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### Our Vision Statement

United in Christ's Love,

**We Reach Up** to God

**Reach Out** to the communities  
and the world

**Reach Across** to touch the lives  
of others

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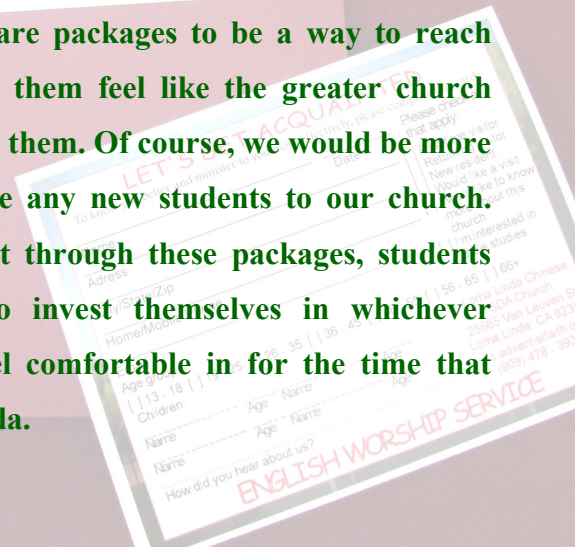


## Care Packages

Rachel Wong

As a way of welcoming new students to our community, the Young Adults from the English worship service made care packages on Saturday, September 19th after potluck. Working together in efficient assembly line manner, each care package was filled with a ramen noodle package, chocolate cookies, cheese crackers, and a fruit and veggie squeeze packet. We also included a flier notifying and inviting the recipient of a special Sabbath program happening on October 3rd at our English service.

We wanted the care packages to be a way to reach students, and to make them feel like the greater church community cares about them. Of course, we would be more than happy to welcome any new students to our church. However, we hope that through these packages, students will be encouraged to invest themselves in whichever church where they feel comfortable in for the time that they have in Loma Linda.



# Special Sabbath

On Oct 3rd, the English Service Young Adults hosted a Special Sabbath to especially welcome new students in our area. The Associate Pastor of Redlands Adventist Church, Rochelle Webster, shared a sermon titled "Look Again, Look Deeper." After potluck, we enjoyed a walk in the Wildlands Conservancy in Oak Glen.



Photo courtesy: Rachel Wong



Our youth in the church conducted welcome programs on Sept. 5 and Oct. 3 to make new academy students from overseas feel at home.



## Cucamonga Peak

Rachel Wong

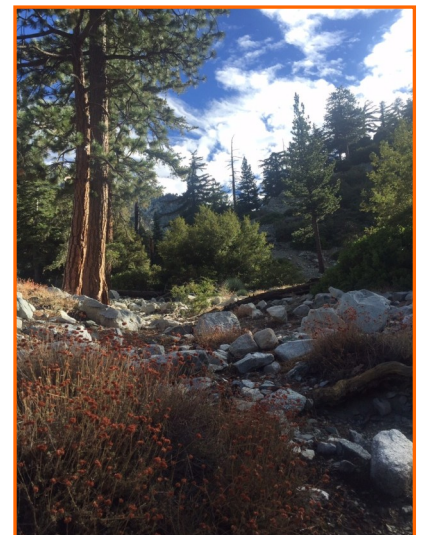


Photo courtesy: Rachel Wong

Cucamonga Peak via Icehouse Canyon in the San Bernardino National Forest boasts breathtaking views at its 8,859' summit. A brave group from the English worship service decided to tackle the 12 mile hike with 4,000 feet of elevation gain on Sunday, September 13. Each hiker brought plenty of water, snacks and a lunch and headed off on to the trail.

The fresh, tree-smelling air put everyone in the hiking spirit as we blazed the trail at 7:30am. Along the way we were able to enjoy the babbling brooke (Columbine Spring) in Icehouse Canyon as well as some old and some currently used cabins. We stopped and had lunch, waiting for everyone to regroup and finally make it to the top at around 1pm.

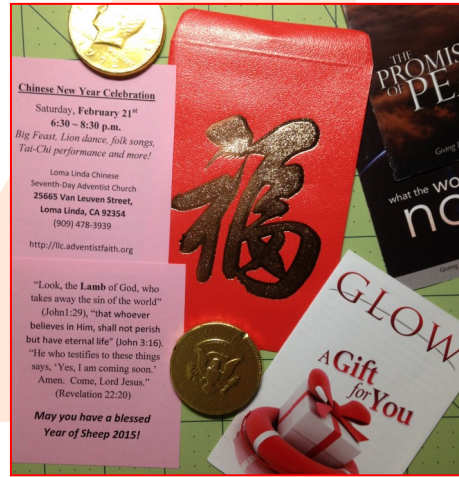
The views were amazing and we were lucky enough to see bushes of yellow wildflowers everywhere. We took a lot of pictures and proceeded to head down the mountain, gathering at our cars at 3:30pm. We felt very blessed that no one was injured or had any other issues along the way, and were able to leave with as many people as we brought. This eight hour bonding experience brought all of us hikers closer to each other, as well as to the wondrous works of God and his nature.





*Brother Charles Hille as well as three members of the Hong family were baptized on Nov. 21.*

**Evangelism Nuggets** for Chinese New Year  
 Everybody likes to receive New Year's red envelopes.  
 Why not include the gospel tracts in the envelopes as well?



## MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Terence Tay

We celebrated Mid-Autumn Festival on September 26, 2015 at the fellowship hall. The celebration program included our annual lantern parade from the children, a Chinese music performance by the Southern California Arcadia Chinese Ensemble, a Pakistani dance, and a clown who performed magic. In between the program, 14 door prizes were given to twelve lucky recipients by raffle and two others received grand prizes. Door prizes were donated by four anonymous families. There were approximately 200 attendees at the event with an abundance of food that evening.

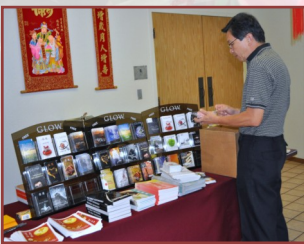
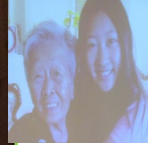


Photo courtesy: Teik-Teik Lee

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!**

# GRANDPARENTS' DAY



On Sept. 26, we celebrated **Grandparents' Day** in order to show our love and respect to them. All grandparents received cookies and a mini pound cake.

## *New Stream Chorale*

Photo courtesy: Teik-Teik Lee



On Oct. 24, the New Stream Chorale presented special songs for worship service.

Since the beginning of the ESL class, several members have started attending our church meetings. Please extend your warm personal welcome when you meet these folks 😊



Anyone is welcome to join us!!! — “Reading the English Bible 101” Class: Every Sabbath at 1:30 in the AY room.

## The First Cantonese Evangelistic Series Held in the Boston Area

Pastor Tiffany Tan

Why would Waymark Church in Dorchester hold a Cantonese evangelistic series? Massachusetts has a higher percentage of Asians (5.34%) than the national average of 4.75%. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the Asian population in Suffolk County, where Dorchester is located, rose from 66,973 in 2010 to 74,933 in 2014.



Pastor Cornel Miller, the senior pastor, recognized the high number of Asians living in his church’s neighborhood and sought to reach out to them. An ESL ministry was established by Pastor Tiffany Tan in June of 2013 as an outreach tool to develop and sustain connections in the Dorchester area and ultimately win souls for Christ. This ministry has grown and made solid connections. The fall of 2015 was the right time to hold an evangelistic series to reach this growing population. The dynamic evangelist, Matthew Yuen, effectively targeted the non-believing Chinese minded. His Cantonese message was translated into both English and Vietnamese. He introduced new concepts using humor and deep sensitivity.

Guests mentioned that three of his topics, which really impacted them, were: “The Story Behind Satan,” “The Grim Reality We Face Today,” and “The Longest Vacation.”

Thirty to forty non-believers and ESL students, plus Church members attended. During the last meeting on Sabbath morning, two individuals decided to join the church by profession of faith. The Church gives thanks and praise to God for the success of these evangelistic meetings.