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上期提到成功三個要素: 「天時、地利、人和」,其中以「天時」,喻為神的時候到了,於是就有了加拿大突破宣道一生命轉化中心的成立。

這一期要跟大家談的是「地利」。

打從2012年初開始,我們就積極覓址開始 工作;而進行方案,不外就是購地、租地、借 地。「購地」是最困難的方案,購地、裝修加 佈置家俱少說也要百多兩百萬,談何容易?

「租地」雖經濟划算,但也不容易,因爲 誰敢租給你呀!就算有地可租,也會"鄰"聲 四起。最後還是選擇先易後難,化"整"為 "零",逐步完成,採取不購、不租,先借的 策略;更經濟,更實惠。

由於我們認識一間在蘭里(Langley)具有 30年歷史的洋人福音戒毒所,打算向他們先借 幾個床位開始運作,本來已經談得「八八九 九」的了,可是後來被他們的董事會否決了我 們的申請,不過他們拒絕的理由,我們也覺得 很合理。

雖然如此,他們也很願意看見大溫的華人 教會可以成立自己的福音戒毒機構,因此讓他 們的總幹事加入我們的董事會,成爲我們的 「盲公竹」(粵音)。本來打算在蘭里開始的

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Email: enquiry@breakthroughmissions.org.sg Web: www.breakthroghmissions.org.sg 話,我最多只能每週回家一趟,或每月二次,因爲車程一個半小時,實在太遠了。

「借地」不成,也只好「租」了。有人建議在素里(Surrey),或許可以用很少的金錢租到很大的地方;可是,礙於「人生地不熟」,雖然找了幾個月,仍不得「奇門」而入。後來,有人教我上Craigslist,終於讓我看中Ladner Trunk Road一間獨立屋,四週無鄰,而且很靠近列治文。本以爲那種地方應該不會有人看的上,就等到9月底再聯絡也不遲。誰知在10月初打電話去詢問時,屋子一星期前已經租出去了。

無奈之下,只好繼續作回"網中人"。很快,10月19日我與董事會成員,就去看列治文六號路一間農地的屋子;地點不錯,租金不貴,只可惜無法達到經紀人的一些要求,只好望「屋」興嘆。

11月16日,又與董事們到列治文 Granville Ave ,在五號路和四號路中間有 一間屋子,屋主不介意我們的工作,也不要 求我們甚麼,而且也很靠近我家。

從蘭里(Langley)到素里(Surrey),再到Ladner Trunk Road,再到列治文六號路,再到現在的Granville Ave,真是越來越理想。因爲我們的服侍對象是華人,若在列治文,可以讓我更好的幫助求助者歸入教會、重返家庭、重返社會。可惜,後來在租期上的一些不協調而告吹了。心裏有點惋惜,要找到一個理想的地點可不容易,找到了,人家租不租給你又是另外一回事。

眼看著,年底就要離職了,剩下一個半月,能找到地方嗎?還好,董事們都堅信神會預備一個更好的地方給我們。 果然,很快的我們又找到了目前的地點,就在列治文的

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Railway Ave夾Francis Road交界處。可能大家會很奇怪,怎麽我找來找去都是在列治文這一帶? 其實,我也不知道爲甚麽?或許就正如以賽亞書五十五章八至九節所說的,耶和華說:「我的意念非同你們的意念;我的道路非同你們的道路。天怎樣高過地,照樣,我的道路高過你們的道路;我的意念高過你們的意念」(賽五十五8-9)。

的確,我是列治文居民,靠近家人,也 是其中一個重要的考慮因素。這類工作,身 為負責人,我必須住在中心裏面,而由於安 全緣故,家人又不適合與我同住在中心裏 面。然而,爲了福音的緣故,當初就是在蘭 里(Langley)這麼遠,我也必須順服,選擇頂 多每週回家一趟。

現在,我駕車回家只需五分鐘就到,不過,我仍然每天都在「突破之家」過夜,一週只回家過夜一次。這樣,若兩邊有緊急事故的話,也能夠及時趕到;而且每天晚上八點多還可以趕回去陪孩子睡覺。

當然,除這以外,對事工的發展,也很 有幫助,若我們去得太遠,就會和華人社會 或華人教會脫節。現在我們不論是與教會的 聯係,或投入社會的活動,以及弟兄家人的 探訪,十分便利。

感謝讚美主!當初爲了更容易開始發展生命轉化中心的工作,因此在選址方面,採取了先易後難的策略。然而,這一切應驗了聖經所說的:「你求告我,我就應允,並將你所不知道、又大又難的事指示你。」真是神的意念,高過我們的意念;只要我們願意謙卑順服,不堅持己見,相信有朝一日,祂必引領我們逐步進入應許之地。

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# 事功報告



七月份回新加坡參加突破宣道三 十週年感恩紀念、在母會新加坡 長老會恩澤堂分享,並獲接納為 海外宣教士、與多位牧者見面、



八月份擔任列治文恩典

官道會福音營講員,有

九月份透過facebook分享一系列「毒品的真相」防毒宣傳。八月十日電視節目 「新楓采」介紹加拿大突破宣道的工作。



監獄探訪



兩位南非回教徒夫婦來訪探討如何發展生命轉化事工。

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探訪The Salvation Army Richmond House Men's Shelter

## 代禱事項:

- 求主繼續使用加拿大突破宣道,讓更多的生命被轉化, 透過此事工讓基督的名再次被高舉起來。
- 2. 我們正在進行退稅收據的申請,求主施恩能夠一切順 利,早日獲得批准。
- 3. 感謝主!九月十二日帶領一位年青人住進加拿大突破 宣道,求主保守讓他可以早日適應這裡的生活,也求主 繼續加添我們更多的智慧、愛心和耐心來服事他。
- 4. 九至十一月份李傳道主領九個聚會,求主加添靈力,分享信息激勵人心,榮耀主名。歡迎各教會邀請加拿大突破宣道主領各種聚會,如主日講道,福音主日,見證佈道會,培靈奮興會,團契小組聚會,家長防範毒品講座,青少年認識煙害/毒品講座,如何預防與解決沉溺行爲講座等。
- 5. 加拿大突破宣道一生命轉化事工是一場激烈的屬靈爭 戰,求主常保守機構及同工剛強壯膽,靠主得勝;雖然 爭戰激烈,但有耶和華作我們的元帥。

#### 我們的需要:



需要一部不超過三年舊的 Laptop 電腦。

### 突破之家菜園:



計劃在後院設置六個菜圃,費用大約 CAD\$800。有意奉獻支持者,請致電: 604-910-3228,李傳道。

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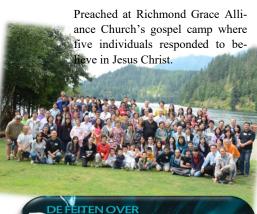
# Ministry reports



Attended the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Breakthrough Missions Singapore in July. Pastor Berechiah shared his testimony at his mother church and was sent as an overseas missionary. He was also able to meet with a lot of pastors and led an Indonesian Chinese to become a Christian.



Visited the Salvation Army Richmond House Men's Shelter





Shared the drug prevention video clip series --"The Truth About Drugs" on Facebook. And Appeared on Fairchild TV to introduce the work of BMC.



Visitation to prison.



Met with a South African muslin couple who came to learn to develop life transformation ministry.

Please continue to support our fundraising car wash services.

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# **Prayer Items:**

- 1. Pray that God will continue to use BMC to transform more lives and His name will be uplifted through this ministry.
- We are applying for the approval of issuing tax deductable tax receipts. Pray for a smooth process and that approval can be granted.
- Thank God for leading a young man to stay in BMC. Pray for his adjustment; and for wisdom, love and patience in the workers.
- 4. Pastor Berechiah will share and preach on nine occasions during the month of September to November. Pray for our Father's presence and strength so that the message shared can bring encouragement to many, and that God's name be glorified.
  - (Churches are welcome to invite BMC to share with them at Sunday worships, gospel meetings, revival meetings and fellowships, or in forum and talks on drug prevention and addictive behavior.)
- As all the BMC workers are fighting this spiritual warfare, pray that God will be our Commander. Pray that God will lead us into victory, that He will protect us and strengthen us.

#### Our needs:

We are in need of a laptop which is less than 3 years old.



Enquiries:

BMC Veggie Garden:



We are planning to grow 6 vegetable patches in our BMC backyard. The estimated cost is CAD\$ 800. If you are willing to contribute to this project, please contact Pastor Berechiah (604-910-3228)

For donations, please make checks payable to: Breakthrough Missions Canada

A Journey Of Faith (3) BMC Newsletter: September 2013

Honorary Advisors: Rev. Hay Chun Maak, Rev. Moses Cheng, Rev. David Poon, Rev. Francis Choi, Rev. James Hung, Dr. Thomas Leung ,Mr. Robert Leong (Legal), Mr. Peter Wu (Accounting)

Board of Directors: Rev Yee Shing Wong (Chairman), Pastor William Lam (Treasurer), Bro. Helmut Boehm (Secretary), Rev Benedict Chan (Member), Bro. Sam Ho (Member). Founder of Breakthrough Missions: Pastor Simon Neo



**Executive Director: Pastor Berechiah Lee** 

Last time I mentioned the essence of success: a perfect combination of TIME, PLACE and PEOPLE. When God's TIME came, Breakthrough Missions Canada was able to be established. Now I want to talk about PLACE.

We have been actively hunting for a place to start our ministry since 2012. The possibilities we thought of were to purchase, rent or borrow a piece of property. Out of our three options, buying a piece of property was the most out of reach. It can easily cost about one to two million to pay for property, renovations and furnishing. Renting seemed to be a more economical option, but we knew that finding a place to rent is by no means easy. Owners may not be willing to rent out their property for our ministry - and even if they were willing, we imagined that there would be much opposition from the neighbors. So we decided to take small step at a time by seeking to borrow a place.

We are acquainted with a Caucasian Christian addiction treatment centre in Langley, which has been running for over 30 years. Our original plan was to rent a few beds from this centre to start off Breakthrough ministry in Canada. When all the negotiations were nearly finished, we were told that their Board of Directors did not approve our application as they had very sound reasons to do so. Despite their inability to accommodate us, this centre was excited and passionate to see Chinese churches establishing their own addiction treatment centre. To show their support, the centre sent their Chief Executive to be one of our Board of Directors. He then guided and walked us through the process of setting up our transformation centre.

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I would have returned my home in Richmond probably once or twice every week because of the physical distance and the time taken on the Since borrowing a PLACE for our

If our ministry had begun in Langley,

ministry did not seem to be the right fit, we then looked into finding a rental property. Someone suggested that we look for a place in Surrey because the rent in that district is comparatively lower. Yet, because Surrey is totally unfamiliar to me, I did not have any positive feedback after months of search. Then, someone suggested that we look on Craigslist. I was able to find a place on Ladner Trunk Road, a single house without any adjacent neighbors. The best part was: the house was not far from Richmond. I figured this area was probably not very popular, so I could wait until my resignation was officially accepted by my church before renting. To my surprise, when I inquired on that rental premises in the beginning of October, it was already rented out a week ago.

So, I started from square one again, surfing the internet and looking for other rental locations. On Oct 19, I went to view another rental house with some of the Breakthrough Directors. This house was situated on farm land just off of No. 6 Road. It had a good location, reasonable rental price, but we couldn't meet some of the requirements of the agent. In the end, this house did not go through either.

On Nov 16, some Directors and I went to view another house on Granville Ave, between No. 4 and No. 5 Road. The owner didn't't mind that we intended to use the rental house for addiction treatment purpose, and he didn't't impose any special conditions on us. Interestingly, the location of the transformation centre seemed to be getting closer and closer to my home and seemed to be appearing more and more ideal. From Langley to Surrey, then to Ladner Trunk Road, then to No. 6 Road, and now to Granville Ave. Since our target clients are Chinese, it would certainly help if our centre was situated in Richmond. That way, it would be easier for them to integrate into the church, their society and their homes. Unfortunately, we did not rent the house on Granville Ave. because some of the terms could not be agreed on. I was a little disheartened. It's already difficult to find a good premise in a good location, and even if

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we actually find one, the rental agreement may not be a sure thing. I thought to myself, "There is only one and a half months more before my resignation from my pastoral position, is it possible at all for me to find a PLACE?" Even at this time, all our Directors had a strong faith in God that He would prepare a better PLACE for us.

Shortly after, we were finally able to settle on a premise on Railway Ave. and Francis Road in Richmond. Some may wonder why the places we looked at were all in Richmond. I'm not quite sure either. Perhaps it's like what the Lord said," For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55: 8-9)

I myself reside in Richmond. It would be a bonus for me if the centre was close to my home. Because I would be in charge of the ministry and because of safety reasons, I knew I had to live on the premise. The reality of this ministry is that it would not be suitable for my family to reside with me in the centre. So I was thinking that even if I had to commute between, say, Richmond and Langley, and only visit my family once every week, I would have to submit.

Yet now, the distance between my home and the centre on Railway Ave. and Francis Road takes only a 5 minutes' drive. Though I am only able to sleep in my own home once every week, the closeness allows me to attend to emergency family issues, if any arise. Also, I can tuck my children to bed at 8 pm every night. Of course, settling in Richmond does enable our ministry to be in close contact with the Chinese community and churches. Staying within Richmond allows us to have better networking with churches; it makes it more convenient to take part in various community activities and allows us to visit our clients.

Praise our Lord! When we first started the ministry, we chose the easier path of renting a premise. In the process, we truly experienced God's promise," Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

Indeed, His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Only if we are willing to humble ourselves and submit to Him, in His time, He'll lead us step by step in entering the Promised Land.

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