

GOLD COAST CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (SEPTEMBER 1990)

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Prayer Night : Tuesday 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
SUNDAY SCHOOL: SUNDAY 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm

There are many English-speaking churches in the Gold Coast. There is also a significant number of Chinese Christians who reside in the Gold Coast but who also do not know English well enough to participate freely in such assemblies. In order to meet this need, Chinese-speaking Christians needed to gather together to worship God, to pray together, to study the Word of God together and to enjoy Christian fellowship with one another. It was because of this that the Gold Coast Christian Fellowship was formed. Another very important aim of the Fellowship is the presentation of the Gospel, both by the individual, corporate living testimonies and by verbal preaching, to the many Chinese who either live in or visit the Gold Coast. The ultimate three-fold aim is to give all the glory to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, edification of the saints and salvation of precious souls.

Dr. Donald Chan

I recall two years ago during the conversation with Mrs. Goode, we felt the need to start a Chinese Christian Fellowship on Gold Coast. Time slipped by without any progress.

Two months ago, Mrs. Goode rang and mentioned Dr. Chan, a lay-preacher, who had the desire to assist in starting a Chinese Christian Fellowship on the Gold Coast. Mrs. Goode invited me to attend the meeting with other Chinese Christians from Brisbane one Sunday. Due to my pre-arranged engagement, I was unable to attend the meeting despite of my wish to be involved.

A few days later, Mrs Goode rang me and said we should get together "one evening" and pray about the matter. Day after day, she had not turned up. It is indeed difficult to find a spare evening among many daily commitments in this world. In the meantime, Mrs Goode attempted to arrange another meeting, but nothing happened. He began to feel despondent. However, God did not give up. He continued to speak to her. Eventually, Mrs. Goode turned up in my home one Wednesday night. We prayed for the first time together about our concern. I felt the presence of God's spirit and His gracious acceptance. Since that night, God worked wonders and still is. Every prayer-meeting from then onward. Mrs Goode has an endless witness to share. Then on the 12th August, 1990, the Chinese Christian Fellowship was born in Mrs. Koon's residence. From this blessed experience, I've again learnt an important lesson. That is if we get together to pray in God's name, His will shall be done and there's no measure to the power of prayer. God has once again fulfilled his promise.

Mrs. Brown

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禱告會: 逢星期二晚上七時至九時

【青年團】下午二時至二時四十五分
週日崇拜會: 下午三時至四時三十分
華語主日學

在黃金海岸有很多英語教會, 但是, 有許多的華人基督徒, 因為語言的問題, 不能夠參加這些聚會, 為着要讓這些祇懂國語或粵語的基督徒們, 能夠聚集在一起來敬拜神、一同禱告、學習神的話語和學習彼此相愛, 因此, 我們這個黃金海岸華語基督徒團契便告成立。

而另外一個很重要的目的就是要將福音, 藉着個人或團體的生命見證和佈道, 傳給住在黃金海岸或前來探訪親友的中國人。

而至終的目的乃是榮神益人, 將榮耀歸與我們的主耶穌基督, 並且使聖徒被造就、被建立得長進, 還要拯救更多寶貴的靈魂。

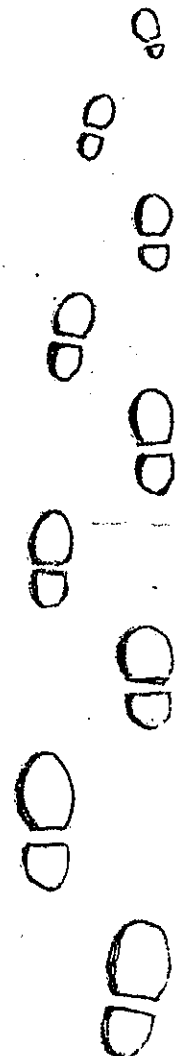
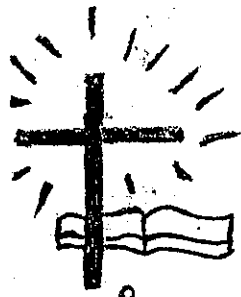
陳醫生

見證一:

記得二年前與古太太閒談, 看到黃金海岸有華人教會的需要, 但一直以來沒有機會行事, 直到二個多月前, 古太太來電, 說到陳醫生可以幫忙在黃金海岸開始福音工作, 約我星期日到她府上開會討論有關事項。我雖然有興趣, 但當天已有另外的約會, 所以沒有參加會議。數天後, 古太太來電話說要找一個"空閒的晚上", 一同齊心為華語福音禱告。可是日子一天天過去, 她都沒有來, 可知今時今日, 要在繁忙的生活中找一個"空閒的晚上"是多麼的困難。當時古太太已為此事下了一些工夫, 但都不如意; 於是, 我開始灰心但神並沒有放棄, 他仍不斷地對古太太說話, 終於在一個星期三的晚上, 我們二人一起, 為這二年多的心中願望, 誠心祈禱, 我們感受到聖靈的存在, 禱告已得神悅納。古太太當晚回家及第二天早上, 奇妙的事陸續發生之後, 每次與古太太祈禱前, 她都有說不完的見證。

一九九零年八月十二日, 黃金海岸的華人基督徒聚會, 在官家誕生。由此事情上, 又學到重要的功課, 就是如果我們齊心, 順服神的帶領和同心禱告, 是多麼的奇妙, 神的應許, 又再一次應驗。

布朗太太 一九九零年九月四日



一九九零年十月份

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黃金海岸華人基督團契

榮耀歸主

研經禱告會：逢星期二晚上七時至九時

青年團契：下午二時至二時四十五分

週日崇拜會：下午三時至四時三十分

TESTIMONY

The starting of the Gold Coast Chinese Christian Fellowship is not by chance, nor by the wisdom of an individual or a group of people. It is indeed by God's grace and His answer to His people's prayers

This June, there was a young couple recently migrated from Hong Kong, who rang and enquired about the Chinese Christian Church on the Gold Coast. I told them there's none to my knowledge.

The next morning, a Christian friend, Dr. Lai, rang from Brisbane, and asked if I could be involved in starting a Chinese Christian Fellowship on the Gold Coast. I promptly accepted the challenge.

On June the 24th, eight Chinese Christians came from Brisbane to the first meeting. Only an Australian pastor whom I invited came as all the other Christian friends had other engagements to attend. In the following two weeks, I could not note any progress, so began to feel discouraged. In the evening on the 11th of July, I was determined to visit Mrs. Brown, neighbourly christian friend, to share my feelings and concern. We prayed together and asked God to reveal His will.

That evening when I arrived home, I read Psalms, 107: 3-9. "And gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south....For He satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with goodness" This scripture gave me great encouragement and I felt it as God's great promise. So I knew I must be obedient to His Word.

The next morning, I saw an old ragged slip of paper with Mrs Koon's phone number on it. I made several attempts to contact her before, but failed. I didn't even know her, but I thought I'll try one last time! Then God revealed His almighty plan from that moment onward. Mrs. Koon told me on the phone that she just returned from Hong Kong and desperately wanted to find a Chinese Christian Church and a preacher. Although she is living on the affluent Gold Coast, she felt so spiritually thirsty and hungry. She was planning to move house closer to a Chinese Church. I encouraged her and arranged to visit her immediately. I also told her I knew a preacher, Dr. Chan, who is willing to assist.

As the following four weeks passed by, God's guidance and blessings was clearly evident. On 12th Aug., our Fellowship had over fifty in attendance. On 2nd Sep., the youth group was formed with over fifteen youths sharing God's words and blessings. I had become a christian over ten years ago, this was the first time I truly experienced the power of prayer and the patience to wait for God's perfect timing. We also need to be obedient to Him, and encourage each other without neglecting the fellowship with one another. (Heb, 10: 23-25)

Finally, I'm grateful to all the Christian brothers and sisters from the Brisbane Christian Church who have travelled down all the way to help and encourage us. May the Lord bless you and we give all the glory to God for what he has done, is doing and will do in the future.

Mrs. Goode

見證二：

一九八九年二月，我舉家由香港移民到黃金海岸。很快地，我就感到澳洲甚麼都好，天氣好、環境好，唯一使我不快樂的是黃金海岸一帶沒有華人教會。我常為此禱告，神也曾在我的靈修時，藉着荒漠甘泉一書所舉引的經節向我啟示，神已聽到我禱告，並且應允了我的祈求，但祂要我耐心地等待。

當時，我因有事須經常回香港，只留孩子們在澳洲。去年六月中當我回澳時，在飛機上碰到一位由香港回澳洲探親的洋人太太，她很關心的問我在澳洲的生活。我老實的告訴她：「澳洲樣樣好，就是我住的地方沒有華人教會，這點不好。」她答應替我打聽，於是，我將電話號碼留給她。到了八月仍然沒有回音，於是我開始感到灰心。之後，我又返回香港，仍經常與教友一起禱告，並決定回來澳洲後就找有華人教會的地方搬家。

到了一九九零年七月初，我再返回澳洲，已打算搬到雪梨或布里斯本。可是，七月中我突然接到一位名叫古太太的來電。後來才知道古太太是輾轉在布里斯本的一間華人教會拿到我的電話號碼。原來，我去年六月在飛機上碰到的那位洋人太太，她將我的電話號留給一位來澳洲遊覽的馬來西亞太太，而這位太太在回國前又將我的電話號碼留給她的一位姪子。與此同時，布里斯本的華人教會兩年來也為能在黃金海岸建立一個華人教會而熱心禱告。靠着神的帶領，使我們互相認識了。

我非常樂意將我的家開放給主使用，而華人教會的陳醫生與一些同工也在百忙當中抽空，在每個週日下二時來我家主持青年團契與主日崇拜。就這樣在八月十二日有了我們第一次聚會了。

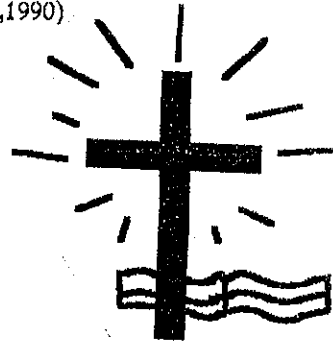
讚美主！

官太太 一九九零年九月十三日

金句：你們的光也當這樣照在人前，叫他們看見你們的好行為，便將榮耀歸給你們在天上的父。(馬太福音 5 章16 節)

特別活動：在九月二十二日至二十四日，有十多位弟兄姊妹參加了布里斯本教會舉辦的退修營，主題是「人世不屬世」，大家一起渡過一個喜樂的週末，心靈得益。

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Glory To The Lord

TESTIMONY

In February 1989, my family migrated to the Gold Coast from Hong Kong. I was happy with the pleasant climate and the clean and beautiful environment. The one shortcoming was the lack of a Chinese Christian Church here.

Consequently, I started praying for a solution. God spoke to me through the book "Streams In The Desert" that he had listened to my prayer, and wanted me to be patient. At that time, I had to go back to Hong Kong often to settle some family matters. In June, on the plane coming back to Australia, I met an Australian lady living in Hong Kong. She was interested in knowing about my new life in Australia. I told her frankly that everything was good, except no Chinese Christian Church near by. She promised to find out for me. So I left my phone number with her. I waited until August but received no reply. So I was rather disappointed. When I was back to Hong Kong again, I still prayed together with friends and considered seriously moving to another place close to a Chinese Christian Church.

When I came back to Australia from Hong Kong in early July of 1990, I actually planned to move to Sydney or Brisbane to be near a Chinese Church. Then in the middle of the same month, I received a call from Mrs. Goode. Later I found out that Mrs. Goode got my number through a Brisbane Chinese Church. It appears the Australian lady whom I met on the plane has given my number to a Malaysian lady who in turn passed on my number to her niece. At that time, it so happened that the Chinese Church in Brisbane had also been praying to set up a church on the Coast for last two years. And Mrs. Goode and her friend, Mrs. Brown, without knowing all these, had also been praying for the establishment of a Chinese Christian Church. Through God's grace, we came to know each other.

I am very happy to open my house to serve God. Dr. Chan and some of his church members despite their busy schedule have agreed to come to my house to conduct the worship service every Sunday at two O'clock. On 12th August 1990 we had our first Sunday worship. Praise the Lord.

Mrs. Koon

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good work and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

見證三：

黃金海岸華人基督徒團契的成立，並不是個人或一群人的能力和智慧可達至的，這全是蒙天父的恩手帶領；同時，也應驗了一班熱心愛主的信徒們，多年來的同心禱告。

今年六月，有一對陌生的青年夫婦剛剛移民到黃金海岸，他們來電問及這裏有否華人基督徒聚會，當時我回答：「沒有。」恰巧，翌日有一位住在布里斯本的弟兄（黎醫生）來電，問我能否幫助組織一個黃金海岸華語教會，於是我便一口答應了。

六月二十四日，第一次開會有八位教友從布里斯本到會，而黃金海岸方面，除了一位澳洲牧師外，至於其他被邀請的教友都因為有事而不能出席。

轉眼又過了兩個星期，可是一切卻毫無頭緒，我也漸感心灰意冷，在七月十一日晚，我找住在我家附近的布朗太太傾談，我們並且一起同心禱告，求主顯示祂的旨意。

當晚，我回家後，我讀到詩篇一零七篇三至九節：「從各地，從東從西，從南從北，所招聚來的... 因他使心裏渴慕的人得以知足，使心裏飢餓的人得飽美物。」這些經節給了我很大的鼓勵，這真是神偉大的應允，這又叫我怎能不服從行事呢！

第二天早上，我看見桌上有一張殘舊的紙條，上面寫了官太太的電話號碼，我曾經多次打電話找她，可是每次都找不到她，而我又又不認識官太太，這次我祇打算作最後的一次嘗試了。

然而，由這一刻開始，我便親眼見到神的工作奇妙地展開。

當時，官太太在電話裏告訴我，她剛從香港回來，她正急切地要找一間華語教會及傳道人。她感覺到屬靈的飢渴，縱使在黃金海岸，她能有豐富的物質享受也是沒有意義的，所以她打算要搬家，住在教會附近。於是我馬上到她的住所會面，並且告訴她有一位名叫陳佩智的傳道人會樂意地幫助我們。

接着的四個星期裏，都是在神的恩領下渡過。終於，在八月十二日開始了我們第一次的聚會，感謝神的恩典，當日的聚會有五十多人參加。

而青年團契也在九月二日成立，有十多位青年到會同沐主恩。

從這件事上面，使我在這十多年的基督徒生活裏面，第一次真正體會到凡事要祈禱，耐心等候主的時間，並要服從神的吩咐，互相勉勵，不可停止聚會。（希伯來書10章23至25節）

最後，我很感激布里斯本的一班熱心的信徒，在過去的數星期裏，不辭勞苦地幫助及鼓勵我們。願主祝福您們，榮耀歸主。

古太太 一九九零年九月十四

Special Activity : More than ten brothers and sisters attended the camp organized by Brisbane Chinese Christian Church between 22nd Sep to 24th Sep. The subject matter of the camp is "In The World But Not Of The World". Together we spend an enjoyable weekend, refreshed in health and spirit.