

## Sharing God's Word and Love

On October 8 Haoyan Li, a young man who came from China a few months ago, was baptized in the morning English language service. Hanson Sun, a youth, and a baby, Elizabeth Cheng, were baptized in the afternoon Chinese language service, and two youth including Hanson were also confirmed in the Chinese language service. What a joyful day for us at Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond BC. Thanks be to God!



I would like to share with you the faith journey of Hanson. I met Hanson and his parents when I picked my kids up from school in 2010. Hanson was an active 6 year old little boy. After we got to know each other more, we started to invite them to our home and some church events such as Christmas and Chinese New Year celebrations, Easter Egg Hunt, etc. Hanson's family moved back to China in 2012 for two years due to his father's work. In 2014, the family came back from China. At that time, our afternoon Chinese Sunday school was well established. Hanson then joined the Sunday school regularly. After the confirmation class he attended this year, he asked to be baptized and confirmed.

This is a typical story in our ministry here. We meet people, build a relationship, invite them to church outreach programs, share the Word and the love of Jesus Christ with them, and let the Holy Spirit move their hearts. Richmond is a thriving and growing city of about 200,000 people. The population is approximately 60% Asian, with new immigrants continually arriving. TLC is located in the middle of a city whose inhabitants are for the most part non-Christian with limited or no knowledge of Jesus as their Saviour.



With support from the ABC District, we are able to bring God's Word and love to the community through Sunday worships, Bible classes, morning and afternoon Sunday school, and various outreach program and activities, such as ESL Bible class, Thursday morning Moms and Tots drop-in, Trinity's Little Children Centre, Praise Dance (exercising together with Christian songs), Easter Egg Hunt, welcome party for visitors/newcomers, etc.

One of our outreach programs I would like to highlight is Thursday morning Moms and Tots drop-in.

Over the past 14 years, hundreds of children and their parents/grandparents have attended the program. For the 2017/2018 year there are already over 30 children registered with many more expected.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is shared every week through the Bible stories, songs, crafts, prayers, and individual conversation. We are asked questions like: What is the church? Why are you doing this for us? etc. We have a lot of opportunities to share our Christian faith and Jesus' love for them.

Due to the encouragements from the Drop-In families, By God's blessing and the financial support from the ABC District, BC government, and LWML-C ABC District, Trinity's Little Children Centre (TLCC) officially opened two years ago as a licensed child care centre with a Christian preschool curriculum. With this mission project, we are able to further extend the children's ministry into the community.

Thank God for giving us the opportunities to share His Word and Love to those who don't know Jesus. Thank you for supporting us in this mission.

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