

Hi friends, welcome to my first newsletter, sharing with you about the work of God in Atlantic Canada and how you can get involved in joining His work, reaching **Chinese migrant people** in Atlantic Canada.

How this ministry began and what is this about?

In my previous work at Ambassadors For Christ in Canada (AFC), we started an international student ministry. It was a response to join God in His work as we saw how He opened doors and brought many Chinese students to study in Canada. God brings them here and calls Christians to serve this group of **migrant people** so that one day He can send them back to their homelands to testify for Jesus and of His love.

Top 3 countries outside of Canada where alumni live now

1. United States
2. China & Hong Kong
3. United Kingdom

Top 3 countries students travel for co-op work terms

1. United States
2. China
3. Hong Kong

Top 3 countries international graduate students come from

1. China
2. Iran
3. India

Taken from <https://uwaterloo.ca/international/waterloo-international-top-10-lists>

One spiritual truth I learned is that as you respond to God, God will invite you to see more of His work. Beginning in 2013, I have participated with mission teams to reach international students in Charlottetown, PEI and St. John's, NL. I found that international students in Atlantic Canada are very different from international students in Ontario. They are more ready to go deeper in the pursuit of God and spirituality.

While partnering with Atlantic Chinese churches to reach international students, God revealed to me another side of Chinese churches in Atlantic Canada. They are mainly made up of international students and recent immigrants. However, due to the lack of employment and education opportunities in Atlantic Canada, many immigrant families are forced to leave Atlantic Canada within two years of their arrival. Thus the Chinese churches in Atlantic Canada serve a very unique **Chinese migrant people group** than the rest of Canada. The difficult experiences of this group of immigrants helps to prepare them to receive the gospel through the services of the church. The serene and remote settings of Atlantic Canada have become training grounds to equip disciples with the gospel for their next destination in Canada. Many have become blessings to churches in urban cities.

As I work with Atlantic churches to minister to immigrant families, God invited me to know a third group of **Chinese migrants**. They are temporary foreign workers from China who work in farms and seafood processing plants in very small towns along the coast. They come and work for about 6 to 7 months a year. God has graciously allowed me to know and serve them on a mission trip.

What am I going to do?

Another spiritual truth I learned is that God not only invites us to see His work, He very much wants us to share His heart. He has special compassion for the unreached Chinese migrants (students, immigrant families and temporary workers) who are lonely and always worry about their future in Atlantic Canada. He has special concern for the Chinese Christians and churches in Atlantic Canada. They are always small and in lack of many resources as Chinese migrants are always coming and leaving Atlantic Canada. There are 6 Chinese churches, 1 Chinese congregation in a Caucasian church and 1 Chinese house group in another Caucasian church in the four Atlantic provinces. Yet only 2 of these 8 churches/congregation have a pastor. God must be distressed not only because these migrant people are sheep without a shepherd, but also because if equipped, these migrant people would have the potential to bring the gospel to many other parts of the world.

So, here I am, compelled by the love of Christ, serving as the Atlantic Chinese Ministry Developer with Canadian Chinese Alliance Churches Association (CCACA). I will travel around cities and towns in New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to work with churches to serve these migrant people. For churches that do not have a pastor, I could be their consulting or interim pastor while I am there, and to work with their leaders in assisting their churches to reach international students, immigrant families and temporary workers. In smaller places where Chinese communities exist but there are not enough Christians to form a church, we can establish discipling communities to nurture believers and share Jesus with seekers.



There is a subtle reason! What?

I have begun this work since March 1, 2017. I left Toronto on March 22, shared the ministry with pastors in Montreal, visited the ministries at Fredericton and Moncton and arrived in Halifax on March 24.

But before you think too highly of me or what I am doing, there is a subtle reason as to why I am doing this. A third spiritual truth I learned is that God's power is made perfect in weakness. While the Chinese churches in Atlantic Canada are small and weak, God's presence and power is so evident. Yes, His grace is sufficient and I am here because I want to experience His presence, grace and power.

On my next newsletter, I will share with you what I have done in Halifax and the plans in the summer. I will also share how you may join God in His work to Chinese migrants in Atlantic Canada. It's coming soon! Stay tuned!



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