

Report of Chair of COCM Canada for mid 2021

By Stephen Cheung

Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." --John 20:21

A Missions Organization is like our Lord Jesus that He was being sent by God the Father, and likewise we are being sent by Jesus.

We praise The Lord for the persistent group of Directors (volunteers) to continue to pray and assist our pastors in Europe.

In the past twelve months, we had both Pastor Robert Liang and Rev. Roger Wu returning some months ago due to issues with Covid and the issue of flying back. The work continues over Zoom etc as they work with time zones and still many meetings each week. Rev. Roger Wu retired from his own church (planted in Calgary) and now becomes a full time field staff of COCM. Both Robert and Roger are planning to fly back to Europe late Sep / Oct. We treasure the hard work of our full time missionaries. Life was difficult for the students and residents that we serve there. Pastoral help and Gospel growth was more relevant then ever.

In Poland (Warsaw and other cities), Robert had provided amazing service to the Chinese students.

In Ukraine, Roger serves the local Chinese via the church there as well as connecting with other Chinese Churches throughout Eastern Europe.

In 2020, we have the pleasure of meeting a young member of the Chinese Church in Romania (one that COCM supported since the beginning) in Vancouver. Brother Iulian Wang graduated from the Chinese Seminary in Calgary and married in Vancouver. He is serving in a ministry post in a local church to further his training in service in the Church. Great hope for how God will use him in the world. He speaks the Romanian language as he grew up in Romania. They had their first child in 2021.

COCM is also active locally in the GVCMC (Greater Vancouver Chinese Mission Conference 2015-18) and in furthering mission efforts beyond Europe. 2019 it did not happen due to the good Alliance folks conducting a big mission event in Richmond for all the community. 2020/2021 nothing happens and we look forwards to 2022 for another GVCMC. The folks are in contact and seeing each other busy in ministries. Some Roma Ministries co-ordinations occurred. COCM joins the coming Roma Ministry global prayer event. There are more Mission themed events from the US and elsewhere that we can all join in...a special gift of the current online world.

We did not hold Europe Mission Sharing event in 2021 (it used to be every other year) and fewer separate mission sharing sessions with our pastors and directors at various local church mission week and some fellowships and Sunday services in 2021. We did some and had some useful contacts.

Like our pastors in the field, locally we held zoom meetings to help connect and inform our local brothers and sisters. Recently we had a physical gathering of our current and past volunteers and friends (past Chairmen, Advisors and Board Members and supporting church / individuals)

To connect with fellow mission initiative globally, I am also a local contact on a personal level for the Aug 2021 World Chinese Short Term Mission Camp and STM experiencing (to numerous cities) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. That became just an online event with huge attendance. Some of our missionaries are also local contact for their area. (hosted by Malaysia Bible Seminary and CCM Singapore etc etc)

Our pastors, regardless of their age, serves The Lord fervently around the world. (ask me more!)

Thanks God, we were able to handle all the background admin, newsletter, website, finance task via our many volunteers.

In 2022, Lord willing, we pray to have three resident couples working in Eastern Europe, the mission field is vast and we seek to do the best we can.

Finally, please uphold the Missions in your prayer as we really need your prayer support, because without your prayer support, we could not make our ministry worthy! But together with you all, we could achieve a successful mission ministry with the help of the Holy Spirit. The year 2020 was over half gone, and may our Lord bless us with another fruitful year ahead that we strive our very best to serve Him together as one Body of Christ.

We have a lot to thank God for in the past 12 months. Finance, health, babies and more.

With much blessings and wishes for you all!

Love in Christ,

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