## BCBC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

## **Three Major Things to Thank for**

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Of the amazing blessings bestowed on us in the 30 years at BCBC, I want to share three major ones:

- 1. 30 years ago, God put in our hearts the vision of planting a church in Brampton. Then we started looking for a good location, but the land price per *mu* was nearly 200 thousand dollars, which was beyond our financial capability. After constant prayers, we finally got in touch with the developer of this location and got a deal of the T-shaped land in the north corner at 70 thousand dollars per mu. We got greatly encouraged and joined our hearts and efforts to build the church. The church building was later expanded, so did God's minstry. We were abundantly blessed.
- 2. To the left of the T-shaped land was located the assembly hall of Jehovah Witnesses. They gathered regularly and presented a huge challenge to us. The spiritual warfare started at the completion of the church building. The Jordan Street divided us not only in location but also in faith. We realized that beyond the Jordan River was the land of gentiles whom we must take seriously. Jehovah Witnesses did not believe in the concept of Trinity, so we gathered our brothers and sisters to study the truth regarding the biblical concept of Trinity. We had regular attendance to our Sunday school of around 70 brothers and sisters, which greatly inspired and strengthened us.
- 3. After the new church building was put to use, God added to our church people to be saved. Of the visitors was a general manager of a logistic company whose life was completely changed by the Lord. He was later used by the Lord to strengthen the ministry of our Mandarin fellowship. His name is Pastor Conrad Kwok. The Lord also gave vision to Pastor Wong in his efforts to plant churches and send out missionaries. Now is the time to strengthen the second generation of the English ministry. One generation passed, and a new generation comes, and God's work continues.

The theme of BCBC this year is: Renewing Your Life; Climbing a Higher Peak. This is indeed a wonderful vision from the Lord. From the point of view of the blessings in the past, BCBC is looking forward to the future, to a greater development. May the name of the Lord be greatly glorified.