

The Presence of God With Us in the Midst of our Hardship

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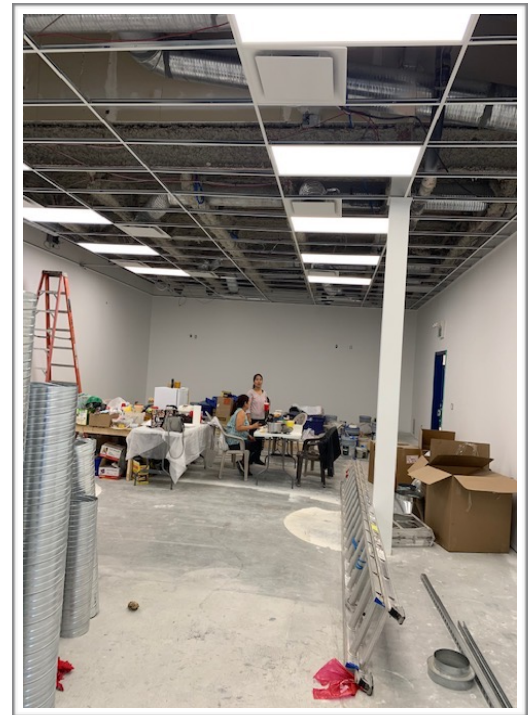


As the Bible told us that life is uncertain, everything in the world has been change. Things are not going as planned. I visited my native country (Myanmar) in February this year due to sharing the word of God at one of the gospel conferences as well as to see my parents. During my stay in Myanmar, the government announce that all foreign visitors need to be left due to the impact of COVID-19. I promptly prepared the flight and flew back to Canada and I was in quarantine for 15 days. My kids were so bored for a long time and eventually got back to school even in the risk of their lives and taking extra caution. It was a nightmare for everybody, but we felt the presence of God in the midst of the problems.



Since the effect of COVID-19, the lifestyle, the activities of the church, and community are very limited. All individuals and families' income have change. Some numbers of our church got lay-off including my wife but finally she got back to work by the grace of God. Even though everything seems to be slow down, but the presence of God is always with us.

Since it has been a long dream of buying our own building, the chin church finally bought a building church in June, even though the mortgage payment was expensive, and the work of renovation which caused on a heavy finance during this pandemic. Also, the renovation work had been able to carry on in spite of financial crisis. There were so many invisible obstacles in front of us, but in the providence of God, the Chin Church had been having a prayer meeting and Sunday worship service by means of the zoom / online until July. Since August, we have been meeting in person in limiting numbers and maintaining social distance.



Especially for the Calgary Chin Christian church, buying the church is an excitement but it's risky, and challenging. Even though everything seems to be slowly recovering, our future is still obscure.

In the meantime, the renovation of the church has been slowly closed to finish by 70%, however, the chin church is now desperately need of another \$40,000.00, in order to be able to finish the renovation. As how we have done the work so far, by the individual church member's generous contributions of their times, energy and money, donations and commitments. Besides, some individual and family lent some big amount of money for the church without interest despite low income. Our God the provider, provides the need of the family and the church.

I here finally would like to encourage all MCA members, I hope this is a great opportunity for you and the churches to participate at the work of Calgary Chin Church's renovation by your generous donations, contributions. Therefore, we should join our hands together, support and care one another, so that the financial need of the Chin Church's renovation will be met and an able to be finished in time as God is with us.

May the Lord bless

In Christian Service,
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