事工分享 2022-01-24 MCBC 6m 视频 文字 单单英文

The pastors, deacons, mission board, brothers and sisters:

Peace in the Lord!

We are Eliza and Pius Hau. We have served at Panama Chinese Baptist Church for nine years.

Wishing you the peace, joy, wisdom and strength in the Lord in this recent Christmas and New Year, so that you grow even more with the Lord's grace and blessings, and are used by Him ever more, and that you stand firm in times of uncertainty, while continuing your mission to be salt and light. Panama's pandemic improved greatly from mid September to mid December last year, so we returned to church for gatherings in physical presence.

Praise the Lord, brothers and sisters participated in the gatherings eagerly.

Both the Chinese and Spanish congregations also maintained their gatherings online, so that the total number of participants in physical presence and online exceeded our attendance before the pandemic. Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, brothers and sisters have maintained the total offering amount throughout the pandemic.

They have also made offerings to help those brothers and sisters in need during these two years when the pandemic crushed the finance of some families.

Praise the Lord for His providence, and for the love of brothers and sisters in Canada. Two Canadian churches made special offerings to help Panama Chinese Baptist Church purchase audio-visual equipment.

Markham Chinese Baptist Church is one of them.

Some brothers and sisters in Canada also helped our theology students financially, so that they experience God's marvelous supply at a difficult time. Praise Him!

We endeavor to take advantage of the gospel opportunities at the funeral home, no matter the circumstances.

Praise the Lord, the funeral home now seats about 70, up from 30. It was full house when I went with a brother yesterday. He speaks Mandarin.

Another sister who speaks Hakka also has the burden to serve in this ministry, praise the Lord!

We hope to recruit more Hakka-speaking brothers and sisters, because the vast majority of the Chinese in Panama speak Hakka, including their children.

Today is January 24th, 2022.

Panama crushed its own pandemic record of new cases recently, averaging almost ten thousand daily in the last seven days.

The population of Ontario is about three and a half times that of Panama, so the ten thousand average daily new cases in Panama is roughly equivalent in proportion to thirty-five thousand daily in Ontario. Five brothers and sisters at Panama Chinese Baptist Church contracted the Coronavirus recently, while two others are not feeling well and are waiting for their test result. Some family members of brothers and sisters are also infected.

We have stopped gatherings in physical presence once more.

Praise the Lord, we have a new believer. She is very keen on participating in our gatherings. This is rare among the first-generation Chinese in Panama.

Praise the Lord, a sister has been leading a small Bible study group for two months on Wechat audio every night.

Praise the Lord, four brothers and sisters will study theology this year.

Praise the Lord, five brothers and sisters were baptized last year.

Since last year, the Spanish-speaking pastor has been responsible for the baptism of that congregation, including the baptism class. This reflects the continuous development of the church, while also takes something off my shoulder.

Praise the Lord, two sisters who came from other churches have decided to join us as members.

The vast majority of our Chinese congregation run very small businesses with limited capital. They have been particularly hit hard by the pandemic in these two years.

Praise the Lord for His marvelous providence! Most brothers and sisters are still hanging in there with their business. However, some have lost their business entirely.

This situation exerts pressure on us as pastors. If we cater to their lack of faith which is common among believers in Central-South America, and stay clear of teachings about money when they face financial difficulty, then even after the pandemic has passed, it would still be difficult to remind them again that the Lord is their Shepherd, they lack nothing.

On the other hand, if we still teach about offering, and even helping others in financial need, we would appear unloving and insensitive to their plight.

We prayed and considered the situation carefully, then set our path on the fact that God allows them to face trials in order for them to be tested by fire.

That's why our teaching throughout these two years has aimed at the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

For example, we have to live out our peace and joy in the Lord even while our safety is threatened, because we are not afraid even in the valley of the shadow of death.

Besides, the Lord Jesus has already secured our eternal life.

Yet we won't put God to the test because we fear Him. So then we will maintain all sanitary measures during the pandemic in order to be used by God.

Now that we can deal with a life-threatening pandemic, we can obey God on financial matters. We have to seek the approval of God with our offering, because not all offerings please God.

Even after making our offering, we still have to help those brothers and sisters in need, and also donate for disaster relief. God's will is upon us when He allows us to have more than we need while others lack. We are so thankful for the work of the Holy Spirit! Brothers and sisters have no complaints about our teaching, and they have participated eagerly with their offerings to the church, to brothers and sisters in need, as well as to disaster relief.

Please pray for Panama Chinese Baptist Church.

That God protects and cares for them, and heals those infected.

That God continues to lead brothers and sisters in their spiritual journey, so that they live out His will in the face of adversity.

That God continues to light their fire about pursuing their growth in Christ, and loving the Lord ever more.

That God gives impetus to various areas of ministry.

The seniors outreach has been suspended for two years, because it entails physical contact when we take their blood sugar and pressure.

Children ministry also requires close contact, to play games, do craftwork, and have fun. It is difficult to get the same impact online. We don't have children ministry online, so it is suspended together with physical gatherings.

Please pray for seniors outreach and children ministry.

Please also pray for the two of us, that God grants wisdom and strength for our service on the field.

Thank you everyone! Praise the Lord for your prayer and financial support. May God continue to protect and bless you and your family. Amen!

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问候:

教会的牧者、执事、差传部、众弟兄姐妹:

主内平安。

我们是 Eliza 简银馨和 Pius 侯剑廉。我们在巴拿马华人浸信会侍奉了九年。

祈望大家在刚刚过去不久的圣诞和新年,在主内再次得着平安、喜乐、智慧、力量,在新的一年带着主的恩典祝福,更加成长,更加被主使用,在一个变幻莫测的世代,在生命的种种挑战中坚守阵地,继续做美味的盐,明亮的光。

巴浸: 实体: 2021年 10-12月

巴拿马在去年 9月中至 12月中这三个月内,疫情大大下降,所以我们在 10月头回复了教会的实体聚会。

感谢神,弟兄姐妹在一个又一个主日里面都踊跃参与。

中西文两堂都保持网上敬拜。崇拜和主日学实体连同网上的人数,比较疫情爆发之前更多。感谢赞美神!

巴浸:奉献

感谢神,教会总奉献也保持在疫情爆发前的水平。

教会也在疫情这两年内,将超过三分之一的奉献额用来帮助有需要的弟兄姐妹。

巴浸:影音器材、神学生

感谢神,加拿大有两间教会特别奉献,帮助巴浸购买影音器材。

麦城华人浸信会是其中一间。

为主的供应和远方弟兄姐妹的爱心感谢赞美神!

也好感恩,有加拿大的弟兄姐妹,以个人名义资助巴 浸的神学生。让他们在缺乏资金的情况下,经历神奇 妙的赐予。 丧礼:中文堂弟兄姐妹参与,坐 70

昨天:第一次国语

殡仪馆的福音机会,是我们无论如何都把握的。

感谢神,殡仪馆的座位由 30 上升到大约 70。昨天一位中文堂的弟兄和我去的时候,全部满座。

这位弟兄是讲国语的。

感谢神,另外有一位讲客家话的姐妹也有负担。

我们希望招募多些讲客家话的弟兄姐妹,因为巴拿马 九成以上的华人都讲客家话,甚至连同很多他们的子 女。

今天:

今天是 2022年 1月 24日。

疫情: 巴拿马

巴拿马最近大破记录,最近七天的新增确诊平均每天 接近 1万。

加拿大安省的人口大概是巴拿马的 3倍半,所以按人口比例计,巴拿马的 1万大约等于安省的 3万 5千。

巴浸感染: 5+2 西文堂,停止实体 巴拿马华人浸信会也有 5位弟兄姐妹在最近感染,另

外两位不适,测试结果未出。也有弟兄姐妹的家人感 染。

我们再次停止了实体聚会。

珍贵:第一代华人:信而参与教会

感谢神,最近有一位女士信主,并且很热心地参与教 会聚会。这在巴拿马华人第一代来说,是非常少有。 查经:每晚:4位弟兄姐妹,

教会这两个月开始了一个小型查经聚会,是在网上用 微信音频。感谢神,由一位姐妹带。每晚都有。

4 youths 神学

感谢神,今年有四位弟兄姐妹读神学。

受浸: 5, 西文交与西语牧者

感谢神, 去年我们有5位弟兄姐妹受浸。

由去年开始,教会西文堂的浸礼交给西语牧者负责,包括浸礼班。这是反映教会的进一步建立,也让我在这方面轻省了。

申请会员:

感谢神,有两位从其他教会来的弟兄姐妹,决定加入 巴浸成为会员。

小本生意难做:

巴浸的中文堂弟兄姐妹绝大部分做小本生意。这两年 疫情打击,小本生意资金微弱,非常难做。

感谢神奇妙的供应!大部分弟兄姐妹仍然撑着。不过也有弟兄姐妹失去了全盘生意。

牧养方针

在这样的情况之下,我们牧养的方针受到一定压力。 如果我们说,中南美洲的第一代华人信徒本来就是信 心不足,所以体会他们经济困难,就不再向他们提金 钱方面的教导,那么我们有一天就算在疫情平息后, 也很难再提: 耶和华是我的牧者, 我必不至缺乏。

可是,如果在现在这样的情况下,还提金钱问题,鼓励奉献,甚至鼓励捐款赈灾,就好像作为牧者竟然心肠刚硬,不体贴弟兄姐妹的艰苦。

我们细心考虑、祷告,终于还是认为,神容许人面对 挑战,是要在挑战里面磨炼他。而在圣经里面这个 「炼」字是「火」字边的「炼」。 所以我们这两年来的教导,主要是环绕在疫情所带来 的挑战困难。

比如:面对生命威胁,我们要活出主内的喜乐和平静安稳。因为虽然行过死荫的幽谷,都不怕遭害。

而且主耶稣也为我们安排稳妥了最珍贵的永恒生命。

可是另一方面,我们敬畏神,不会试探神。所以小心保护自己,为了爱惜神赐予的生命,继续被祂使用。

既然连生命威胁也安稳面对,就不被经济问题影响对神的顺服。奉献要追求神的喜悦,因为不是所有奉献都是神喜悦的。

奉献之后,同样要帮助有需要的弟兄姐妹,也要捐款 赈灾。因为神容许我们有余,却又容许他人缺乏,在 当中是有祂的旨意落在我们身上。

感谢圣灵同工! 弟兄姐妹对这些教导没有埋怨, 也在教会的奉献、弟兄姐妹的经济帮助、和捐款赈灾上, 反映他们的积极参与。

代祷事项

请大家为巴拿马华人浸信会祷告。

求神在疫情当中保守看顾,医治感染的弟兄姐妹和他们的家人。

求神继续带领弟兄姐妹的天路历程,叫他们在挑战困难中活出神的旨意。

求神继续燃点弟兄姐妹的主内追求,爱主更深。

求神赐智慧力量,推动教会事工。

长者外展因为帮他们量血糖血压,需要近距离和身体 接触,所以差不多两年来还未恢复。

儿童事工也需要近身接触,玩游戏、一起做手工,有 讲有笑。所以在网上很难达到效果。我们未有网上的 儿童事工。停止实体,就连同儿童事工也停止了。

请大家为长者外展和儿童事工祷告。

也请为我们两人在工场上的侍奉祷告。求主加添智慧力量。

多谢大家。为您们在祷告和经济上的支持感谢赞美神。愿主继续祝福保守您们和家人。阿门!

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問候:

教會的牧者、執事、差傳部、眾弟兄姐妹:

主內平安。

我們是 Eliza 簡銀馨和 Pius 侯劍廉。我們在巴拿馬華人浸信會侍奉了九年。

祈望大家在剛剛過去不久的聖誕和新年,在主內再次得著平安、喜樂、智慧、力量,在新的一年帶著主的恩典祝福,更加成長,更加被主使用,在一個變幻莫測的世代,在生命的種種挑戰中堅守陣地,繼續做美味的鹽,明亮的光。

巴浸:實體: 2021年 10-12月

巴拿馬在去年 9月中至 12月中這三個月內,疫情大大下降,所以我們在 10月頭回復了教會的實體聚會。

感謝神,弟兄姐妹在一個又一個主日裡面都踴躍參與。

中西文兩堂都保持網上敬拜。崇拜和主日學實體連同網上的人數,比較疫情爆發之前更多。感謝讚美神!

巴浸:奉獻

感謝神, 教會總奉獻也保持在疫情爆發前的水平。

教會也在疫情這兩年內,將超過三分之一的奉獻額用來幫助有需要的弟兄姐妹。

巴浸:影音器材、神學生

感謝神,加拿大有兩間教會特別奉獻,幫助巴浸購買影音器材。

麥城華人浸信會是其中一間。

為主的供應和遠方弟兄姐妹的愛心感謝讚美神!

也好感恩,有加拿大的弟兄姐妹,以個人名義資助巴 浸的神學生。讓他們在缺乏資金的情況下,經歷神奇 妙的賜予。 喪禮:中文堂弟兄姐妹參與,坐 70

昨天:第一次國語

殯儀館的福音機會,是我們無論如何都把握的。

感謝神,殯儀館的座位由 30 上升到大約 70。昨天一位中文堂的弟兄和我去的時候,全部滿座。

這位弟兄是講國語的。

感謝神,另外有一位姐妹也有負擔。

我們希望招募多些講客家話的弟兄姐妹,因為巴拿馬 九成以上的華人都講客家話,甚至連同很多他們的子 女。

今天:

今天是 2022年 1月 24日。

疫情: 巴拿馬

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加拿大安省的人口大概是巴拿馬的 3倍半,所以按人口比例計,巴拿馬的 1萬大約等於安省的 3萬 5千。

巴浸感染: 5+2 西文堂,停止實體 巴拿馬華人浸信會也有 5位弟兄姐妹在最近感染,另 外兩位不適,測試結果未出。也有弟兄姐妹的家人感 染。

我們再次停止了實體聚會。

珍貴:第一代華人:信而參與教會 感謝神,最近有一位女士信主,並且很熱心地參與教 會聚會。這在巴拿馬華人第一代來說,是非常少有。

查經: 每晚: 4位弟兄姐妹

教會這兩個月開始了一個小型查經聚會,是在網上用 微信音頻。感謝神,由一位姐妹帶。每晚都有。

4 youths 神學

感謝神,今年有四位弟兄姐妹讀神學。

受浸: 5, 西文交與西語牧者

感謝神,去年我們有5位弟兄姐妹受浸。

由去年開始,教會西文堂的浸禮交給西語牧者負責,包括浸禮班。這是反映教會的進一步建立,也讓我在這方面輕省了。

申請會員:

感謝神,有兩位從其他教會轉會來的弟兄姐妹,決定 加入巴浸成為會員。

小本生意難做:

巴浸的中文堂弟兄姐妹絕大部分做小本生意。這兩年疫情打擊,小本生意資金微弱,非常難做。

感謝神奇妙的供應!大部分弟兄姐妹仍然撐著。不過也有弟兄姐妹失去了全盤生意。

牧養方針

在這樣的情況之下,我們牧養的方針受到一定壓力。 如果我們說,中南美洲的第一代華人信徒本來就是信 心不足,所以體會他們經濟困難,就不再提金錢方面 的教導,那麼我們有一天就算在疫情平息後,也很難 再提: 耶和華是我的牧者,我必不至缺乏。

可是,如果在現在這樣的情況下,還提金錢問題,鼓勵奉獻,甚至鼓勵捐款賑災,就好像作為牧者竟然心腸剛硬,不體貼弟兄姐妹的艱苦。

我們細心考慮、禱告,終於還是認為,神容許人面對挑戰,是要在挑戰裡面磨煉他。而在聖經裡面這個「煉」字是「火」字邊的「煉」。

所以我們這兩年來的教導,主要是環繞在疫情所帶來 的挑戰困難。

比如:面對生命威脅,我們要活出主內的喜樂和平靜安穩。因為雖然行過死蔭的幽谷,都不怕遭害。

而且主耶穌也為我們安排穩妥了最珍貴的永恆生命。

可是另一方面,我們敬畏神,不會試探神。所以小心保護自己,為了愛惜神賜予的生命,繼續被祂使用。

既然連生命威脅也安穩面對,就不被經濟問題影響對 神的順服。奉獻要追求神的喜悅,因為不是所有奉獻 都是神喜悅的。

奉獻之後,同樣要幫助有需要的弟兄姐妹,也要捐款 賑災。因為神容許我們有餘,卻又容許他人缺乏,在 當中是有祂的旨意落在我們身上。

感謝聖靈同工! 弟兄姐妹對這些教導沒有埋怨, 也在教會的奉獻、弟兄姐妹的經濟幫助、和捐款賑災上, 反映他們的積極參與。

代禱事項

請大家為巴拿馬華人浸信會禱告。

求神在疫情當中保守看顧,醫治感染的弟兄姐妹和他們的家人。

求神繼續帶領弟兄姐妹的天路歷程,叫他們在挑戰困難中活出神的旨意。

求神繼續燃點弟兄姐妹的主內追求,愛主更深。

求神賜智慧力量,推動教會事工。

長者外展因為幫他們量血糖血壓,需要近距離和身體接觸,所以差不多兩年來還未恢復。

兒童事工也需要近身接觸,玩遊戲、一起做手工,有 講有笑。所以在網上很難達到效果。我們未有網上的 兒童事工。停止實體,就連同兒童事工也停止了。

請大家為長者外展和兒童事工禱告。

也請為我們兩人在工場上的侍奉禱告。求主加添智慧力量。

多謝大家。為您們在禱告和經濟上的支持感謝讚美神。願主繼續祝福保守您們和家人。阿門!
