



2014

Growing Faith, Increasing Love



信心增長
愛心充足

2 Thessalonians 1: 3
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Lunar New Year & Baby Shower

(HILOK on 01/18)



Congratulations to all 3 moms (Violet, Yufei, Julie) and their families!
Each family is blessed with a new baby in March.

SHINE 2014

(by Sky Fellowship)

Sky Fellowship of TAFPC presents their annual praise night, SHINE (Show How It Never Ends) with a special message from Pastor Jimmy Kim.

Praise Team/Tech Crew: Matt B, Evan C, Liz C, Janice K, Jim K, Tim L, Andrew S, Kevin S, Mariko T, Jack T, Mike W, Tom W

[Watch here](#)



SHINE 2014 Reflection

03/30/14

Christine Su

Sky Fellowship has a worship praise night every year where we sing, reflect, and learn. This year as we started to plan, my goal was efficiency and wanted to take the path with the least amount of stress. I remember when I heard someone suggest the idea of hanging lanterns from the ceiling like the lantern scene from the movie Tangled. My first response was “No”. I thought, “It’s not doable. We don’t have the time or resources to do something like that. Let’s just stick to things we can do and SHINE will still be great.” Our decoration team said this person was really really adamant about making lanterns and I was worried that too much time and energy was gearing toward these decorations and not enough time toward what I thought was more important, which was practicing the praise songs.

Then we had bible study on Wednesday night right before SHINE and they brought materials to make the lanterns. We discussed the design and bounced off ideas for what would be the most feasible way to hang them. I started to get excited for what these lanterns would

look like, but I was still concerned about other parts like the efficiency of setting up and clean up of the instruments and sound system. I had to work at the hospital on the day of SHINE, so I had to trust that everyone would do their part until I got there. We had practiced the night before and it seemed like we were able to set up in less than 2 hours. So in my head, by the time I arrived to church after work, praise team would be practicing and the decoration team would be setting the lanterns up.

When I arrived, I found the exact opposite. No one was practicing and the parachute rope we had agreed to hang up was still in the works. People couldn't hang any lanterns up until praise team finished sound check. I got really nervous and didn't understand what was going on. I found out that one of the instruments wasn't feeding through the sound system. As time went by I was wondering whether we would pull this off. Then 2 of our members prayed for the sound to work, and in an instant it did. After that everyone kicked it up a gear and were practicing and hanging lanterns. By the time we finished our praise team actually had time to eat dinner, which was a rare occasion for this event.

From then on SHINE was magical. Praise team sounded amazing. One of our members shared her testimony which was so deep, real, and relatable. A lot of people were so touched. Our speaker Jimmy Kim gave a great sermon that I know got Christians and non-Christians thinking and reflecting. I was so amazed at how everything came together, how everyone worked together. Every year SHINE is great, but this year there was something different. We really felt the Holy Spirit working that night. SHINE stands for Show How It Never Ends. My prayer for Sky Fellowship, for TAFPC, is that every day we would be a light to the people around us. That we would have faith when things don't go the way we planned it. That we would have big imaginations and big goals that God can take and run with.

We have some changes coming our way. People coming and people going. It's only been a month or so since SHINE and I hope that people would not be shaken and discouraged, but take heart and remember that God can take even the smallest amount of faith and do amazing things.



2014 TKC Winter Retreat - 恩典滿滿的退修會

(02/21 ~ 02/23)



從一開始只是去參加退修會，到今年要加入同工，一起來籌辦退修會~~這是我第4次參加！

這次心情不太一樣！在這籌辦過程當中經歷到神的恩典。從一開始的籌備，找講員、場地，安排行程，練習敬拜，採買...etc，到活動當天，都是由許多同工一起付出時間及努力一起來的！這也讓我感受到有一群兄弟姐妹服事的感覺真的很棒，神給每一個人有不同恩賜，也使用我們每一位同工，感受到我們彼此搭配，是缺一不可的!!!在籌備過程中有擔心、緊張、害怕、快樂，但這一切都是很難得的機會！

講員親切分享，活動組帶的活動，真的都讓我深刻印象！也感謝教會的支持讓我們敬拜組，加添新的備設器材，讓敬拜之夜有很棒的音響！（雖然當天有小出錯，但大家還是很開心的敬拜!!）。還有教會支持及代禱，讓我們沒有後顧之憂，可以不用擔心費用問題!!

每當回頭去數算這些恩典時，就會更加感恩！因為神的愛及恩典都是豐豐足足的!!!

這次沒參加到的人，真的很可惜!!!但沒關係，明年 TKC 退修會見囉!!!!!!!!!!!!

Love in Christ,
WeiWei Pan



World Harvest Mission

For those who haven't heard, I am embarking on a journey to Bundibugyo, Uganda with a medical mission team, with the goal of nursing malnourished children back to life and spreading the gospel. I have never been comfortable with the fact that so many children lose their lives today due to hunger, poverty, and disease and I believe that we can make this world a better place to live in ... and it starts with us.



Mike WU

February 20 at 9:13pm



Hey Everyone!

I have good news for you all. I have met the funds needed to go to Uganda! If you still want to support me, please hold it for now. Any excess money that I raise will not go to me, but to the organization. If I do end up extending my stay, I will be asking you all again to continue to support me! Let me know if you have any questions/concerns/comments. Again, Thank you for your enthusiastic support 😊



Mike WU

March 7 at 1:32am · East Brunswick, NJ



Hey everyone. I made a Facebook page in order to let you know what I am doing in Uganda. All you have to do is click "like" on the page and you will get the notifications. You can also read my blog directly at this link.

<http://thelordsfeast.wordpress.com>

Sending forth missionary, Michael Wu, to Uganda.



[Watch full video](#)

Farewell Message for TAFPC

Hiroataka Nakagawa

Hey everyone. This is my first time writing for a newsletter. To be honest with you, I never read one before, but now that I am writing one, I am starting to understand the importance of having your voice heard through written messages. It really gives me an opportunity to reflect on my experience at TAFPC, or my stay in NJ in general.

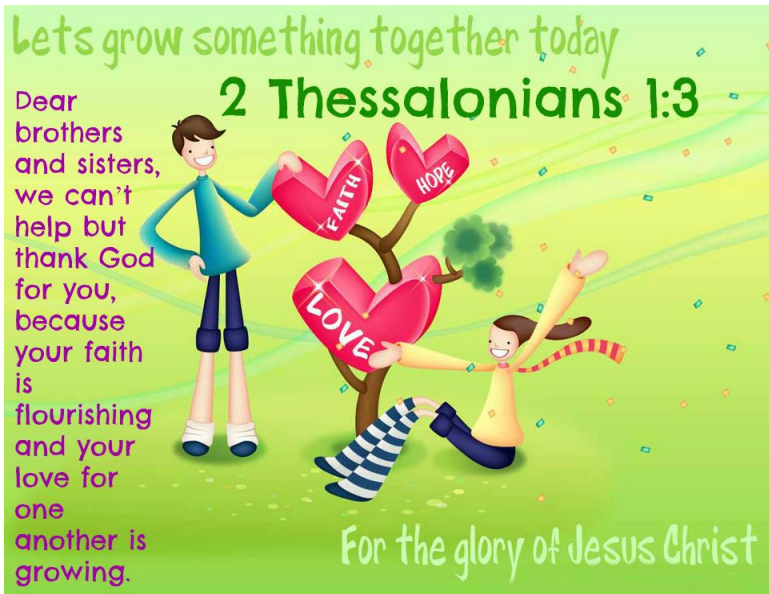
As some of you already know, I found out TAFPC through the website. “Rutgers New Brunswick nearest church”. That was my search request on google. The webmail was in Chinese (or Taiwanese???), but luckily there was a link that led me to the translated page. I didn’t give it much thought before I decided to try it out, but not until now did I notice how God has answered my prayer to find a God centered community that provides sense of belonging. Of course Mariko was the first person I met in the supposedly Taiwanese church, who led me upstairs to quite empty worship hall. I am pretty sure I was at least 15 minutes late, but I remember tired looking college students walking in after me. The quite typical Presbyterian worship was followed by small group, where people’s unique colors started to appear. The worship leader, Mike Wu, who has somehow changed his T-shirt within 5 minutes after the worship, came up to me. Nice outgoing guy. Then I saw a guy with black sun glass who wouldn’t speak a word during the entire small group (we eventually had an opportunity to share our lives, but a year later), and some girls who kept on talking about waxing... The community was even more diverse than in LA where I grew up, and I think that is the strength of TAFPC. God has given us community where Christ lives “through” us, and I think God did display differences among ourselves very clearly. In college, most of the prayer requests included relationship issues and test scores. Here in TAFPC, we got people from little kids all the way up to mature adults, but we are not diverse just because of our age. We are diverse because we are at different time points in our lives and we follow significantly different passions. So our prayer requests can range from praying for strict Asian mothers to our brother who is in Uganda. I experienced the width of the diversity during the summer of 2012.

To be honest with you, I didn't think I would come back. But God did place me back in TAFPC starting the summer of 2013, and this time I experienced the depth of community. Right when I came back, I was invited to small group which was held in the corner of Panera off Route 1. I guess we were still at the starting phase, and our group was quite small (~6 people). But we experienced God's glory in these few months where we grew more than double and had to split up the small group into two. I started seeing Piscataway group members at least twice a week, more than enough time to know them well. Although we spent ~8 months to finish the book of Acts (...), I can recall many instances of laughter and seriousness. I felt like this was a small team that was going to be the future of TAFPC, and which gave me excitement that I never had before. I mean, look at our members! Liz's persistent participation encouraged me to attend Bible study each week, Rebecca's outgoing personality helped me with sharing my life with the team, Matt's too-easy-to-read face helped me with how appropriate the discussion was, Vivian's curiosity helped me gain deeper understanding of the Word, Orange Mike's quietness during the meeting is well contrasted by his bright orangeness, Wilson's silent and persistent stillness to hear the word of God really humbled me, and Josephine's willingness to support the congregation behind the scene reminded me that God's work does not always have to be visible to others. Oh yeah Tim... Just kidding, I pay him a great amount of respect for his silent service to God and congregation. I mean this guy is willing to take any task that was given to him (not too sure if he is willing to or forced by Josephine but I try not to worry too much about that). People like me plan without execution, but Tim will execute (sometimes without planning haha). Of course, I will miss others outside of P-way small group as well. I admire Jess' honest opinion that really challenged me to look to God when my focus was not on Him, Christine's leadership that made things move swiftly, Jimmy and Janice's sweet relationship that I would like to have eventually, and Mariko's inclusiveness to help me find a community that I can depend on. Big Andrew's seriousness and suffering really humbled me to follow God's words genuinely, Josiah's new perspective from Hong Kong reminded me that Jesus is worshipped throughout the world, and Mike Wu's willingness to serve abroad just simply astonished me. In the span of ~10 months, I got to know each one of you quite well, and it is really sad to depart NJ to start everything all over. But I am hopeful

for Christ and his plans for me, because he has already proven that he will provide me God's community wherever I go.

I will definitely see you guys around, probably within a year so it's not a hard good bye. Church is definitely going through time of transition. People come and go to spread the word of Christ, but Christ is never changing God. So even though I will be in a different church, we will be worshipping the same God who has united us. So great luck to all of you! I will definitely miss you guys but will see you soon!

Hiro



「更好的社會在行動當中」



新使者雜誌 第 127 期 青年運動

秩序又開始繽紛：2008 年
野草莓學運的回顧與展望

這場運動在台灣民主鞏固的歷程上宣示了一定的意義，為整個台灣的青年世代帶來了一些理想主義與行動主義的火種。

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※結語：更好的社會在行動當中

在野草莓學運之後，在台南的夥伴們決定重新轉進校園。一方面是因為一個月的靜坐中，我們與學生群眾脫節的很嚴重，另一方面也是為了讓運動的可能性延續下去。回到校園，我們成立了成大零貳社，以倡議一個批判的生活哲學為精神，觀察我們所生活的環境中，面對怎樣的壓迫？壓迫又如何產生？我們開始思考，更好的國家與社會應該長成什麼樣子？而這與我們的關係又是什麼？我們如何往自己希望的方向去？

這一切問題的解答並不會無端蹦出，改變也不會從天而降，理想國不可能一夕間突然實現。相反的，只有在不斷探尋，不斷的行動，在每個行動中去檢討自己的思想，每次的反省會累積出一些新的想法，新的可能性。植基於這些想法，我也相信作為一個懷抱理想的行動者，我們應該有這樣的共識，那就是理想社會不會在冥想中實現，任何的可能性沒有經過行動的實踐將無法實現！

「促進和平的人多麼有福啊；上帝要稱他們為兒女！

為了實行上帝的旨意而受迫害的人多麼有福啊；他們是天國的子民！」

馬太福音 5 章 9~10 節



【影音】長老教會召開記者會「譴責國家暴力、追求和平公義」(2014/03/25)

長老教會對學生「反黑箱服貿」公民行動的肯定與呼籲 (2014/03/22)

Statement by the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT):

An Affirmation and Appeal concerning the Students Public Demonstration against the illegal adoption of the Service and Trade Pact with China



2014 Organization

Session:

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| Joan Chen 陳蓓蓉 | (Worship 禮拜) |
| Wen H. Chang 張文旭 | (Education 教育) |
| Allen Hwang 黃晉文 | (Fellowship 團契) |
| Marianne Shen 陳美雲 | (Mission 宣教) |
| Allen Yang 楊英才 | (Operations 財管) |
| Christine Su | (SKY Ministry 英宣) |

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| Princeton: Alice Chang 張聖珍 |
| Windsor/Dayton: Ying Su 蘇英世 |
| Coast Area: Yi-Her Liu 劉怡和 |

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- Family Fellowship 家庭團契：James Wu 吳建勳、Wen C. Chang 張文傑
- Women Fellowship 婦女團契：李秀卿、廖愛信
- Women Bible Study Group 婦女查經班班長：Mei-Li Chen 陳玫麗
- TKC：Wei-Wei Pan 潘瑋薇、Robert Lo 羅浚哲
- HILOK 喜樂團契：Yaching Chang 張雅清、Daniel Hung 洪雲漢
、John Huang 黃宗信
- Choir 聖歌隊隊長：Frank Lai 賴文義

Upcoming Events

- 04/06 (Sunday) 懷念祖先禮拜 Memorial Service
- 04/13 (Sunday) 棕櫚節 Palm Sunday
- 04/18 (Friday) 受難日 Good Friday
- 04/20 (Sunday) 復活節 Easter Sunday
- 05/11 (Sunday) 母親節 Mother's Day
- 05/14 ~ 05/16 美國長老教會亞裔牧長信徒研習會 (Princeton, NJ)
Asian Leadership Study Program
- 05/15 ~ 05/16 美國基督長老教會台灣人教會年會 (Princeton, NJ)
National Taiwanese Presbyterian Council (NTPC)
美國基督長老教會全國台灣人教會婦女聯合會年會
National Taiwanese Presbyterian Women (NTPW)
Council
- 06/08 (Sunday) 聖靈降臨日 Pentecost Sunday
- 06/15 (Sunday) 父親節 Father's Day
- 06/28 (Saturday) 騎鐵馬 Biking
- 07/06 ~ 07/11 短宣 SKY Summer Mission (Washington, DC)

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