship, outreach and counseling.

3) The Holy Spirit's leading in speaking at churches and partnership with more churches.



## **Gospel Station:**

**OCM Reaching Out to Our Community by Kim Ng**

**How did it start?** When Minister Chan was invited to serve in our church on July, 2021 to train and mobilize us for evangelism, she and I started as small as a team of two to reach out to the people in the park, subway stations, and street vendors. After two months, we started setting up Gospel Station right outside our church on the sidewalk, sharing the gospel and showing care by giving out hand sanitizers and masks.

**Fellowships Serving:** We are thankful that starting in January 2022, our Fellowship Department invited all the Chinese fellowships to join Gospel Station on a quarterly basis. So far 13 fellowships have been participating and sometimes with their specialties or talents, they have brought fun and joy to the community besides sharing about our church and the gospel.

### **Short Term Encounters, Long Term Follow Ups**

Every new friend we meet on the street, as long as we have contact information, we have a caring person from one of our 2 faithful teams doing follow up by various means such as:

- Phone calls,
- Sunday services or fellowships,
- OCM Senior Center,
- Special gospel events just for these newcomers, such as Easter Gathering on 4/16/23 and had a total of more than 30 newcomers,
- Small groups of gospel talks or evangelistic Bible studies

**Gospel Station Today:** We continue to give out about 300 gospel newspapers or tracts weekly. Thanks to Minister Chan's Sunday evangelism class, the trainees were encouraged to share the gospel for the first time almost weekly this past summer.

Here's a summary of how many community people we have reached.

**January-August 2023:** Contacted: 203, Shared Gospel: 85, Accepted Christ: 16, Interested: 27

**October 2021- August 2023:** Contacted: 533, Shared Gospel: 256, Accepted Christ: 61, Interested: 73

Would you be part of our outreach team or become our prayer warrior this Sunday?

## OCM Street Fair



OCM Street Fair is a yearly outreach ministry which OCM has done for over a decade. 2023 is the 1st time we were able to have the OCM Street Fair again since Covid started. On July 29, 2023, OCM was able to hold a 1-day Block Party on Hester Street between Mott Street and Elizabeth Street from 9am – 4pm with over 10 booths on the street. We had over 250+ volunteers on that day who met at 9:15am for orientation along with a set up team outside on Hester Street helping to set up tents and tables. We were thankful for God to hold back the rain as the forecast stated it would rain most of the day.

There were 7 Fellowships Booths from Song of Songs, GraceSprings, Galilee, Blessings, Hosanna, Cornerstone, Glad Tidings, along with Grace Fellowship helping with the Welcome booth, Children's Arts & Craft booth and Local Missions helping to run the Evangelism booth. Canaan fellowship helped to feed everyone lunch on the 3rd floor.

Throughout the day, hundreds of people in the Chinatown community would walk by and participate in the fellowship game booths to get small prizes for their kids or talk with OCM members about Jesus. There were many stories we have heard where people within the community were open to conversations about Jesus and some even asked for prayer.

Continue to pray for the seeds that were planted on that day with those we interacted with as OCM continues to make an impact in Chinatown through the OCM Street Fair, Gospel Station and other outreach ministries.

## Youth STM to Harrisburg, PA



OCM Youth Short Term Missions trips have a history of many years partnering with YouthWorks which is a missions organization that helps to organize Youth STM trips throughout the United States. In 2022 and 2023, OCM sent a Youth STM to Harrisburg Pennsylvania which is a city that is underprivileged and is a food desert for many. This year Pastor Austin Woo led the Youth STM with a couple of Father/Sons: Aaron and Derek Young and Stephen and Jeffrey Huang. When the team arrived in Harrisburg PA we settled into a local church where we would stay for the week with 6-7 other partner churches with over 60+ other youth and adult leaders from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Rhode Island joining together to serve the community of Harrisburg, PA.

The YouthWorks staff provided a space for all the youth to get to know one another through group games, worship time and time to reflect on God and share about what they learned from serving during that week. The YouthWorks staff also led our time of morning devotions and challenged the youth with the 2023 Theme was “You Are Here.” You are here to love the Lord your God and to love your neighbor. You are here to share what you have and who you are. And you are here to unite together as we discover how to live like Jesus.

YouthWorks helped to set up Service projects throughout the Harrisburg community for all of the youth and adults to partner with and serve there for throughout the week. We were given options to serve at a couple of local Foodbanks, a community garden, Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center, Ronald McDonald House, the Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg, a Senior Center, a horse farm, and a couple of local churches. The youth engaged in community service projects like painting, cleaning, yardwork, along with packing food and food distribution to the community. The OCM team partnered with another church to serve at the Ronald McDonald House cleaning their outdoor area and doing yardwork in a local church. In addition, we spent an entire day at the Boys & Girls club of Harrisburg interacting with underprivileged kids for their “Sports Day.”

### **Prayer Requests:**

- 1) Pray for the city of Harrisburg and those who are underprivileged and disadvantaged.
- 2) Pray for the youth that attended the STM trip that they will mature in their faith as they continue to take steps to grow like serving in the STM trip.



## Higher Heights Basketball Outreach



Higher Heights (HH) is a Basketball ministry to outreach to JHS students which was started over 20 years ago by OCM members. HH uses the platform of basketball as a way to connect with the youth and to serve the Chinatown community with the intention of sharing the Gospel. HH combines basketball training, Bible study and Small

Groups along with worship to build connections with our campers and volunteers to share Jesus with them. Every Summer, the HH Basketball ministry meets on 5-6 Saturdays during the Summer. During the mornings the campers and volunteers are at a local gym learning how to play basketball and playing games. Then at lunch time, everyone heads back to OCM for lunch, worship and Bible study. At the end of the camp, we had a closing ceremony with awards and lunch. During the closing ceremony, we shared the Gospel message to all the campers and volunteers.

Higher Heights prior to Covid had over 90+ JHS kids each year along with over 30-40 volunteers. Over the past 2 years, we had over 20-40 JHS kids with over 25 volunteers. Most of volunteers are high school students and/or former campers along with dedicated OCM members serving as coaches, assistant coaches and referees.

### Prayer Requests:

- 1) Pray that the coaches can continue to minister to both our campers and volunteers who don't yet know the love of Christ. We had 7 HH campers join Summer Conference.
- 2) Pray for the campers and volunteers to be connected with the youth group.
- 3) Pray for more adult OCM members to serve for next years outreach.

## **OCM Backpack Giveaway**



During August 2023, OCM launched a new local missions initiative and partnered directly with local elementary schools to provide elementary school students (with particular focus on under-served populations) with new backpacks and school supplies ahead of the 2023-2024 school year. Our objective was to deepen OCM's Chinatown presence by forming relationships with local elementary schools (i.e., staff, students, parents) and to build an active community of believers that cares for the Chinatown community.

During our event on August 19, we engaged over 200 families at OCM, many of whom live in the Chinatown neighborhood, through a children's worship program and arts & crafts, which were followed by the backpack giveaway. All of this was made possible with the help of an amazing team of volunteers across the English, Mandarin, and Cantonese congregations: 60+ volunteers assisted with day-of activities and 50+ volunteers helped fill the backpacks 2 weeks prior.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- 1) For the families & new connections formed through this outreach: to remember God's provision & seek after Him, potentially through OCM
- 2) For OCM's congregations: to encourage each other to seek out and live out the Great Commission within and outside of OCM's walls
- 3) For this ministry: new servants to take on and continue the ministry, building on the relationships formed; if interested, please email [backpackinfo@ocmchurch.org](mailto:backpackinfo@ocmchurch.org)



## **Pastor Samir & Jaya Sinha**

### **Ministry Update**

Praise God in this year we have able to train ten 10 leaders and sending them in to the mission fields four 4 of them started fellowship by doing house visiting into the village. Praise God, this year we are able to baptize 16 people and soon give baptism to 8 more believers.

This year we started new empowering life skills sewing training center in Kestopur and in Bilsing Jote. In this year we have seen Great openness in our Kadopani Church new believers are started to join in our church is now full packed no place to seat inside, This is the result of your prayers.

### **Ministry Planning**

- 1) We needed to extend our Kadopani church as soon as possible. And to complete Bilsing Jote Training center fellowship house for Bilsingjote and Synassy people
- 2) This year we have very much need to purchase porches our cemetery land then our church will grow first.
- 3) We prayerfully planning to show Gospel film into the dark villages so we have very much needed LCD Film projector with good sound system set to reach the dark villages with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. We want to see thousands of people coming to the Lord and to disciple them in turn disciple others this will be happen through your prayers participants.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- 1) Please Pray that we able to extend our Kadopani church this year and financial help met by His people. Pray that we may able to complete our Bilsing Jote house construction work for the fellowship and for empowering Skills center. Pray that we needed to porches cemetery Land as soon as possible,
- 2) Pray we needed one LCD Film projector with good sound system set For the Gospel film sows for dark villages were the Gospel yet not reached.
- 3) Pray for our financial support will be increased and provided medical help.



## **Rev. Yesudas and Deborah Sodemba**

We thank you so much for your support  
and care for us in building up His  
Kingdom.

We always pray for all of you.

### **Updates of the 1st 3 quarters of our ministry of this year.**

- On 9th Feb ,2023, five people baptized and 2 people of them are from Hindu family.
- In April, we had Summer Bible Camp for the children for two weeks.
- Our church ECCD started on 1st May for 2023-2024.
- And we went to the villages around our place, and we shared the Good News and prayed for the sick.

### **Future Plan for Fall 2023**

- We are planning to hold a Youth Conference in April 2024.
- We are also planning to organize outreach mission with Youth after the Conference.
- We will have our church ECCD Graduation Day in March for the children who will finish two years in ECCD.
- We are planning to teach the children English and Nepali language and Bible in March and April.

### **Prayer requests.**

- 1) To continue to do the mission work more freely.
- 2) Church members are to rely more on God and to serve the Lord.
- 3) To accomplish one of our church youth's Theological Study (B.Th. .1st year).
- 4) To accomplish our son Jeremiah's Theological Study (BACM).

We always appreciate your support and care for the ministry here. We hope to serve The Lord together in Future.

God Bless All of You.

In His Service,

Yesudas & Deborah Sodemba.



## **Peter and Subana** **Sodema**

We are greeting you from Myanmar. By the grace of God, we all are fine and safely serving in the ministry.

In this year, we had a youth camp for 10 days in April. And also, we spread the Gospel from house to house in the villages.

In the fall, we are planning to give a bible training in the church.

We will also preaching gospel by gathering unbelievers in a village in the late of December.

As prayer requests, we would like to ask you to pray for our ministry so we can do more .

For us, please pray to own a house.

Thank you, OCM.



## **Thomas & Mary Lily Sodemba**

### **Update of the 1st 3 quarters of your ministry for 2023:**

As I am doing children's education ministry, I have been teaching Christian songs to the three children who are unbelievers and who came from the village to stay with us. And I also have been teaching them bible knowledge,

physical knowledge, and social knowledge. I also have been preaching at the church, sharing the Gospel to the unbelievers, and helping the needy people for food and finance occasionally. And I also have been writing articles for the Christian magazine which is distributed around Myanmar. I also have been writing a book under the topic of "Knowing heresy among Christians".

### **Ministry planning in the Fall and the upcoming year**

I am doing a children's education ministry for the village's children who have no opportunity to go to school. Now I have four students (one girl is absent this year because she needs surgery on her backbone) and hopefully more children are coming next year. And I am planning to go to their villages to share the Gospel to their parents, their relatives, and the villagers as they all are Hindus.

### **Prayer requests for the ministry**

By the mercy of God, I had laid the foundation to build a boy's hostel for the children's education ministry (The girl can stay with us) but I could not continue to finish the hostel for over a year since I have no financial resources. I want to complete this hostel within this year so that more students can come next year. Because there are still many children in the villages who have no opportunity to go to school. Now the situation in villages (around Pyin Oo Lwin where I live) is getting worse because of fighting between the military coup and PDF and the villagers are running from their villages. So, my prayer request for the ministry is to build a hostel completely in order to bring more children from the villages and they would get a shelter and the opportunity to go to school.

**My personal prayer request:** To serve the Lord more and more in the future through Children education ministry and through writing Christian literatures, preaching, and sharing the Good News so that His kingdom will be extended.



**Pastor Yajak and Mrs.**  
**Jyoti Tamang**  
**& Yojna, Jadon:**  
Himalayan region, India.

Our ministries are Church planting, Church Leadership development trainings, teaching, and serving poor widows and orphans. We minister primarily in Northeast India, Bhutan, and East Nepal, and teach online among Bhutanese refugee church leaders in the US. We also have been doing relief works in the areas where there is real need.

**Update of the 1st 3 quarters of your ministry for 2023:**

We are working for church growth and church planting. We have Pastoral Leadership training's going on in Nepal and India. In last three quarters we are not able to go to Bhutan. Our ministry to poor widows is going on. We have got one more new group in another town. We are continuing to help some of the children of widows, and other needy children. We have started a new one-month residential training program for pastors and leaders from this year.

**Ministry planning in the Fall and the upcoming year**

We will continue the ministry we have now with us. We are also planning and praying to do a widows' conference soon and a new training program for pastors and leader's wives only. We have plans to have a youth conference this year too.

**Prayer requests for the ministry:**

- 1) Please pray that we can multiply more in the church planting area and leadership development.
- 2) We have financial needs for the residential training, pastors' wives training and for the widows' conference.
- 3) For our good health and Gods protection as we travel to many places for the mission.

<b>Global Missions Budget 普世宣教</b>	
Missions Conference/Education 宣道年會及宣道教育基金	\$10,000
Short Term Mission 短期宣教訓練	\$80,000
Internships/Scholarships (OCM) 神學生實習 神學生助學金	\$30,000
Internships/Scholarships (non-OCM) 神學生實習 神學生助學金	\$5,000
Core Internship Seminarian Development:	\$66,682
<b>OCM Supported Missionaries 支持的宣教士</b>	
OM Missionary sister 前線宣教士姊妹	\$26,460
Pioneers Missionary couple	\$38,474
Noel Du (Kathy's Home)—Hope Bible Mission	\$17,205
<b>Mission Organizations 宣教機構</b>	
H.O.P.E. Bible Mission 盼望聖經差會	\$14,950
H.O.P.E.—Ludin and Becky Reyes	\$3,018.75
Pioneers Missionary Family 費約、卡里 (阿拉伯世界事工)	\$6,732
(Kathy's Home)—General Fund	\$7,750
Grace Independent Bible Missions— Mak/Narola Sanglir (Thailand) 勝嘉拉夫婦 (大使命中心)	\$7,245
Cindy (DAI) 貝仙蒂教士 (國際發展社)	\$9,853
Yesudas & Deborah Sodemba (緬甸國際發展社)	\$3,381
Thomas and Lily Subba (緬甸國際發展社)	\$7,245
Peter and Subana (緬甸國際發展社)	\$3,622
Yajak Tamang (緬甸國際發展社)	\$2,415
Pastor Samir Sinha (緬甸國際發展社)	\$3,018.75
Christian Gospel Broadcasting Center 華僑福音廣播中心	\$3,000
Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM) 基督教華僑佈道會	\$7,500
COCM—Tim Li & Rosie Peng	\$6,050
COCM—Melody Zhang & Xu Yu	\$6,050
COCM—Candy Zhang	\$3,300
Chinese Operation Int. 華人福音普傳會(神州華傳)	\$500
Overseas Missionary Fellowship 海外福音使團	\$500
SEED USA—Steven Chang	\$500
MSI Professional Services MSI 國際專業服務機構	\$500
Frontiers—Paul & Sarah	\$500



<b>Local Missions Budget 本地佈道</b>	
Evangelistic Outreach (Gospel Camp)	\$20,000
Evangelistic/Outreach Meetings 福音佈道聚會	\$10,000
Miscellaneous 其他	\$5,000
OCM Street Fair 社區同樂日	\$8,000
Evangelistic Training 福音訓練	\$5,000
Baptism and Follow Up Ministry 洗禮與跟進事工	\$3,000
Higher Heights Basketball Ministry	\$6,000
Community Outreach program 社區外展計劃	\$10,000
Outreach Supplies/Tracts, etc 傳福音物資/福音單張	\$20,000
Mandarin Student Ministry 國語學生事工	\$11,000
Just for Fun Football Outreach (JFF)	\$2,000
<b>OCM Supported Missionaries 支持的宣教</b>	
Kenny Chau 周君平教士	\$18,112.50
Boaz Tingson 丁君德	\$13,000
Open 開放	\$500
<b>Mission Organizations 宣教機構</b>	
Child Evangelism Fellowship 萬國兒童佈道團	\$4,100
WOW! (Women of Wonder) 婦女的奇蹟	\$3,500
Intervarsity Staff: 國際校園基督徒團契4位同工	\$3,060
New York Short-Term Mission 紐約短宣訓練中心	\$5,000
(NYSTM) Min. Audrey Chan 陳淑儀 傳道	\$5,280
Ambassadors for Christ (AFC) 使者	\$3,750
Chosen People Ministries 猶太人歸主事工	\$500
<b>Total 2024 Missions Budget 宣教總額</b>	<b><u>\$527,754.50</u></b>

## Thailand Short Term Missions Trip



Kathy's Home (KH) is a dormitory in Pua, dedicated to the Hmong youth whose parents are rice farmers residing in the mountainous regions of northern Thailand. The Hmong people are an ethnic minority group (originally from China) who sought refuge and asylum from government persecution in Laos for supporting American-led anti-Communist campaigns during the Laotian Civil War. Missionaries Mak & Narola Sanglirs have been actively serving the Hmong communities in Thailand for over 2 decades. Their efforts have provided numerous Hmong children with a secure and nurturing home, and opportunities for formal education and spiritual guidance.

OCM has been partnering with the Sanglirs since 2008, and this year, OCM assembled another STM team of 9 members to Thailand. During our trip, we had the opportunity to connect with various missionaries, including our OCM sister Joanne Cheung Sanglir and her husband Steve, who are dedicated to ministering to the residents of a slum community in Bangkok. Additionally, we visited the Jordans, who are actively engaged in reaching out to the Prai people group residing in the mountainous regions. We also spent time at Beacon Hall, under the leadership of William and Karen Lenns, which provides support to KH alumni and other Hmong students pursuing higher education in Chiang Mai.

During our time at Kathy's Home, the team organized VBS lessons and interacted with the children through small group discussion and games. It was heartwarming to witness the kids confessed Jesus as their Savior, opening to us about their challenges, and experiencing spiritual growth. Toward the end of our trip, we had the privilege of meeting up with KH alumni in Chiang Mai and seeing what God is doing in their lives.





## Pledge Card

Dear Beloved Members of OCM,

Thank you for sharing the Gospel and the love of Jesus through your prayer, your active involvement, and your financial support.

### **Our Missions goal for this year is to raise \$527,754.50**

We support many Missionaries and Missions organizations in the United States and around the world. We want to prioritize our support for those who focus on the most important things like sharing the Gospel, making disciples, building up the local church, and, in turn, building up the brothers and sisters of our church. As you read through this OCM Mission booklet and review the Missions Budget, please pray for each missionary and consider supporting them with a donation this upcoming year of 2024.

### **How can I get involved in Supporting Missions?**

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