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Toward the end of the General Assembly, we were introduced to a fifth 'S' by the six District Superintendents - From **Sea to Sea**. It is a call to the Canadian Alliance churches to truly embrace the mission of church planting and multiplication literally from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. It is a desire to create and sustain a national church multiplication movement where... "Every five years each Canadian Alliance church will have implemented a multiplication venture locally, nationally and/or globally". In Psalm 72:8 King Solomon declared, "**May He have dominion from sea to sea...**". This national initiative appeals to my pride as a Canadian citizen and echoes in my heart the little-known verse of 'O Canada' we sang at the General Assembly:

*"Ruler Supreme, Who hearest humble prayer,
Hold our Dominion, in Thy loving care.
Help us to find, O God in Thee, A lasting rich reward.
As waiting for the better day, we ever stand on guard..."*

Coincidentally, the Five Year Ministry Plan of VCAC introduced by Pastor Ivan in 2006 calls for the start up of two new sites under the Multi-Site Church Model. The vision of our church-planting endeavor aligns with the mission of our national Christian and Missionary Alliance. The work of our third site planting ministry is well underway and is poised to start their first Sunday service in North Burnaby this fall.

During the General Assembly, the idea of synergy amongst Alliance churches was discussed. In our situation, we have a built-in synergy arrangement under MSCM whereby the combined/cooperative action of Knight Street and Fraser Lands will increase our effectiveness in church multiplication. As many of us at VCAC are blessed by God by adopting Canada as our home, it is my prayer that God will place in our heart a longing to be a movement of churches transformed by Christ, transforming Canada and the world. Amen. ■

Meet the Staff

We are happy to welcome the newest member to our pastoral staff who has joined us recently. Here's an opportunity for you to get to know him a little better:



Pastor Inho & Margie Suh and their son, Micah.

Pastor Inho Suh

Knight Street Youth Ministry Director

Pastor Inho is the youngest of five children in his family. He was ten years old when his family immigrated to Chicago, Illinois from South Korea. His parents and three sisters still reside in the Chicagoland area while his brother lives in San Diego, California. Inho graduated from Glenbrook South High School in 1995, and from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Religion in 1999. Margie graduated from Penn State University and has a Masters in Occupational Therapy from Rush University. Inho and Margie met in 1998 at Camp Hope (a summer camp for children and adults with disabilities) in New York and in June of 2001 they married. Pastor Inho worked for a few years as a case manager and group home coordinator for a non-profit organization that assists people with mental illness. He received his Masters in Divinity from Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, New York in 2005. Pastor Inho and Margie received their great bundle of joy on June 25, 2005 - Micah Charles Suh. His family has a passion to guide youth and adults to love God and His people.

Family News

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Pastor Paul Choy



VCAC can rejoice to report that \$17,000 of your gift was channeled to Ambrose so far this year, because you gave generously, and made a clear stand that qualitative ministry training was a priority.

(2) Chilliwack Chinese Alliance Church (Chilliwack, BC)

The reports of six Canadian church planters were featured during the second evening. One Chinese church was planted by Chilliwack Alliance Church, not too far from Vancouver. In fact, the VCAC Board of Elders had accepted a proposal back in 2004, to adopt Chilliwack, as a close-to-home missions field. I have had the privilege to offer minimal assistance, leading VCAC people to get involved in this project in the past 3 years, and still remain today as a coach to the lead-pastor of that small Chinese congregation.

(3) The Fifth S: Sea to Sea Challenge

Many new churches are being planted everywhere in Canada.

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General Assembly of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada was held July 2 - 6, 2008 in Ottawa, Ontario. It is a bi-annual gathering of missionaries, pastors and church leaders of our denomination for the purpose of planning, goal setting, prayer, report, encouragement and sometime election of senior officials.

Perhaps I would share with you a few highlights that concerned VCAC:

(1) Ambrose University College (AUC, Calgary, AB)

Our training institute, formerly Canadian Bible College/Canadian Theological Seminary (Regina, SK), has been transformed into a liberal arts college, without losing our ultimate goal of equipping workers for the local churches and missions fields. Ambrose's brand new campus will open its door only a few weeks from now.

During the Assembly, a giant cheque of over \$1.3 million was presented to AUC, by Rev. Franklin Pyles, C&MA President, and six Canadian District Superintendents. This amount is said to be "the largest one-time offering ever given in either the U.S. or Canadian Alliance history". All conference delegates joined Dr. George Durance, AUC President, to give thanks & glory to God, with a standing ovation.



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Some community churches are planted in non-traditional locations, simple churches in homes, missional churches are mothering new congregations. A new Sea to Sea Venture was launched in this Assembly, to encourage "each church multiplies every five years".

The original Four S Ventures: Silk Road; Caribbean Sun; Asian Spice; and Desert Sand aimed at reaching four major regions through missionary work. We come to realize, Canada is also a strategic region. From the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean, God shall have His dominion from Sea to Sea (Psalm 72:8). This additional venture, the Fifth S, is said to be "the final piece of the puzzle"

VCAC arise, transform, launch out. You & I must take action in witnessing, bring the church to the community and bring people to Christ, at the same time make disciples, as the Lord commissioned us to.

(4) Parade of International Workers

The final evening was the highlight of the Assembly, while all returning international workers, came under the Four S banners, some in national costumes, marched onto the platform. Among many, our dear veteran missionaries Rev. Brian & Gloria Cheng were in the parade representing the Caribbean Sun region, and VCAC. For our Second-Mile (2M) VCAC Missionaries Kwok Wah & Cecilia Chan (FL-Cantonese, to El Salvador), that was their very first experience to stand abreast with our International Workers, and stand in front of the supporting local churches. That's the spirit and beautiful portrait of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Beloved VCAC people, we should be proud of our church, and grateful to what God has done in and



Four S Venture

Silk Road: From Turkey to northwest China, and stretching from eastern Turkey through Iran to Tajikistan.

Caribbean Sun: Sharing the message of Jesus Christ in Latin America.

Desert Sand: More than 150 million people call the Desert Sand region of Africa their home.

Asian Spice: Taking the gospel to the Far East.

New "Sea to Sea Venture"

Each Canadian Alliance church multiplies every five years.



Parade of International Workers on the final night of the General Assembly.

through our church. He enabled us to give, to assist in local church-planting, we are on the right track in multiplying, we send and support new missionaries. Yet, to become a

missional church, we are still a distance behind. So press on, as the Apostle Paul says: "...Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead" (Philippians 3:13). ■

One Blessed Day in Ottawa

By Nicholas Lai

I attended the Christian and Missionary Alliance General Assembly in Ottawa with Pastor Paul from July 1-5. It was my very first time in our nation's capital on Canada Day. It was indeed a very meaningful few days for me. God had shown me the vastness of my adopted country - Canada - her significant contributions on the world stage and her immeasurable potential to extend the Kingdom of God. The following is an e-mail I sent home on July 1, 2008:



Hi Mum and son:

A very good day for me - Canada Day in Ottawa, our nation's capital.

There were numerous celebration activities in downtown Ottawa. The hotel I am staying is very close to Parliament Hill where most of the activities are held. I missed the morning parade but watched the "RCMP Musical Ride" on the big screen. Then I attended the main Canada Day Noon Show with our Prime Minister Harper and the Governor General in attendance. The two speeches given by them were good. The performance included some famous Canadian artists - 'Blue Rodeo', Diane Dufresne, Paul Brandt etc. I was able to take a good shot of the Snowbird Fly-by and shook Stephen Harper's hand!!!

I attended activities at Major's Hill Park in the afternoon. There were many things going on - performers, entertainers, booths, and food. However I was very much impressed by an activity sponsored by President's Choice called "Sing it Loud, Sing it Proud". It was an arrangement where anyone can sing their own rendition of 'O Canada' Karaoke style. There was no shortage of volunteers. In fact there were continuous singers all through the afternoon...

Women,
Men,
Father with a young daughter,
Little girls and boys,
New Canadian citizens from different countries singing together,
A girl who sang with sign language,
A boy who started singing during the music introduction,
Girls who sang with their right hands on their heart,
A boy who sang with his left hand on his heart
(His heart was pounding too hard),
A man who started the 'Hockey Night in Canada' song first,
Some sang in French,
Some sang in English,
Many sang in both languages,
Some sang out of tune,
A woman who sang with hand expressions ...



They all sang with their hearts!!!

It got me thinking - I am indeed very fortunate to be a Canadian citizen. There is so much to thank God for:

I thank God that I am a Canadian citizen.
I thank God for making Canada strong and free.
I thank God for giving me the opportunities in Canada.
I thank God for giving me loving parents who sent me to Canada.
I pray that God will keep our Land...glorious and free for His sake.

I am indeed blessed. I wish both of you were here to share the moment with me.

love,
Dad

During the General Assembly, we were reminded about the worldwide ministries of the Canadian Christian and Missionary Alliance. They are summarized poetically in four 'S's that cover the four geographical regions:

Silk Road: Europe, Middle East and Central Asia
Caribbean Sun: Latin America
Desert Sand: Africa
Asian Spice: Asia

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