

BCBC 30th Anniversary Edition

God Has Richly Blessed Us Through BCBC

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We have been uniquely blessed by God to have been an almost natural part of BCBC, essentially for all her life. Our thoughts and spirit can fully celebrate with our brothers and sisters 30 years of ministry and mission. This is based on the fact that BCBC as a young congregation began in the facilities of First Baptist Church, Brampton, a little over 30 years ago, while we ministered there.

We recall with joy the sights, sounds and scents of the Chinese congregation, the worshippers, the music of the adult choir, professionally conducted, the children's choir, equally professionally directed, the food prepared for fellowship time, the worshipful singing of the congregation, by which I was blessed as I worked in my office Sunday afternoons. It was most inspiring to watch the congregation outgrow the parlour to almost fill the sanctuary.

We recall the times of prayer with Pastor Fung, the gracious spirit of Mrs. Fung and the joyful spirit of all leaders. Of course, what a wonderful spiritual and organizational explosion in the move to 1989 North Park Drive!!

No one could have predicted that we would eventually move to BCBC as English Pastor couple; that it would become a relationship maintained to the present day, even after the termination of our tenure. It would appear that we are destined to be part of BCBC indefinitely, despite serving at Lisle Memorial Baptist Church for 6 years after our first Chinese English Pastor was installed. For some reason, the Lord seems to determine that the principalities and powers have something to learn from God and BCBC's determination to consistently bless us as members of BCBC until God says "stop."

Our continuing experience at BCBC has been like being led by the Good Shepherd to *still waters*. There has not been a time we enter BCBC that we have not been blessed. We have been consistently loved, respected, injected with joy, laughter and rich fellowship. With the frequency and consistency of our health challenges, you have showered us with concern, food, care and encouragement. *And the beat goes on!*

Praise the Lord for what He has done through BCBC. You have been consistently blessing the world and local communities through your missionaries, pastors, doctors, nurses, engineers, environmental experts, teachers, financial advisors, computer engineers.... You have enriched both church and society through the musical talents of your young people. Your families have led the society with demonstrated appreciation for and commitment to higher education. You have placed significant commitment on the development of new churches.

Our prayer is that God will enable us to be a source of encouragement to the total family. May He challenge, inspire and mobilize you to impact every Chinese business, person and family with Christ. With a great and very valuable supply of computer skill, may the Lord mobilize our church from our building to send forth the Gospel through the media to the *utmost part of the world—Chinese and otherwise*. **May He through us establish new churches in Brampton and beyond, equipping the people to destroy the strongholds of evil**

and demonstrate beyond present boundaries that God is among us and rules over all the world, if not *de facto*, at least obviously *de jure*!

Thank you, Lord, thank you BCBC, for loving us. May God use us as a church to bless all our people, of all ages.