

MUSTARD SEED MINISTRY NEWSLETTER



Dear Mustard Seed Supporters,
It's the Holiday Season! Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is quickly heading our way! We thought this would be a good time to send out an end of the year Newsletter to let you know what's happening with our Mustard Seed/Campus Ministry.

The Lord orchestrated a new beginning for our

UCR ministry by making us aware of a Christian worker, Ray Wang, in UCR's International Student Department. He was able to provide valuable information about the

new students coming in from China.

Michael Cain, director of International Students, Inc. (ISI) provided transportation and worked with us to coordinate picking the students up at LAX. Working together we brought more than 40 student to Riverside, helped them find housing, got cell phones, provided some



with furniture, opened bank accounts, took them shopping and showed them around the town.

The Good Friend Fellowship sponsored a **"Welcome Party"** for the new students on the Friday, 9/18 before

school started. It was a great success with more than 100 students, ISI workers, and RMBC/Tyler members attending. We didn't think we had enough food for everyone, but the Lord multiplied the food just like when He fed the 5,000 with five loaves of bread two fish and there was plenty for everyone.

We had a great program including a **"getting to know you"** time that divided the students into 10 groups each led by a leader from RMBC/Tyler. While eating together in these small groups we were able to collect the student's contact information like, address, cell phone numbers and Email addresses. After



eating and visiting we had a wonderful time of worship and then played some games. We showed a video on Riverside to help the students

get a better understanding of what's available to them in Riverside. Pastor Bill closed the program with a brief message

about God's love and the purpose of GFF/Campus Ministry. Two weeks later all new students were invited back for the Moon Festival, every one felt like home with a well designed program lead by Caihong Fellowship / 彩虹團契 (CHF at CBU)

The Lord has blessed us with strong leadership in both the Good Friend Fellowship at UCR and the (CHF) at CBU this year.

We have hired Keith Cai, a graduate student from China, as our paid Campus Coordinator's Assistant for this year.



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He plans to complete his Master's degree in Public Administration this spring.

Henry and Chunxia work closely with Keith and head up the GFF leadership team along with Alice Bai, Stuart Xu, Ray Wang, Peter and Yun Liu, she is the new UCR faculty member. Of course, Auntie Ding continues to prepare food every week and Dorothy Chen works very closely with the leaders encouraging them and providing them with value leadership training. Pastor Gershom

Lee, Peter Leung and Pastor Bill also help out with Bible study but the leaders are providing the majority of the training. Besides Friday fellowship, Dorothy Chen started a Bible study for scholars' family members Thursday morning at Gethsemane Lutheran Church who offerd us the same room for less than 1/2 of what we pay for Friday. It was a gesture to support our Mustard Seed Ministry .

Every Thursday, between 10 to 15 students meet on the



CBU campus for worship, Bible Study, and fellowship. The Friday evening Good Friend Fellowship has been maintaining a group of 25 – 35 students. It double or triple the number we

had prior to the Fall semester.

Then, we hosted a Thanksgiving Celebration. It was just amazing! For the first time since I've been a part of this church... we ran out of food. It was a wonderful night of fellowship, worship and entertainment provided by each of our home fellowship groups, and a special presentation of 古筝 (gu zheng) 合奏 by two CHF members of music major! Nearly 200 came for the food and the party including many from both GFF and CHF join us to celebrate and experience the gathering of family and friends . Everyone had a great time.

The Lord is blessing the work on these campuses. **One of the new scholars and a wife of another scholar were baptized** on Thanksgiving Sunday. We are seeing more and more students and their families coming to Church on Sunday for Bible study and worship. **Praise the Lord!**

It is not possible for us to thank you enough for your warm support of the Mustard Seed ministry! May the Lord continue to bless you as you serve Him wherever He has sent you. We miss you and

we are praying that you will be able to continue to help these important Mustard Seed/Campus Ministry with your financial and prayer support.

Have a great Christmas Holiday, we love you!

Together We Serve,

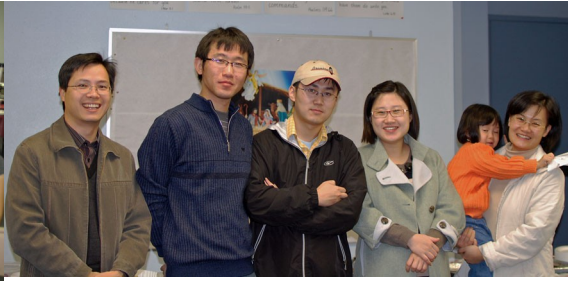
Pastor Bill
RMBC Leadership Team
Mustard Seed Ministry
Co-workers



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Yun Liu, her mother & Daughter



Henry, Start, Keith, Joanna, Chunxia & Dan Dan



Ray & Melisa



Friday Fellowship

Moon Festival

