

SFCC 40TH NEWSLETTER

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Community Service Focus of the Month



"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

(Matthew 25:40)

Late in the night, when most people are sound asleep in their warm and cozy homes, do you know how many homeless people are spending the night on the streets or in the park? Do you ever wonder how you might be able to help them?

One Night Count is an annual activity organized by the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, and Operation Nightwatch. Going into its 30th year, One Night Count has two purposes: to document the nature and extent of homelessness in King County, and to build public engagement around the issue so that more people will speak up and act and write and advocate to end this crisis. Volunteers from our communities sacrifice a night of sleep to participate in and contribute to this effort.

The 2010 One Night Count will begin at 1:30 am on January 29th, and is estimated to end before 5:30am. Volunteers will be grouped into teams of 6, and be led by trained team leaders. Each team will survey an assigned area to document the number of homeless people on the streets. The volunteers do not disturb or try to engage the homeless. After surveying their areas completely, the teams will reconvene at the appointed time and give the numbers to the people in charge. After collecting all the records, the organizers will compile the results and publish them the same day. In 2009, 2827 homeless people were counted, 1977 of them in the Seattle area.

If you want to contribute toward a greater effort to solve the homelessness problem and are familiar with your community, we invite you to join us in participating in this meaningful activity. Please contact us at communityservice@seattlefcc.org, or call 206-372-3946 for more details. Spots are limited. Please sign up by January 10th.

Summary of the 2009 Unsheltered homeless Count in Selected Areas of King County

大西雅圖各市鎮2009年街頭浪民數算數據

大西雅圖 各市鎮 ==	Seattle	Kent	North End	East Side	White Cntr	Federal Way	Renton	Night Owl	Auburn	Total
Men 男性	693	17	11	77	2	25	11	139	20	995
Women 女性	174	6	2	16	0	2	3	30	13	246
Gender unknown 性別未知	1,101	170	10	64	37	89	74	0	26	1,571
Minor (under 18) 未成年	9	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	15
Total 加總	1,977	193	23	158	39	116	90	171	60	2,827
Benches 長凳	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Parking Garages 停車場	11	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14
Cars/Trucks 汽車、卡車	513	126	11	45	29	34	51	0	43	852
Structures 工地	215	5	1	4	6	46	8	0	13	298
Under roadways 陸橋下	242	30	0	9	0	2	6	0	3	292
Doorways 門廊角落	161	0	0	4	0	2	3	0	0	170
City Parks 公園	30	2	0	1	0	0	14	0	0	47
Bushes/Under- growth 草叢	72	7	9	0	1	1	1	0	0	91
Bus Stops 公車站亭	35	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	39
Alleys 巷弄牆角	14	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	18
Walking Around 遊蕩	308	13	1	9	1	6	3	0	0	341
Other 其他	364	6	1	85	2	20	3	171	1	653
Total 加總	1,977	193	23	158	39	116	90	171	60	2,827

Source of Info and photo: <http://www.homelessinfo.org/onc.html>

2010 One Night Count

Date : Friday, January 29
 Time : 1:30am to 5:30 am
 Location : King County Eastside
 RSVP : Spots are limited. Please sign up before 1/10 with Dong-Hui Pan. (206)-372-3946 or communityservice@seattlefcc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/3 Inauguration of our interim pastor, new deacons, and PIC's for various fellowships and ministries. TM/EM combined service at 12 noon.
- 1/10 **Sign-up deadline for this month's community service opportunity**
- 1/29 One Night Count
- 2/5~6 Youth Group 30 Hour Famine
- 2/7 Annual Members' Assembly. TM/EM combined service.

Serving the elderly
 Serving international students
 Child sponsorship



SFCC 2010 Coworker Team



Pastoral Staff

English Ministry: Pastor Walter Chen

Praise the Lord! The renewal of Pastor Walt's term was recommended by the deacon board, and has been endorsed by the members in the general assembly in December. After his current term ends in March, Pastor Walt will serve on the pastoral staff for another three years.

Taiwanese Ministry: Pastor Livingstone Chen

Praise the Lord! Pastor Livingstone has accepted our invitation to be our interim pastor. The primary responsibilities of the interim pastor are preaching, helping with Adult Sunday School planning, consulting for the pastoral search process, and to pray for and counsel brothers and sisters in church. The interim pastor's 6 months term begins on January 1, 2010.



Pastor Livingstone Chen, a brief biography :

Overseas Chinese from the Philippines, of Hui-An, Hoh-Kien descent, Pastor Livingstone retired from the Reformed Church in America. Having pastured churches in the Philippines, California, Washington, and Vancouver B.C., he currently lives in Renton, WA.

2010 Ministry Coworkers:

The Deacon Board:

Chair:	Tai-Chang Chen	Education:	C.R. Lin
Secretary:	Deborah Chen	Serving:	Deborah Chen
	Elise Lee		Pi-Lien Lai
Worship:	Pamela Huang	Connection:	David Shen
	Elise Lee		Mike Shen
Mission/Charity:	Karin Kuo	Treasurer:	Willa Zhu
Building:	Pi-Lien Lai	Cashier:	Karin Kuo

Caleb Fellowship	Joseph Hsieh	Joshua Fellowship	Shu J. Lin
Waymaker Fellowship	Jimmy Hsieh	Bellevue Small Group	Hsieh Lee
Seattle Small Group	Schue T. Liao	Peace Small Group	Cheryl Wei
New Vision Small Group	Hennessey Chang	Grace Small Group	Sue Lan Liou
MCF	James & Joana Chan	MBS	Lawrence Bernath
SALT	Jeanette Chen	Timothy	Daniel Hu
Choir Leader	Becky Chen	Choir Conductor	Joyce Shen
Library	Sophie Yang & Hennessey Chang	Children Ministry	Tina Hsieh 、 Eunice 、 Esther
Youth Group	Peter Lee		

Typhoon Morakot Disaster Relief Fundraising Report:

In August, Taiwan was severely damaged by Typhoon Morakot, leaving many people in need of help. SFCC established the Typhoon Morakot Relief Fund in a timely manner, and to date we have received a total of \$18,589.60 in donations. All of it has gone to disaster relief organizations in Taiwan. Of the total amount, \$9,744.80 was sent to The Presbyterian

Church in Taiwan's disaster relief program, and \$8,844.80 to Chinese Christian Relief Association. SFCC will continue to accept your donations. Please make the check payable to Seattle Formosan Christian Church (or SFCC), and in the memo note that it's for "8/8 disaster" or "typhoon relief."

You can mail the donation to:
 Charity Committee
 Seattle Formosan Christian Church
 333 NE 76th Street
 Seattle, WA 98115

Please also include your name, address, phone number or email address, so that we can mail your charitable donation receipt to you. If you have any questions, please contact us at (206) 522-8084, or at info@seattlefcc.org
 Thank you for your love and your support. May God bless you!

Here is a brief introduction of the two disaster relief organizations. For further detail, please visit their web sites:

The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan 88 Flood Rescue and Reconstruction Response

URL:<http://www.pct.org.tw/english/typhoon/>
 Phone: 886-2-2369-9273;
 Email: pct@mail.pct.org.tw

1. Rescue and Resettlement

The first phase of PCT's Typhoon Morakot disaster relief effort primarily consists of rescue and resettlement. Immediately after the typhoon struck, the Church and Society Committee notified the presbyteries and districts near the afflicted areas. All joined in the rescue and resettlement activities, working tirelessly day and night. The disaster area residents were warmly cared for, supported, and helped.

On August 10th, 2009, the General Secretary called a meeting, and the 88 Flood Rescue and Reconstruction Response organization was established.

Through it, basic living supplies and volunteer man power were distributed to the disaster areas. Another meeting was called



on the following day. Persons were appointed to different responsibilities in the disaster relief organization and a pastoral letter was published, appealing to all members of the Church, based

on the faith of belong-ing to the Body of Jesus Christ, to parti-cipate in the ministry of relief and res-toration with prayer, giving and volun-teer services to bring hope and peace for the people in the afflicted areas.

2. Caring and Reconstruction

In the first phase of PCT's rescue work, 9

Relief and Restoration stations were set up. For now the work of rescue has been completed. However, due to the threat of the H1N1 flu virus, residents of the disaster areas are still temporarily settled in military camps. Starting from the end of September, the second phase of disaster relief will begin, in which homes will be rebuilt, properties res-tored, and hearts renewed. Rebuilding homes is the core of all reconstruction work. Where the residents will live impacts their job options, their educa-tion, language and culture, and even where they can worship. All these are intricately connected to rebuilding homes.

The home rebuilding areas are scattered around Central Bunun Presbytery Office, Taiwan Presbytery Church, Drekey District Office, Cishan Presby-terian Church, Tsou Presbyterian Church and other areas that are con-nected to aboriginal traditions and com-munities. The government's recon-struction calls for the indigenous resi-dents to leave their home villages, but the residents strongly voiced their desire to "go home." Therefore PCT's home rebuilding leans toward using intermediate housing to quickly provide for the residents, while buying them time to think and decide their eventual settlement location, where permanent housing will be built. This way the abo-riginal culture and community can be preserved, all the while taking safety, job opportuni-ties and tradi-tion into consideration. 5 of the 6 reconstruction stations will operate for 2 years, and the other for 3 months.



The photo and info above came from PCT's 88 Flood Rescue & Reconstruction Response web site

Chinese Christian Relief Association

Chinese Christian Relief Association was founded in October 1998. Connecting the strengths and resources of Christian churches throughout all of Taiwan, the association conducts social aid and services as its founding purpose. "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn" is the spirit underlying the service. The web site for CCRA is <http://www.ccra.org.tw>

Recap Northwest Harvest Food Packing Volunteering

On December 19th, more than 70 volunteers gathered in Northwest Harvest's Warehouse in Kent and offered their time and energy to serve the less fortunate in our community. Praise the Lord, more than 30 brothers, sisters and friends from SFCC took part. We helped to pack pasta for distribution on that day. Some built cardboard boxes, some packed pasta into plastic bags, some sealed the bags, some put the sealed bags into the boxes, and some weighed each box, sealing them and marking them. More than 70 volunteers worked efficiently together as a team. In a short 80 minutes, we packed a total of 6000 lbs of pasta, enough for a meal at 3500 needy families. Thank you for participating and serving the community with us.



May God bless your joyful service.



A brief Introduction of World Vision:

World Vision believes that every child is the most cherished treasure in God's eyes, with the most abundant lives. Every child can grow up healthy, have the most basic needs met, and can receive an education.

The founding of World Vision began with putting this belief into action. In the 1950's, Bob Pierce, an American missionary saw the suffering of children orphaned in the Korean war. His heart broke for the children, and he prayed to God: "may my heart break for the things that break God's heart."

Today, World Vision serves close to 100 million people in nearly 100 countries around the world. The people helped include the homeless, the hungry, the sick, and the hurt; children and grown-ups alike. It is one of the largest organizations that provide aid to children.

We will further introduce the work of World Vision in our Next issue.



Building a better world for children

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 filled with God's
 blessing

YOUTH GROUP 30 HOUR FAMINE

What is it?
 Why do it?

30 Hour Famine is an international youth movement started by World Vision to fight hunger. Youths who participate in this movement choose to experience true hunger by fasting for 30 hours on an empty stomach. In so doing, they can better understand and empathize with more than a billion people around the world who experience hunger every day. In addition to fasting, the youths participate in fundraising activities and community service projects to further help others. In 2010, the SFCC Youth Group will organize a 30 Hour Famine activity on February 5th to 6th. If the youths in your family are interested in participating, please contact Peter Lee at LeePc@yahoo.com For more information on 30 Hour Famine, please go to <http://www.30hourfamine.org/>



LATEST RECAP OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX

DID YOU KNOW? THE GIFT BOXES WE LOVINGLY PREPARED ARRIVED IN PERU AND THE PHILIPPINES ON CHRISTMAS!

Dear friends, remember the 133 gift boxes we packed in November? We recently received a thank-you letter from Samaritan's Purse. In it, they let us know that our gift boxes have been delivered to Peru and the Philippines. The text of the letter is as follows:

Greetings and Merry Christmas from Samaritan's Purse! Thank you for participating this season in Operation Christmas Child and choosing to Follow Your Box.

Our records indicate that your gift boxes went to Peru and the Philippines. For photos, stories, and other details about the ministry of Operation Christmas Child in this country, please click

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Peru/?src=eZgiveupdate>
<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Philippines/?src=eZgiveupdate>

Simple shoe box gifts let hurting children know that they are not forgotten. These gifts may be the first some children have ever received. Along with the smiles and laughter that come with the gifts, children learn about the love of Jesus Christ. This is the power of a simple gift.

As you celebrate Christmas, please remember to pray for the children who will be receiving your shoe box gifts. Ask God to prepare their hearts to receive the greatest gift of all, His Son, Jesus Christ.

Thank you again, and may God richly bless you at Christmas and always.

