

Youth In ACTION!

Attachment to the CJM Reporter - Fall 2017

Calgary Crossover Church by Mana Taniguchi



Helping at the Westview Baptist Stampede breakfast in July

Throughout the summer of 2017, we, as members of Crossover church were blessed with many opportunities to connect with our supporting church as well as strengthening our spiritual growth. Westview Baptist Church has been kindly supporting our church in many ways for over seven years. Not only are they helping us by providing a building to have our services, but also encouraging our ministry by praying for us regularly and inviting us to their various events. As for us who's been shown great mercy, generosity, and love from these brothers and sisters in Christ, we have always been looking for ways to return the favor.

The first time we signed up to volunteer at Westview was during Stampede Breakfast. There were over 700 people that came to this event. We were assigned to help clean the kitchen after breakfast. There were five of us including an international student from Japan who later accepted the Lord as Saviour before returning to Japan!

The second time was when Westview had their fall kick-off and barbeque with over 400 people. Our job was to make juice and serve at the little 'tiki bar' just outside the church

entrance. There were cocktail umbrellas to go with each cup. It was funny to see even some of the adults getting excited over our drinks! One of the little girls from Westview also came and offered to help us. Because we were out in the field this time, we were able to greet and interact with other members of God's family.



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They have been such precious experiences for Crossover since we have been praying for opportunities to connect with Westview and build stronger relationships. Just as they are helping us, we keep looking for ways to help them also. As the year goes on, we wish to stay connected with them and be able to encourage one another to stay faithful on our journey with God as one big family.



Serving juice at the 'tiki bar' - fall kick-off and BBQ



By: Adam Shih, Camp Director



JGCT Camp 2017 at Pearce-Williams Christian Centre, south of London, ON

The theme for JGCT Camp 2017 was Galactic Starveyors. During our VBS sessions, we reflected on the hugeness of God reflected in the creation of the world, galaxies, and the universe. God created all these amazing and vast systems and galaxies, yet still lives with us and wants to know us. We are so special in God's eyes. Our campers learned that they are valuable to God, and that he paid the ultimate price in His only Son Jesus so that we can be accepted into His family and love other people the way that He has loved us. Through music worship, bible study, and relationship building with staff, the campers were able to reflect on God's goodness and identify as a part of His family.

We served up three square meals a day for five full days of camp. We enjoyed competing in our teams through sports, reciting memory verses, and getting spirit points for thorough cleaning of the camp grounds. Our counseling team was strong this year, forming meaningful and lasting relationships with the campers.

Our partnership with the Support Our Kids (SOK) organization continues on as they sent eight high school students from To-hoku area in Japan. These SOK students shared their experiences during the 03/11/11 earthquake and tsunami. Our hearts were broken by some of their stories, but we were encouraged by the hope that they received during our camp. Our friendship with these eight students will continue and we are excited to see them again, either in Japan or Canada.



Hello Youth Leaders. Thank you for your contributions to this newsletter. It's so good to hear what is going on in your neck of the woods. We aim to put out the CJM Reporter with the Youth In Action attachment twice a year; our next publication will be in Spring 2018. Looking forward to your article then! Thank you! YIA Editor