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CCAC Family News

Dear Brothers & Sisters of CCAC –

“The Lord is my strength and shield; in Him my heart trust, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.” – Psalm 28:7

I hope that this letter finds you well, even as we continue to find ourselves in the midst of a difficult and challenging time in history. I am grateful that our hope is in God; He is forever faithful and worthy of praise! I want to take a moment to look back at how God has led us through the past six months, and share with you some updates and needs as we look ahead towards the rest of 2020.

Looking Back

Over the summer we have experienced God’s grace in many ways as a church. Our life groups have found ways to stay connected despite the challenges of meeting in-person. Children’s Ministry has explored creative ways to engage with kids, even holding an online VBS, as well as in-person Away Camp for Grades 5-8. Praise God that our Cantonese and English worship services were able to begin limited physical services at the beginning of August, which has allowed some brothers and sisters to return to the church on Sundays. Our Mandarin congregation continues to focus on strengthening its online ministries, and was able to celebrate the baptisms of six brothers and sisters at the end of August. And we are thankful for new ministry opportunities like the Immigrant Outreach and Chinese school Student Ministry that our pastors have been exploring over the past few months. Despite the challenges and restrictions, we can see God’s goodness and faithfulness in many different ways! Praise God!

What’s Ahead

As we look to the fall, we invite you to pray and find ways to participate in the exciting things that God is preparing for CCAC. There are many ministries, fellowships and life groups relaunching soon. Our Chinese school has made adjustments and will begin yet another school year, both online and limited in-person classes. Our Administrative team has taken steps to replace the outdated HVAC units behind the church building, as well as fix the landscaping issues that have led to repeated leakage and flooding in the church basement. The Renovation and Litigation committee continues to work towards finishing off the building project and resolving legal issues. I would like to invite you to consider how God is calling you to be part of what He is doing at CCAC in the





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coming months:

- Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment as the Board of Elders and SPT look ahead to establishing vision and direction for the future.
- Ask God where you can find community and ministry opportunities within the different ministries and programs that are relaunching.
- Consider how God is moving you to contribute financially to the needs of CCAC. There are expenses related to adjusting ministries in light of COVID-19, wrapping up the renovation work and litigation, upkeep of the church building, and finding staff for our Student and Children's ministries. We trust that God is faithful and will provide graciously and generously through our church family.

God's Invitation

God is inviting us to trust Him as His children, disciples who are committed to following Jesus wherever He leads us. Our prayer has been, *"O God, with all our hearts, we long for you. Come, transform us to be Christ-Centred, Spirit-Empowered, Mission-Focused disciples, multiplying everywhere."* It is good that we can grow and go through these challenging times as a church family. Our BOE and SPT will share some more details this coming Sunday, September 20th, during service. May God receive all the glory, honour and praise as we experience Him together in the months to come.

With love and grace,

Jason

