

Elim Ministry News 2017-1

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings, in the name of our faithful Lord, Jesus. My family and I have been praying for many years to be able to join together and God has led me into London, Ontario; where my family is living to support my two sons' schooling. It has been 6 years since I departed from my home for a tent-making mission for the First Nations in other provinces. Despite the hard times during that period, we did not withdraw from the self-supporting ministry which is usually far away from urban life. This year, our gracious God has prepared a new way of the tent-making ministry in Ontario so that our family can live together at home.

A Milestone: The First Nations Ministry in Ontario

In the last few years, one of our specific prayers was to be able to connect aboriginal communities as well as native ministers in the southern part of Ontario. In a few months, I had connected with a few native pastors who were ministering the churches in the largest First Nation community in Canada and they are also willing to collaborate their ministry with me. Finally, my ministry for the First Nations in Canada which began in the West Coast of B.C. (Vancouver Island) and crossed into Eastern Canada after 18 years. In this new setting, I will be involved in various ways of ministry including preaching, counselling, teaching and research. While at the same time, I will explore many of the other native communities in northern Ontario and Quebec along with my fellow native pastor. A few weeks ago, I was invited to his church as guest speaker and it was my first time preaching in Ontario. Although my ministry base has moved to Ontario, I will keep the cross-country outreach to the native communities all over Canada for ministry a few times a year.

Tent-making & Finance

May our faithful God be praised!

It gives me great pleasure to have a casual ride-sharing job in my home area to support my family and ministry. We believe that God has gifted me this great job for the sake of His ministry. In fact, it is difficult to have a job that can be schedule around me instead of the other way around for any day of the month. Now, the ministry schedule is completely free from work so I can make outreach trips anytime. Another thankful thing which has happened recently is that the biggest portion our financial obligation has been eliminated through a benefactor. It has lightened our financial burdens a lot and make us concentrate more on the ministry. Currently, I create a balance between work and the ministry; about half and half. We also thank you for the lovely support from Port Moody Korean Church, the only church that supports us in Canada.

Family & Living in Ontario

We have experienced how living together as a family is a great benefit and blessing since we were apart for last 6 years. As I mentioned earlier, this year, the 7th year just like the year of Jubilee, God gave us great blessings including family reunion, ministry partners, financial freedom and a new job in my hometown. We live in the city of London, home to another 400,000 people, a 2 hours driving distance south of Toronto. The partner churches in the First Nations reserves are only an hour and fifteen minutes away from our home. I have already had my second preaching in Ontario at the partner's church on the

third weekend of June. It is amazing to us that the three aspects of my life: home, work, and ministry are within same boundary. Our two sons are doing well in school. The old son, Peter has finished second year of university, and the second son, Philip completed Grade 11 this week and will enter one of the universities in Ontario next year. We also thank God that the province of Ontario will grant them the full amount for university tuition this fall semester and thereafter.

Six Nations First Nation Reserve

The partner churches that I will minister with are in the Six Nations reserve, which is the largest First Nations reserve in Canada with a total of 25,660 members. Some 12,271 are reported living on this reserve. It is the only reserve in North America that has all six Iroquois nations living together. These nations are the *Mohawk, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Seneca* and *Tuscarora*. The Six Nations reserve is bordered by the County of Brant, city of Brantford, Norfolk County and Haldimand County, with a subsection reservation, the New Credit Reserve, located within its boundaries. The acreage at present covers some 46,000 acres (190 km²) near city of Brantford, Ontario. (sources from Wikipedia)

Prayers & Vision

- Expanding the ministry with Christian native leaders: Ministers and lay leaders
- More outreaches to the remote areas of the northern parts of Ontario and Quebec
- Mission-oriented ministry for next generations: research and integration of the field ministry
- Full-time ministry

Lastly, we appreciate all brothers and sisters who participate in our ministry by praying, encouraging and offerings. May your summer be filled with the many blessings of our God.

In Christ,

Benjamin Chung

The First Time Preaching in Ontario, June 11, 2017 (Sudbury First Nations Church)



“The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil (2 Thessalonians 3:3)”