



Elders Update

#4: September -December 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters of ABMC,

The Fall Season has been very a busy and blessed time for ABMC. God has been gracious and generous.

1. We have reached out to over 50 Mandarin and Cantonese speaking PCC and ELAC students through CEE, and over 700 attended the Evangelism Program 与中信及其他教会合办『星光背后人生曲』艺人之家佈道会 on September 7, and over 30 people accept Christ.
2. We thank God for the many powerful speakers in our Sunday Worship. With the dedication of Sam Kong and his Audio and Video Ministry team, Horace Kwok and the Office Technology team, these insightful sermons were recorded every week, and were posted on ABMC website. Please spread the word to those who can not join our worship to listen to these sermons on our website.
3. We thank God that Rev. Daniel Li and his wife Rebecca have decided to join and serve as members at ABMC.
4. Rev. Daniel Li and Brother Johnny Chan have also accepted the invitation of the Elders Board to join the Elders Board effective January 1, 2009.
5. Mandarin Small Group Ministry: Micky Chan (Director), Freda Cheung, Dorothy Ko and Orchid Dong have given five training sessions for Mandarin Small Group Leaders and Coach September during Sunday school. We welcome Aradia Fu joining our church to serve in the Mandarin College Small Group ministry. Starting in October, two Mandarin College small groups meeting weekly (except the first week) in October, with Keng Zhang and Aradia Fu leading the PCC group and FeiFei Long and Amy Zhang leading the ELAC group with Dorothy Ko and Orchid Dong coaching. The Mandarin College Fellowship officially

started on the first week of October and will meet monthly. Ping Chen is coordinating, hosting and leading the Mandarin Adult Small Group meetings every other week.

6. The Cantonese Small Group Ministry: New Small Group Leaders were trained for 8 sessions from 8:00 AM to 9:30AM on Sundays at Agape Station since September. The Cantonese College Fellowship started to meet at Agape Station on Saturday evenings in October, while the small groups continue to meet at homes. Cantonese Young Adults group and the high school group moved its meetings to Saturday afternoons. We welcome Albert and Linda Wang to join Sundi Sunarjo in the high school ministry, reaching out to the Mandarin speaking high school students. Kay Chan is the small group leader of Cantonese Young Adults Career group which meets on Saturday. Micky Chan is the Cantonese Adults Small Group leader which meets once a month on Sunday afternoon.

7. Music Ministry: Young leaders are trained and started to participate in leading singing in Mandarin worship. The worship team include: Kay Chan (Director of Music Ministry), Tina Chen (Coordinator in Music Ministry for Mandarin), Mrs. Rebecca Li, Mrs. Esther Wang, Nicky Zhou, Joseph Liu, Annie are song leaders; Tina Chan, Alice Ma, Sundi Sunarjo and Jade are pianists. We thank Tina for her faithful service, but we will miss her when she returns to Taiwan in January and Kay will take up Tina's responsibilities.

8. New believers: we thank God for the following decisions made to accept Christ as their Savior: From the start of ABMC through Summer Conference in August, Harry, Bao-Juan Zhao, Carol Li, Sam Li, Christine; September through December: Ting Huang, Craig, Jack, Amber, Sarah, Alex Zhao and Johnny Chang.

9. Baptism: The first ABMC Baptism will be held on December 28 at 3:00 PM at Mandarin Baptist Church.

10. Membership: Those who would like to join ABMC as charter member please complete a membership application form and give them to your small group leaders who will forward them to Winston Ko, Chairman of Elder Board. The Constitution and By-Laws which have been approved by the Elders Board will be available from the ushers during December Sunday Worship.

11. First Membership Meeting: will be held on January 25 after the joint worship service. There will be installation of Elders, officers and directors. Certificate of membership will be given to the Charter Members.

12. Financial report: For the six months from May through October, the income and expenses are summarized as follows:

	Income	Expense	Net
General Fund	47,700.25	27,306.80	20,463.45
Start Up	10,000.00	9,114.39	885.61
Earthquake Relief	5,528.00	5528.00	0
Summer Conference	13,356.00	14,694.31	(1338.31)
CEE	567.00	876.42	(309.42)
Benevolent Fund	1,187.00	1,120.13	66.87
Total	78,408.25	58,640.05	19,768.20

ABMC does not have any paid employee. Major expenses are rent and speakers honorarium. The rent for San Marino Library in 2008 is \$260 per Sunday (\$1126.66 per month) plus \$1600 per month for Agape Center. For 2009, the rent for San Marino Library will be \$420/ Sunday (\$1820 per month). We started collecting Love Offerings in November and will continue to collect Love Offerings on Communion Sundays to help brothers and sisters in special financial need.

13. Children Ministry: The faithful workers Bonnie Chan, Mimi Tou, and Jocelyna Sunarjo have been teaching and taking care of the children every Sunday during worship service. We thank God for many new volunteers willing to sign up and share their burden. Linda Wang will be helping Bonnie to organize the ministry.

14. Nursery: Johnny Chan has set up the Agape Station Nursery providing baby sitting service during ABMC Sunday Worship from 9:15 AM to 1:15 PM. The Agape Station is also set up with internet service so that the baby sitters (and the babies :) can watch and listen to the sermon live. We want to thank Mathew Yip and Johnny Chan for making the technical arrangements possible.

15. News of brothers and sisters:

- Du Chang has returned to China and started teaching at the College of Materials Science and Engineering, South China University of Technology
- Sister Cherry's mother has passed away. Funeral service was held on August 30.
- Prunella Wong returned to Macao. Prayed that she can have a smooth application to return to Los Angeles for further studies next spring. Moon Tang has taken over Prunella's responsibility

of updated ABMC attendance records and new comers contact information.

- Karen Zhang has returned to Sidney
- Sam and Joann Kong had a baby boy born on 11/8, named Ian.

16. ABMC held its first all church Thanksgiving Celebration on 11/27/08, with over 100 attending. We thank Dr. and Mrs. Tony Shum for hosting the event at their residence and providing the sumptuous traditional thanksgiving dinner.

17. 2009 ABMC Officers and Directors of Ministry:

Elders Board: Winston Ko (Chair), Rev. Wangdong, Rev. Lining and Johnny Chan.

The following co-workers are willing to take up the church-wide positions for a term of 3 years responsible to the Elders Board:

a. Chair of the Mandarin Ministerial Committee: **Rev. Wong Dong**

b. Chair of the Cantonese Ministerial Committee: **Johnny Chan**

c. Director of Small Group Ministry: **Micky Chan**

d. Director of Christian Education: **Freda Cheung**

e. Director of Music Ministry: **Kay Chan**

f. Director of Office Technology Ministry: **Horace Kwok**

g. Director of Audio and Video Ministry: **Sam Kong**

h. Director of Children Ministry: **Bonnie Chan**

i. Director of Facility: **Gary Chen**

Blessings,

ABMC Elders Board Chair Winston Ko and Rev. Wangdong