

Canadian Mission Board Report

November 2025

Abiding Love, Vancouver, BC - Subsidized

Rev. Qiang Wang leads a full-time Chinese ministry in Vancouver, BC, serving on average 22 worshippers in their twice monthly meetings. He and Susan are both diligent workers, putting in many, many hours every month reaching out to their members, contacts, and prospects over WeChat, hand making dumplings on special occasions, as well as making connections during and around regular dance classes.

While no one can question Rev. Qiang's work ethic, outreach to Chinese in Vancouver has proven difficult, especially in terms of the transient nature of the Chinese community but also the time it takes to raise mature leaders and givers in the congregation. As a result, he has received full funding for his ministry this year, but will see a reduction in subsidy over the following three years, which will necessitate a change either in the ministry and or funding model of Abiding Love.

Please keep Rev. Qiang and his members in your prayers as they consider how best to do ministry to Chinese in Vancouver.

Saviour of the Nations, Vancouver, BC - Subsidized

We are happy to report that Rev. Geoff Cortright has returned his call to Madison, WI and will be serving the saints at Saviour of the Nations for the foreseeable future. Not only is he our longest tenured pastor in Canada, but his ministry experience in Vancouver in particular is invaluable, serving multiple people groups, including a group of Sudanese worshiping regularly in Surrey.

About a year and a half ago, Saviour of the Nations was forced to find a new home when their landlord decided to sell. After some trepidation, they landed on their feet, signing a mid-term lease using a well-appointed space in the community of Oakridge. As nice as the space is, however, it still represents challenges both in terms of limitations of time and the ability to connect with the local community.

Please pray for Rev. Cortright and the members of Saviour of the Nations as they sort out their long-term future and continue to make inroads for the Gospel in a vital city like Vancouver.

St. Paul, Calgary, AB - Mission Enhancement

A year and a half ago, Rev. Chester Reinemann and the members of St. Paul, Calgary were awarded status as Canada's only mission enhancement, which is essentially a 3-year grant of decreasing subsidy to help congregations get local mission programs off the ground, especially when they break new ground for outreach in the community.

St. Paul designed their mission enhancement with a special eye to serving the large and diverse immigrant and refugee community in Calgary. If you have ever ministered to either, you know how time and care intensive both are. Please pray for Rev. Reinemann and the members of St. Paul for zeal and stamina to continue to show compassion to their neighbours in Calgary.

Mighty Fortress, Red Deer & St. John's, Wetaskiwin, AB - Unsubsidized

Rev. Dan Spaude serves as the pastor at the dual parish of Mighty Fortress, Red Deer and St. John's, Wetaskiwin. We rejoice with him both because of his recent marriage to Megan this summer in Georgia and as he continues to see the fruit of his labour in Central Alberta. Recent long range, strategic planning has mobilized Mighty Fortress to better serve their community, including leasing out unused classrooms to a local Montessori school with an eye to make connections and share the Gospel.

In both communities, Rev. Spaude has been able to serve families that are new to the Gospel. Ask him about Sandy from Wetaskiwin and Vlad and Yevheniia from Red Deer when you get the chance.

Please keep Rev. Spaude and the members of Mighty Fortress and St. John's in your prayers, especially as they work together to share the Gospel when resources - both human and financial - are limited.

Cross of Life, Mississauga, ON - Unsubsidized

Much like Saviour of the Nations, Cross of Life has also, more recently, faced its own facility frustrations - being forced out of their subleased space in March and worshipping in a hotel conference room - until landing back in the same industrial complex (different unit) where they had been worshipping previously, only this time being able to completely control use of their space 24/7.

Now enjoying relative stability, Rev. Caleb Schultz and the members of Cross of Life are able to continue leaning into the strength that has been their small group ministry, as well as to consider new avenues for connecting with their community - whether that be hosting a ministry activity in their new space 6 days a week or pursuing planting another church (or two) in Mississauga with the support of committed PSI students and core members.

Please keep Rev. Schultz and the members of Cross of Life in your prayers in gratitude for the way that the Lord has continued to enable ministry despite uncertainty and as they pursue new ways to share the Gospel in Mississauga and beyond.

Hope, Toronto - Unsubsidized

Hope is currently calling for its next full time pastor, but as they do life - and ministry - goes on. Rev. John Vogt is serving as vacancy pastor until Christmas, during which time the congregation continues to offer its normal slate of ministry activities, including ongoing outreach to newcomers to Toronto.

Please keep Rev. Vogt and the members of Hope in your prayers that they may continue to demonstrate the zeal for the Gospel that they are, and that the Lord of the Church send them a full-time pastor soon.

Pastoral Studies Institute

While not under the direct supervision of the Canadian Mission Board, it is nevertheless worth reporting the good work being done to train up non-traditional Canadian students to assist or one day dedicate full-time service to the public ministry. Across Canada we have 8 students currently enrolled in PSI:

- Level 1
 - Hakim - Saviour of the Nations, Vancouver (South Sudanese)
 - Marcus Wong - St. Paul, Calgary (Chinese)
 - Natinael Alemu - St. Paul, Calgary (Ethiopian)
 - Jon Both - St. Paul, Calgary (South Sudanese)
 - Abel Jimoh - Cross of Life, Mississauga (Nigerian)
 - William Lomker - Cross of Life, Mississauga (Canadian)
 - Guili Chi - Hope, Toronto (Chinese)
 - Jacob Luk - St. Paul's, Ottawa (South Sudanese)

Please keep these men in your prayers that - whether they one day become full time called workers or not - their faithful studies may enrich the ministries of their congregations and bring many more to the truth of God's love in Jesus.

Current Status of the Canadian Mission Board

With Rev. Mark Henrich accepting his call to Georgia in January, the Mission Board first appointed Rev. Pete Metzger to replace him as chairman in April, and then also appointed Rev. Caleb Schultz to fill the other pastoral role on the board in July. In addition, to our two pastors and two current lay members, at this AGM we are seeking the addition of 1-2 more members to our board to help shepherd our mission congregations (which outnumber our self-supporting congregations in Canada), as well as to encourage and support our many Pastoral Studies Institute students, and to aggressively pursue new mission opportunities - whether they be in the greater GTA, the Maritimes, or one of the metropolises in Alberta.

Please pray for your Mission Board that despite the many changes we've experienced over the course of the last year, we may not only find the strength and the knowhow, but also demonstrate an eagerness and zeal to seek and save the lost in Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Metzger

Chairman,

On behalf of your Canadian Mission Board

Rev. Caleb Schultz

Mr. Werner Lomker

Mr. Donovan Weihmann