

# Summer 2014

## 2014 Florida Trip—By Nick Chan



I was part of the team that went to Florida in May. The others were Anna Mah, Rebekah Mason, Carol Travers, Cindy Liao and Dave Jr. We went to visit the Special Gathering Memorial Day camp there, led by Richard (and Nancy) Stimson the founding pastor, and Linda Howard who has served as pastor for many many years too. Richard and Nancy are great. Richard was awesome because he is such a thoughtful guy. He looked after us and updated us on our lost Bags. I mean our Sleeping bags (I didn't wanna bring that up but I got to). Nancy was a great friend too, one of the best.

Cindy, Anna, Nick, David, Rebekah, and Carol at the YVR Airport served us very well, we were well fed. Oh I forgot, we swam at Linda's back Yard. She had a pool there which we at first did not know she had one. Linda brought us to a lot of restaurants.

We spent the first night prior to the camp at Linda Howard's house & again before going to Disney trip. Linda



At the camp site I tried the water slides on Sunday. I personally enjoyed the slides no kidding. I had lots of fun, well okay actually Rebekah got me started. On Saturday I was doing my good old devotions in the corner room. When I finished David Jr and Rebekah said it's Awesome (the water slides) so I tried it the next day, and we couldn't stop.

We did skits at the camp on Doers of the Word. I was able to help Rebekah. I promise myself not to give up on her. Anna and Rebekah did great acting in the skit!!

Rebekah giving a report on Bullying in her past and how she responded

The weather was great, made a lot of new friends and gave away our Canadian Hats and bought Orlando Hats instead. It was hot & we got used to the heat often by going for a swim, like at the condo! David Jr himself was our Driver for everything even though we sometimes got a bit lost. Well actually the van ride was good. How we got the Orlando Hats was that we went to the Disney Gifts Outlets Store, for souvenirs and hats and Rebekah's new water bottle. The Disney gifts outlet has this "Jesus is my Final Answer" Shirt so I got one for myself and Cindy got one for David Jr.



Holy Theme National Park in Orlando Florida

## Here is my lovely story

by Gabrielle Lam

This weekend I went to Camp Sunrise and I had to wake up every Morning at 7:00 am. The first I thing I did each morning was take a shower and after that I would get ready and brush my teeth. I even met some new Friends too.

The best that I really loved about going to camp was eating all the really yummy food and I really enjoyed it. The 2nd day of camp I sat by the Swimming pool with my new Friend Eva. It was so much fun. I even sang at camp. I even made 2 things in the craft room too.

On Saturday night I started to cry at camp because I really missed my mom very much. Carol Travers, the nurse at the camp came to help me feel better and it really helped too and now she is my Friend too. After that my other friends at the camp give me a side hug. It really made me feel so much better too. After that my Friend Eva and I went to the camp fire by the beach and we sang some really silly songs and I laughed really hard too. While I was singing all the silly songs I was standing on a tree log. I felt like I was really tall too.

On Sunday I ate some yummy breakfast and it was eggs and beacon. For lunch time at camp I ate a hamburger and salad. I also drank some yummy tea too. After that me and Joyfellowship walked all way to catch the ferry home. On the way to the ferry I held Tracy's hand lovely too. On ferry I helped Tracy to buy some water too. On the way home on the ferry I walked to sit by my friend and his name is Adam and his is so funny too. I guess I had a really super great time at Camp Sunrise and I love it too.

I hope that one day I can sing more songs in Spanish like "Lo que soy" (in English it means "This is me".) I always sing this song everyday of the week and it is a really lovely song too. This song Lo que soy is the most easiest song for me to sing and I really love this song too. I even have a little Spanish book and I always try to read the words. I can even say some worlds in Spanish too. I hope that one day I can be a really good singer and write my own songs too. The one song I love singing this I turn to you. it is really pretty song and I really enjoy singing it ^\_^

This story is by Gabrielle Lam ^\_^ Happy Face



## Camp Sunrise

**Sally, Frances, and David singing "Awesome" at camp.**



Joy Fellowship will celebrate 40 years of God's faithfulness this November, and we would like to invite you to join us for a meal to mark that joyful day. We plan to have a pot luck lunch at noon on Saturday November 22, at Trinity Baptist Church where it all began in November of 1974. We'll try to gather

pictures that celebrate the decades of our changing family, and our unchanging God and His good care and provision. Please let us know if you are planning to come so we can properly prepare.



World Market and Christmas Tea will be held on November 29th 2014—At the Trinity Baptist Church between 10 AM and 2 PM

# SMILE OF THE MONTH

## Corey Yee

*When is your birthday?* **Sept. 12, 1990**

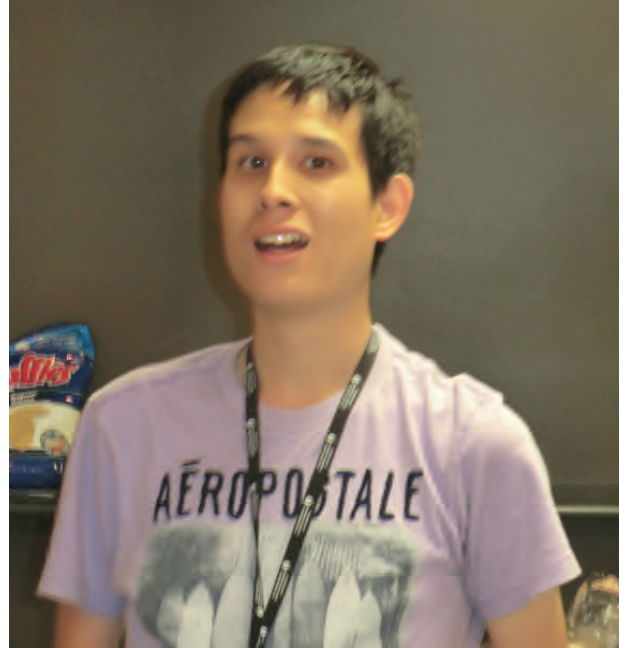
*What is your favourite Colour?* **Blue**

*What is your favourite Food?* **Chinese**

*Who is your favourite Bible person* **Jesus**

*What is your favourite song?* **“Jingle Bells” (and any Rock and Roll with a good beat)**

*What are your favourite TV shows?*  
**Disney Channel or “Chopped” ( on the Food Network)**



## Parent Support Group—by Gwen Lee



Gwen Lee and Stephanie Pike

In June 1997, a group of parents formed the Parent Support Group for Families of Mentally Handicapped Adults (PSG) to address the growing challenges they were facing in caring for their adult children with disabilities in the family home. Through their united volunteer efforts, they were successful in advocating for essential support services and programs not just for their sons and daughters, but for all adults with disabilities.

Under the leadership of Gwen Lee and Janice Reithofer, the PSG has provided unique services to improve the quality of life for adults and their families. But above all, the PSG has served as faithful advocates for those who cannot speak for themselves.



Janice Reithofer and Stephanie

For the last ten years, the PSG has worked tirelessly to raise funds to fulfill their vision of “A Home of Our Own” – a communal living concept not just for adults with disabilities but also a home for parents who wish to continue to live with their son or daughters.

Having served the community for 16 years, the PSG is now in the process of disbanding due to unfortunate circumstances. In accordance with its constitution, any monies remaining must be transferred to ‘an organization with similar goals and objectives.’”

The PSG membership has chosen to transfer their housing fund to the Joy Living Society (JLS) as many of the PSG families are also members of the Joy Fellowship. The monies will be transferred on the understanding that JLS will pursue the goal of providing housing for adults with disabilities. The monies transferred will be in excess of \$40,000.

## What we did during the Summer (part 1)



**A day trip to Bellingham to meet with our friends Jennifer, Dana, and Mackenzie Armerding.**



**A day spent at the Reifel Bird Sanctuary learning about wildlife and water fowl.**

After the closure of Woodlands, Joy Fellowship has held an annual summer picnic, inviting former residents to gather together. This year the reunion was held at Confederation Park in Burnaby.



## What we did during the Summer (part 2)

### **July 1st, Canada Day...**

**A group around 15 folks gathered together to celebrate this great day. We had lunch first. At the end of lunch, one of our folks began to sing “Oh Canada” and then all the guests in the restaurant sang together with us.**

**After the lunch we went to Canada place to join thousands of people to celebrate Canada Day.**

**–Robert Yu**



Vicki & Elaine on Canada Day



### **Indian Arm Luncheon Cruise**

**What a great cruise we had today. All of us, around 78 folks on the first floor of the boat. It's a family reunion—we were chatting to each other, reading, thinking, or playing the harmonica. What a great cruise we had today.**

**And some hard work as well at Missions Fest Envelope Stuffing Day.**



## Upcoming Events

- Sept.6 – prayer meeting at Joy House.  
Sept.9, 10, 11 – Bible Studies resume  
Sept.13 – Read the Word over Vancouver – 11:00 at Queen Elizabeth Park - read Bible out loud together  
Sept. 14 – Karl takes team to Ward Memorial Baptist church – Esther Lee speaks about ICC at Joy Fellowship  
Sept.26-28 – Camp Squamish  
Oct.4 – prayer meeting at Joy House  
Oct.12 – David takes team to Grace Community Baptist church.  
Nov.1 – prayer meeting at Joy House  
Nov.18 – Missionsfest envelope stuffing at Cariboo Road Chapel  
Nov.22 – Joy Fellowship 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pot Luck lunch at Trinity Baptist Church  
Nov.29 – Joy Fellowship World Market & Christmas Tea at Trinity Baptist Church

## Joy Fellowship Newsletter

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David Waines is a Canadian who, along with his wife and children, has been serving as a missionary in Liberia for 27 years.

Earlier this year he was falsely accused of wrong doings and imprisoned in Liberia.

The Waines have been long time friends of Joy Fellowship and for months our congregation has been praying for his release. Finally David was released from prison and arrived home in Vancouver on Saturday, August 9th. He arrived looking gaunt and a bit haggard but rejoicing that he is free and home.

This quarter, Joy Fellowship will send the money collected from “**Pennies For Heaven**” to the Waines family to help them through this time of transition.” Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

This time the cans and bottles money is going to Mukti, and ICC.

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## Joy Fellowship Financial Update

### As July 31, 2014 (7 months)

Total Income	\$112,044.06
Total Expenses	\$100,356.94 * <b>Note</b>
Operating Surplus	\$11,687.12 * <b>Note</b>

Your Joy Fellowship Board is thankful to the Lord for His many blessings including your faithful support. Please keep the Joy Fellowship ministry in your prayers, so it accomplishes the Lord's will.

**\*Note** – Expenses appear low and the Operating Surplus appears high, as we are awaiting a number of sizeable Camp invoices for payment, which will increase Total Expenses and reduce the apparent Operating Surplus.

## News from away



Hugh & Di Willis from our sister church in New Zealand shared a Sunday Service with us. We were Blessed to worship with our dear friends again!