

董根

傳道
紀念小冊

IN LOVING MEMORY

PASTOR TOM TUNG

1947-2022



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公元一九四七年四月二日香港出生，廣東省順德縣大良鄉人，乃董培公與夫人周群女士之公子，排行第五，有一兄（早歿）、三姊（一早歿）、兩妹及弟三人。

少時家道中落，父臥病家中，為補家計，年十二即外出工作，半工讀受僱於飲食業十餘載，後往歐洲謀生。一九七八年途經溫哥華，喜接單張在播道會歸主。回港後在播道書室工作，及假日返溫哥華探望主內肢體，參加夏令會擔任膳食。豈料回程前癌疾併發，手術後即回港接受電療，其間照常工作，弟兄至孝，為免慈母擔憂隱瞞病情，遂於上午電療，午後即返回書室工作。

一九八一年初冬蒙神恩領天賜良緣與溫哥華播道會李雅珍姊妹共諧連理，惟癌病主診醫生題醒弟兄存活時日不逾五年！歷十載，蒙神恩眷得慶錫婚，公伉儷感恩見證會上頌讚上主憐愛洪恩。其時董公多方參與教會及中國信徒佈道會事奉，曾赴英、泰、中美洲等地短期宣教，為求充實事主，遂往維真神學院受造就。

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二零零二年，弟兄擔任中信小城宣教，負責BC省各中、小城鎮之華人福音事工，經常駕車或乘灰狗長途車翻山越嶺尋找未得之民，進行探訪、撒種、澆灌及培訓。

二零一一年公更響應中信宣教事工之拓展，向東移往草原三省，偕妻雅珍多年並肩往安大略省及魁北克省探望僑胞，分享福音，祈盼加國其他省份相繼本省建立宣教網絡。

弟兄一生勤儉，率直坦誠，尊主為大，熱心事主，極受家人、親友、主內同工、弟兄姊妹愛戴，妻亦慶幸有夫如此感恩不已。

二零二一年身體已感不適，初不以為意，及九月初因腹部劇痛入院，確斷為胰臟癌末期，癌細胞已擴散四處，幾經進出醫院其後轉移聖米高善終護理院，於二月十七日上午十時許息勞歸主，安返天家，痛而不苦在世寄居七十五載。



輓詞



塵寰別，他日慶團圓。

竭慮殫誠宣福訊，身罹癌疾克熬煎。

疼卻苦無然。



妻言——別夫

感謝天父，厚賜四十年的婚姻，讓我與董根相識相戀，相愛相親，相濡以沫，相伴相依。

感謝天父，賜下愛神的配偶，婚前他說：神第一，妳第二！果真始終如一！過往他外出，我只求神賜能加力，得人如魚！！在彌留前他還提醒：「傳福音，記得高舉耶穌，將榮耀歸神，要堅持！」

感謝天父，賜下寵我、愛我、護我的好丈夫，即使病重也先考慮我方便出入而選擇醫院。罹患絕症也不忍如實相告，怕弱妻肝腸寸斷，寢食難安，晚上我離開 St. Michael 回家時，還在朦朧中叮嚀：凡事小心！！

感謝神，自董根出母胎，天父已為他編織一生，他勤儉、刻苦耐勞、對人認真、做事不遺餘力，尤熱心事主、對神盡忠；在世的日子沒枉過：的確，許多的「仗」已打過了，當跑的路已跑了，所信的道已守住了，不當受的各種「苦」也受過了。

五個多月來，我守著他，看著他——肉體日日衰殘、天天消瘦，每時每刻的疼痛，叫我心如刀割，外面忍著淚，內裏淌著血！無助困境，無盡煎熬，天父了解，天父憐憫，祂以聖手扶持著！「賞賜的是耶和華，收取的也是耶和華，耶和華的名是可稱頌的！」感謝神，在祂榮耀的時間內將吾夫接回天家，煎熬不再，唯擁永遠福樂！

永恆福樂，我暫未體會，只憑信繼續仰望！為過去感恩，為董根在病重中藉親人、牧長、主內弟兄姊妹在各方面關懷、支持、代禱，彰顯神深恩厚愛感恩、為現今在天家的董根感恩、為將來的盼望感恩！

唯、愛與不捨乃正比，目前，忍著百般痛，含著千行淚，萬萬分不捨。

別了，我夫，我的至愛。深信我們再見之前，我的眼淚被天父擦乾！！

阿們！！

給五哥的信

「**斜**陽裏氣魄更壯…心中不必驚慌…那怕去到遠遠那方…」

五哥，記得當年您離開香港，我們寫信給電台送這首「錦繡前程」給您，相信這歌曾經伴您面對過一些困難吧！不久您信了耶穌，得到更好的幫助，為您感恩！後來您更獻身事主，為主馳騁屬靈沙場，燃盡一生！

您性格敦厚真誠、處事盡責、孝順顧家、愛護弟妹，您事主愛人的生命，實在美善，是我們的榜樣。五哥，您對我們的關心，我們是感受到的，您對我們的鼓勵及安慰，我們會心中銘記，謝謝您！請您不用掛心，我們已長大了！您安心在主的懷中享受永恆的恩典吧！我們會在這邊繼續為主見證，到了時候，我們會往您那裏，到時我們又可以再團聚了！

弟 長發

悼念根哥

董根是我五哥，當他開始有癌症時，我們全家都不知，因他把病情隱瞞，為免家人擔心。神憐憫他，感動一位從加拿大來的姊妹去醫院探望她，她就是我們的五嫂。五哥得主的醫治，康復後熱心事主，為主走到無福音之處，帶領小城餐館的華人信主。五哥五嫂對姊弟妹很關心，特別對軟弱未信的，因着他們愛的激勵我們也學習互相關顧。四十年後他癌症復發，我們都知道，但疫情下仍不能都去探望他。希望未信主家人早日歸主，可待天家重聚！

妹 桃薇

痛而無苦的董傳道

一九七八年在播道會認識從歐洲途經溫哥華返港的董根，他身材健碩、貌似嚴肅、謙和有禮，是接到福音單張來聚會的。得弟兄姊妹熱情接待，使他賓至如歸。留溫的日子蒙恩聽道受感歸主。

及後才知弟兄十二歲為補家計，要外出謀生，雖身材高大，面貌要嚴肅方似成人。結果投身飲食業十數年，敬業樂業、刻苦耐勞，從雜工做起到正廚，人生飽經歷練，未受污染。

弟兄健康之日經常扶持三兩弟兄邀約茶聚交通，卧病之時，仍不忘電話鼓勵關顧慕道友，熱切愛人靈魂！

末後的日子弟兄經歷了：即便如此，即或不然（但以理書 3:16-18）

即便如此～明知接受癌症治療的不好受，但對神的信心，他曾經歷癌症得治的恩典，一九八一年婚前癌症主診醫師題醒他的生命不逾五載，惟去冬得慶紅寶石婚。為了小城未得之民得救，他願意擺上接受治療，祈盼康復後再上路傳福音——靠主永不言休！

即或不然～雖然神卻沒答應他得醫治，順服蒙主保守勝煎熬，病榻纏綿的日子，全無怨尤——痛而無苦人生。

陳礎潛

敬愛的董根弟兄，感謝您在主內美好的榜樣！在醫院數次的傾談中，發覺您最着緊的還是神國度的擴展，最盼望的是自己能夠對主忠誠直到見主面。您叫我為您禱告，求神不讓藥物影響您的思想，免得信心動搖、羞辱主名。您又求主給您回家的機會，不想剩下太多事務要太太雅珍來處理和帶給弟兄姊妹麻煩。在小城宣教的路上和病榻上，您都立下了「愛神、愛人」的榜樣，現在可以「享受您主人的快樂」（馬太福音 5:21）。天家再見！

陳志良傳道

福音良師

董根弟兄對我說：「我探的那家餐館，老闆應該準備好了，你下午去和他決志吧！」這是我第一次探這一家餐館，透過董根弟兄，認識了這位老闆，當日和他講了福音，但他沒有決志，我想如果上午董根弟兄邀請他的話，他可能已經信主了，但弟兄選擇了為我鬆土，我深深感激他在事奉上的鼓勵和支持。董根弟兄要照顧很多小城的工作，不可能每一次都和我們出隊，但在最初的幾年，暑假三天的事奉，他都會隨團出發，在事工安排和探訪工作上，親自指導我們，幫助我們的教會，在陽光海岸的福音工作上踏上軌道。董根弟兄對事奉的委身，對人真誠的關懷，使福音種子，穩實地栽種在他所接觸過的人的心田中，我為有這樣一位福音良師感恩！

黃李慧梅

認識董根很久了！仍在求學時我住在姊姊、姊夫家，董根也很短暫住過他們家，但我有點害怕他，不敢和他說話，自己也忙，所以雖然同在一屋簷下，碰面時間卻非常少。當時的印象是他常常笑，說話大聲。後來知道他在宣教的事工上不遺餘力，是主的忠僕；對妻子無微不至，見他最多的是呆呆的等雅珍開完會一起回家；對朋友就慷慨就義，不拘小節，因此相識滿天下。Tom，美好的仗你已經打過，路你已經跑盡，道也守住了，天上再見時應該不會再害怕你了！

Ada Fok

加拿大中信多年來發展小城宣教，向旅居溫哥華以北的小城鄉鎮之華人傳福音，現年七十多歲的董根弟兄約三十多年來為此聖工奉獻身心！擔任輔導主任之陳文耀先生同在中信事主！

董先生移居加國前曾有數年在港任職播道書局（九龍城侯王道五號）。由於書局與恩泉堂相近，僕常見證他忠心勤勞。

董弟兄近年在加不幸患癌，仍熱心事主，兩年多前我赴溫哥華出席中信會議，遇上張金菊姊妹入院，蒙董弟兄夫婦載我前往探望。

近週來我藉着 ZOOM 出席了章錫光太太的安息禮拜，我也盼望能如此懷念董弟兄，並向董太致慰，求主助 Allyn 繼承根叔努力搶救靈魂的遺志！

董弟兄來自八兄弟姊妹的家庭，他排行第五，幼妹彩萍姑娘，未進神學院前曾任本會靈泉堂幹事，以往十一年擔任播道會宣教士，往澳門事奉！近年已榮休。

如同使徒保羅，董根宣教士已打了美好的仗，跑盡當跑的路，更守住所信的道，必蒙主賜冠冕，如同主也賜給凡愛慕主顯現的人（提後 4:7-8）！

願主得榮，董太及家人得慰！

陳黔開 識

香港播道會恩泉堂退休牧師

前播道書局同工董根弟兄 Tom Tung 今早在溫哥華回到天父慈愛懷中，息去地上勞苦。

董弟兄對香港播道會有深厚的認識，因在書局工作，非常認識恩泉堂。他移民加拿大多年，忠心福音工作至走不動才停下來。

他多年在加拿大中信，帶領各省內陸佈道工作（他是我在中信多年的親愛同工），他自己常不辭勞苦，步履艱辛的在 BC 和其他省份，走遍內陸各城各鄉探訪佈道，也帶領各教會弟兄姊妹，關心內陸很多未信主的朋友，多年來 BC 內陸華人，差不多沒有人不認識根叔的。

Tom 弟兄的夫人 Allyn 李雅珍是個非常好的翻譯員，操一口流利純正的北京國語，她是當年中國乒乓外交時的翻譯員之一。她的國語教學也相當到家，她也是個謙虛平易近人的姊妹。

夫婦二人世界多年，現難捨送夫君先回天家，天父帶走一個，祂必照祂的慈愛安慰 Allyn 姊妹。

陳文耀

以下有部份華人福音教會主內弟兄姊妹的慰問及鼓勵乃寫於董根傳道於善終醫院時

Some of the following good wishes and encouragements from brothers and sisters of Franklin Community Gospel Church were written while Pastor Tom Tung was in the hospice.

Dear Tom,

As a former pastor of Franklin I found you to be a great friend, supporter and co-worker in gospel ministry to the Chinese speaking congregation. When you were asked to speak to the small Chinese-speaking congregation you were always ready to assist unless there was a conflict with your prior commitments.

You were a humble servant waiting on the Lord. I remember a couple of times when there was an error in your scheduled time and you turned up ready to minister to God's people at Franklin. You did not complain, but was forgiving so that God's love guided your words and actions and this spoke of your commitment to the Lord first before everything else.

You have been faithful in visiting and ministering to Mr. Wong during weekly Bible studies over the years at Mr. Wong's home and how this had been a source of much encouragement to Mr. Wong who became a believer much later in life. Apart from ministering at Franklin, you also had a busy schedule with CCM travelling to various towns and cities in Canada ministering the gospel to Chinese families who have emigrated to Canada.

I thank God for having you as a friend who was such a helpful and co-operative servant in Gospel ministry over the years and an encourager to many in their Christian journey of life.

May God's grace and strength sustain you and comfort you during this difficult time, brother Tom.

In Christ,
Pastor James

Hi Tom,

I remember you when you were just a young man serving with Esther Wong at CCM when it was still on Main St and your helping my blind mother cross Main St so that she could volunteer there.

Many years have now passed and my heart overflows with thankfulness to God for using you and Pastor James to bring my father to salvation and for your ongoing tending to my father's spiritual growth.

Your years of faithfully and patiently ministering to the Chinese congregation has been fruitful and inspirational. You do more than just the Thursday studies and Sunday services as I know that you also phone up people regularly during the week as well.

Your heart is so loving... embracing those who are not only cognitively simple, mentally distraught, but also, those who are physically aging and getting weaker. Your flock at Franklin truly loves you. I know they are temporarily saddened at having to say goodbye but look forward to joining you in heaven.

Lillian

Mr. Tung ... thank you for your generous compassion and patience to my family. My mother's devotion to prayers is because of you. From the light and love of God you facilitated together with her reading scripture. You are a man of character with qualities that I have learned from. My patience and love to my mother has grown because you showed me it is possible. With all my heart and spirit, I am grateful and thank you.

Eric and May

Thank you for teaching me many Bible stories and Bible truths. I am a Christian because of you. I am forever grateful.

Raymond

Hi Pastor Tom,

I didn't know you very well until Lillian and I went to visit you at Burnaby Hospital. We were hoping to encourage you but I found myself greatly encouraged by you. You shared stories of how you spent much time driving or riding Greyhound buses all over Western Canada ministering to the Chinese diaspora in small towns.

I have seen you over the years faithfully ministering to the small Chinese fellowship at Franklin. You were willing to step into the gap when no one else was willing to commit long term. In spite of your own health struggles you faithfully pressed on sharing in person and over the phone and around Mr. Wong's dining room table the Word of Life.

You have been an inspiration to me and I am sure that you *"will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 1:11). Thank you for being such a wonderful example of a Godly servant.

Dan Gauthier

We pray that you are comfortable at the hospice. We will miss you but know you are in Gods hands and will pray for you. Thank you for your kindness to our family. All the times you helped Mr and Mrs Sam with rides and assisting in our errands and needs.

Also, your many times of sharing over the phone when Mrs Sam couldn't go to church. God bless and keep you.

Mrs Sam and Family

I have not had very much direct contact with Tom Tung, but his dedication and commitment to the Chinese congregation at Franklin cannot be mistaken. He's been around for years and I admire his meekness and Christ-like demeanour. He showed up where help was needed most, and I thank him for his generosity and giving attitude. He worked tirelessly! until the very end to take care of his sheep. He is indeed a good and faithful servant, and God remembers him.

Brenda

I just wanted to say...you have been very inspiring to me in these past years as we have witnessed you selflessly serving our humble congregation. I hope I can carry on that legacy and serve others without hesitation or selfish intention and faithfully deliver the Word of God in the same way.

Ian Mak

I can envision Jesus greeting Tom in heaven saying “job well done!” Tom was a wonderful example of a faithful follower of Christ.

Bill Der

Dear Tom,

Thank you for discipling the Chinese congregation for over the past years. We are all grateful for your love and faithfulness in mentoring each one of us.

Look forward to our reunion in Heaven.

Ken Wong

Pastor Tom,

Thanks for all you've done for our church! I will always have fond memories of you. I like your ties. I remember 1 time, you had a tie that said something like "God is love". Also last month, when I was sharing my testimony in Cantonese, you were evangelizing to us even from the hospital! You sounded very energetic! I'll continue to keep you & your wife in my prayers. You'll be rewarded in heaven!

Love, your brother in Christ,

Clarence Wu

Dear Pastor Tom,

I just wanted to thank you for always being such a faithful servant to Franklin's Chinese congregation. Even back when we had joint English and Chinese services together, I always enjoyed listening to your sermons. Not only did you preach God's message well but you incorporated Chinese history and culture into your messages. I appreciated learning more about God and also learning more about Chinese culture. I remember a few times after I led singspiration and translated during worship where you personally came up to me and shared a bit about certain Chinese words that I may not know too much about. You were patient, knowledgeable and taught me something new without making me feel bad for saying a word wrong in Chinese :) Both you and your wife have demonstrated God's love in how you interact with all of us at Franklin and we won't forget it. Thank you for being a faithful brother in Christ. May the peace from Jesus be with you always.

From your sister in Christ,
Jenny Wu

董生您好，很多谢你多年来都全心全意的为我们中文班的弟兄姐妹尽心尽力的传道主的真理。在你辛勤的努力下使我们不论在疫情的艰难日子里，你也给我们很多关心和鼓励。使我们都对主有进一步的认识。也因你付出很多的心血。所以近日你的身体也有出现不舒服。故我们都希望你早日恢复往日健康的身体，继续带领我们一齐读圣经唱诗歌。并衷心祝福你早日康复谢谢您。

Pei Ling Liang

Thank You, Tom

My first interaction with Tom was in 2019 when my mom, May Lee, my husband, Steven, and I attended Chinese Fellowship at Franklin Community Gospel Church. He welcomed us into the meeting room and introduced the rest of the people. He asked us a few friendly questions before starting the Worship Service. When the service was finished, he welcomed us back for the following week. Leaving the church, I asked Mom what she thought. Her response was positive and was keen on returning next week.

With each Worship Service, His communication of God's Word was well thought through and he had handwritten a carefully prepared message each week. Sometimes he would mention his experiences of travelling to places in BC and ministering to the people. When this happened, his face lit up and showed such joy and pleasure in being an itinerant minister. His love for God and God's faithfulness is evident in Tom's life.

Upon reflecting on Tom's ministry, Mom would say: Tom clearly presented the Bible passage each week. He helped us to understand the Bible. He has a good heart. Thank you.

Tom demonstrated what it means to have a whole-hearted relationship with God.

With much appreciation,
May Lee and Lily Lee

Tom,

I just want to say thank you for all the years of faithful service at Franklin, especially taking care of the Chinese speaking folks and for sharing on Sunday services. I still remember a long time ago when Elder Sam Lau got a retired Chinese pastor to help with the Chinese fellowship group. He came for a while to help, but later on he asked the church council to release him from this duty of helping the Chinese group. His reason is that the Franklin Chinese fellowship group is small [8 to 10 members] and he wanted to go to a larger Chinese speaking church to help out. He reasoned that it is more effective for him [after spending many hours in preparing his sermons] to share with a larger group. But Tom, you are so faithful in caring for our small group of Chinese speaking folks, may God richly bless you.

And in closing, I would like to share a passage from Psalm 139:1 to 10.

Praying for you Tom and Allyn

Dick Ng

Tom,

You have been a great help to me and the Chinese fellowship explaining truths from the Bible and helping us to grow spiritually. Thank you for all your work at Franklin.

Mrs. Sue Ng

Dear Mr. Tung,

Thank you so much for helping to lead the Chinese Ministries at Franklin. Your love for God, a servant heart, commitment to preaching the Gospel and care and love for each of the brothers and sisters at Franklin has been and will continue to be a good example to me of what it means to be a good and faithful servant of God. You have been a blessing to me and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with you.

In Christ,
Centina Lowe

For Tom And Allyn Tung.

I just want to share with you how Tom was so devoted , committed, and faithful in serving the Lord! I remember at our last New Year's Eve gathering at our home before the Covid pandemic, Tom brought a large pot of congee prepared for the gathering. He said he was busy and he couldn't make it to the gathering. He unassumingly brought this large pot of congee all the way from Burnaby!! This is an example of how thoughtful, and helpful he was. His Christ filled life indeed reflected this while he made the many journeys to the BC interior with the CCM MINISTRY, reaching out and sharing the good news to those Chinese communities living in and distant communities!!! God bless him!

A missionary friend in South America was praying for Tom and his family by bringing this prayer request to the large church to pray for them through this crisis! May God keep your family safe!!

In His love,
Robert Lowe

Words of thanks for Mr. Tom Tung:

Thank you for encouraging me and the short term mission team to share the gospel boldly on Logos Hope, Brazil, 2019. You lead by example through your faithful service to the Lord and the work He has entrusted to you.

Kean Leung

Hi Tom,

Yesterday at Joshua Fellowship, we all commented on what a faithful servant of God you have been, like your service with the Chinese Fellowship at Franklin Church, among many others. We don't know what the future holds, but we know you will be greeted with "well done, good and faithful servant" when the time comes for you to meet our Lord!

Hi Allyn,

Your faith and trust in God has been well demonstrated through this challenging time. Your positive attitude and strength have been a great witness for the Lord, and we will keep praying for His peace and strength to be with you as you keep carrying on. Take care and God bless!

Stephen and Liana Eng

Thank you Tom for all the years of faithfully serving at Franklin. Thank you Allyn for being the loving and supportive wife for Tom. Thank you for sharing the fruits of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22

You have continually shown God's love, the joy and peace of knowing and following Christ—patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Tom—we have been richly blessed with your presence and ministry at Franklin—or your teachings and discipling.

Your commitment to serve was certain.

We remember your sermons filled with scripture references of God's word, for overseeing past Saturday Chinese fellowship meetings, the Thursday Dim Sum and Fellowship sessions, the Chinese Sunday Worship. You have been a warm encouragement to all who have been blessed time with you—even the Canadian born Chinese with limited Cantonese language.

You are a gentle giant.

We appreciate all your thoughtful, caring prayers, offering to help reach out to our unsaved parents. For serving tirelessly, sometimes putting up with unforgiving weather conditions to get to Franklin, many times being there early, before all the church members.

In your humbleness, you have shown what is quiet strength and wisdom in Christ. You have helped to build us up.

We pray you are able to rest comfortably, be steadfast in faith, clearly fix your eyes on Jesus, on God's unconditional love and will for you. May your body pain melt away. May both you and wife Allyn strong in faith as you both have been—continue to find strength, peace and comfort in the Lord.

Psalms 76:26 “...*God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*” With much gratitude.

Prayers of love, hope and peace to you and Allyn.
Barbara, Gin and Family

A Tribute to Tom

John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?” Jesus told them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.” And he added, “God blesses those who do not fall away because of me.” (Matthew 11:2-6)

Even godly men will have their doubts about the truth of the gospel, but Jesus will expel all doubts.

Dear Tom,

You were once a proud, staunch unbeliever, but Jesus melted your heart of stone, put a heart of flesh in you and filled you with his passion. You became a humble servant and took the gospel to many parts of B.C. You were a man of few words, but you had much to say about our Lord Jesus Christ. Those whom you have touched on your journeys marvel at your dedication and passion for Jesus. You became a good example, a mentor and a friend to many.

When you had cancer for the first time, the doctor said you had only five more years to live. I bless the Lord for giving you 45 more years of life because I received the privilege of knowing you. For that, I am very thankful. Your faith in Jesus has touched me. It is your example that is giving me the courage to wholeheartedly continue with my journey toward missions in Japan without reservations. God has used you to help me prepare.

Oh Lord, bless Tom. Welcome him into your court with joy and celebration. Give him your crown of righteousness. Put a royal robe on him. Place your signet ring on his finger. Tom Tung, your servant, and friend is coming home. Amen.

With love,
Steven Lee

Dearest Allyn,

This is a short letter for Tom that I like to share with you from heart and in gratitude, that became a not-so-short letter.

For every great man there is a woman of greatness who has the strength to support and the warmth to comfort him when needed so he may continue to excel at what he does best. Tom is a great man.

Your presence welcomed me and mom as you accompany Tom and his transition from out growing the physical earth community. Tom is warm, so warm at times he kicked the sheets away as you told us. Even after Tom lost so much weight he is still a hot man and handsome well groomed. You take care of this great man well. Your strength and dedication resonates of what Tom has done for me to care for my mother, I will now share my short letter.

Tom, Uncle Tom!

Don't worry about being too tired to respond. We hear you as the strongest emotions and responses are in silence. Loving quietly. Humble with humility such as doing God's work, and you do exactly that.

Uncle Tom, these past years have been every increasingly difficult to care for my mom. I become exhausted and at times question my ability to love her as her soul being because the dementia beats me up like a bully. Giving me black-eyes that makes it hard to see past the disease that affects my mother. It distorted my vision to see the light inside of her, a light that you have protected. The bully gets stronger when I get weaker as the caregiving son mother relationship balance weighs heavier on me.

I want you to know that in your voice, your energy - the tone of your words, the conveyance of your character has made me a better man. You, by being who you are and by facilitating the light of God through Jesus in the bible studies you held with my mom, made me a better man because you shared your wisdom when I was frustrated, you shared your compassion that

reminded me of having a heart when I was caught in my busy anxious mind trying to manage my mom, and through your calm voice dedicated to get in touch with us every Thursday and Sunday to the best of your abilities you showed strengths that I respected and over time adopted. I tell myself, if Mr. Tung can endure my mother's stories I can too. But the truth is you did not need to endure the stories because you came from a place of acceptance so there is no resistance. You brought light into our lives. Light that had lightened the weight I carry.

You thought of us when you were in Burnaby hospital. You knew I would want to visit you with mom. You concerned about our safety, thank you.

The Bible studies with you were more than just words read by you and my mother. The Bible studies were also healing sessions because mom had become calmer and less aggressive. The shadows of dementia shifted away from the light you shared with us.

Uncle Tom, I am grateful you came into our life. Mom and I are both grateful you generously shared God's light through your dedicated time and loving energy. Your actions dispelled the shadows of dementia more and more each time. It is a blessing mom continues her devotion and practice because you had helped form a routine for her that allowed her to navigate her own path to communicate with God. Thank you.

I call you "Uncle Tom" Mr. Tung because I see you as family.

You are surrounded by love.

We welcome miracles, I welcome miracles. Together we accept miracles.

The heavy challenges on my shoulders had lightened because of the light you emanate, and I believe this is the blessing of the light of Christ you shared in deliverance to us. Thank you.

Thank you and thank you Uncle Tom.

With love - always,
Eric Li and on behalf of Mama May

董生：

我有心底話要告訴您：您一直以來是我敬重的屬靈長輩，神重用的僕人！您多年來在華人福音教會事奉，讓我看到忠心事主的人！您說話不多，但您謙謙和和，令人很容易接近。記得多年前，您來我們教會教主日學，那時我們沒有中文主日學，您間中也有參與其他事奉和主日證道，近年來還幫助我們團契，我們與您相處的時間就多了。從您的教導及身上，我明白到願意遵行神旨意的人是怎麼回事。您在主日學常提到：信徒的行為要與得救的恩相稱，致我常鞭策我自己不單相信耶穌，乃要有行為的表現，在生活上見證主榮耀主！

您為主擺上不求回報，只願意傳福音，為神擺上。除教會的事奉，您還樂於助人，因那是您的性格，見到那裡有需要，您便義不容辭去幫忙。我見證過您在中信服事時不顧自己年齡，還與年輕的同工一起搬運印刷刊物，不遺餘力。看到您的為人叫我有信心與您分享生活中的難題，而您總以聖經的教導及屬靈智慧給我建議，所以我感謝您那份愛心，慷慨和無私。

您關心人的靈魂，盡心為主傳福音，在 BC 內陸奔跑不辭勞苦，為要傳福音給僑胞，留下佳美腳踪。您以生命擺上，是神忠心的僕人，無愧的工人，神在天上察看是知道的。我想到提後 4 章 6 到 8 節：「那美好的仗我已經打過了，當跑的路我已經跑盡了，所信的道我已經守住了，從此以後，有公義的冠冕為我存留，就是按著公義審判的主到了那日要賜給我的。」無愧的工人，您真是可以說這番話！

我們萬萬分捨不得您，深信將來我們一定可以在天家相見，到那日我們一起敬拜並讚美我們的主！

Anita

悼董根傳道

人生歲月雖艱難重重 尋著救主生命得更新
娶得賢妻來互相扶持 友愛手足敬父母愛神
勤奮工作為照顧家庭 心念小城同胞未得救
長途跋涉千里不覺倦 大雪紛飛孤身仍上路
多年擺上永不言放棄 喜見有人歸主樂開懷
佳美腳踪讓後人跟隨 病裡靠主心不忘傳道
平安離別家人到主懷 期盼將來天家與君聚

Pastor Amelia Lai

BCEFC

加拿大中信致董根宣教士的信：

親愛的根叔、Uncle Tom、董根、董根宣教士、董根傳道，加拿大中信全體董事及同工十分懷念你。我們很想藉這機會，從內心中向你表達敬意和致謝。我們感謝您過去 40 多年從中信小城福音探訪隊到展開小城宣教事工的委身，付出和全力擺上，實是一個無愧的工人。您開始中信小城宣教事工，身體力行帶隊與多間教會及弟兄姊妹探訪小城華人，關心小城朋友的需要，向他們傳講福音、宣講上帝愛世人。退休後，您仍在多方面投入事奉。您對神的盡忠、傳福音領人歸主的熱誠、對小城朋友及同工的關愛，成為無數人的祝福。您的積極和不怕吃苦的心志，更成為我們美好的榜樣，激勵我們。

在患病期間，您沒有因病痛的折磨而埋怨或失去信心，反之，您內心對上帝的信靠卻是一日比一日深，一天新似一天。因為您深信這是暫時的苦楚，卻是要為成就極重無比永遠的榮耀，您不是顧念所見，乃顧念所不見的，因為所見的是暫時，所不見的是永遠。根叔，套用保羅的說話在你身上：「那美好的仗你已經打過了，當跑的加國小城你已經跑盡了，所信的道你已經守住了。從此以後，必有公義的冠冕為你存留！」相信這冠冕是您走人生最後一程的屬天盼望。

今天您安然返抵父家。我們一定會效法您的榜樣，努力向人傳福音，關心人靈魂的需要！我們也會按雅珍 (Allyn) 的需要，盡力陪伴她幫助她。根叔，再一次多謝在中信退而不休的服事，您忠心事奉的精神，會留存我們的心中。

主內

加拿大中信全體董事及同工謹上

悼念親愛的中信同工董根

在中信的日子，我有很多非常忠心的同工，董根卻是鶴立雞群。他於1989年加入中信服事，中間有一段時間離開了，2003年因中信小城宣教事工開展，他應召而回，承擔這個艱鉅的任務。他的事奉，我如此回憶。

耶穌走遍各城各鄉，他也走遍各城各鄉

董根遠在80年代已經開始走訪城鄉，數十年來，春夏秋冬，風雪不改，把信仰帶給小城僑胞。2003年更全職承擔了中信小城宣教的重任。B.C.省內各大鄉鎮的華人餐館、商店、他都瞭如指掌，所有的老闆、員工，由厭惡變敬重，拒絕到接受，都因他的真誠被感動了。中信為他預備了輛全新Caravan，六年之內就被他報銷了！

至死忠心他卻不要求冠冕

董根一生熱愛傳福音，默默施與，不求回報。2013年退休後，繼續義務出隊，推廣小城事工。最後在病危半昏迷狀態中，仍然和太太說：「Allyn，以後我們傳福音，一定要高舉耶穌，將榮耀歸神！要堅持！！」就是這份堅持，今天不少僑胞經已受洗加入主的名下。

董根回天家了，天使歡迎他，對他說：「你這又良善又忠心的僕人，耶穌要賞賜給你不朽壞的冠冕。」他回答說，「不用了，我不配。可以給我一輛不能朽壞的Caravan嗎？」

Tom，天家再見。

江錦培牧師

董兄小城開鋒者
根植基督愛靈魂
榮耀歸於三一神
歸回安息主懷裡
天使天軍奏凱歌
國度救恩遍萬邦

中信國際差會敬輓
協調主任施麗輝書
2022年2月17日

為董根傳道

與董根傳道雖只有數面之緣，卻被他對小城宣教的熱誠與真摯深深吸引，留下深刻的印象。每次見面他都詳盡地與我分享小城宣教的事工和異象：怎樣安排探訪路線、動員教會一起參與、關心及為福音對象祈禱，這些都可從他畫得密密麻麻的「路線圖」窺見一斑。我所敬重的董傳道，永遠懷念你，願你火熱的心繼續在中信大家庭中燃燒。

美國中信敬輓

海外差傳部部長黃宇奇傳道

悼念神的忠僕董根傳道

「在耶和華眼中，看聖民之死極為寶貴」（詩 116：15）

向神的僕人董根傳道致敬，忠心服事，敬神愛人，神必憐憫，神必恩待賞賜。同為中信同工，雖然認識不深，互動不多，但在主裡，同為一體，共哀共泣。相信眼淚必被擦拭，哀傷必化為歡笑，別離必然再聚。

台灣中信總幹事簡春安敬悼

新馬泰北中信

新馬泰北中信緬懷忠僕董根傳道

小城巡迴佳美腳踪
風雨飄搖邁步差傳
春風化雨傳揚佳音
培育門徒主名得榮
溫羽明牧師
新加坡中信總幹事

馬來西亞中信

悼念神的忠僕董根傳道

感恩愛主愛人的董根傳道一生堅守主呼召，留下美好的見證和結出許多的果子，他得享安息，他的作為也隨著他。
願主的愛擁抱和安慰董師母、家人與羊群，以馬內利。
葉淑芳傳道
馬來西亞中信總幹事

宣教勇士——董根

每次前去拜訪中信溫哥華中心，總愛找董根聊天，聽他分享小城宣教的見證；其實，每個故事背後都隱藏著他的艱辛付出。在 20 年前他已開始投入這事工，每年多次馬不停蹄地前去各城各鄉，走進沒有華人教會的地區，向他關心的華人同胞傳揚福音。他的腳蹤曾遍及溫哥華 300 公里至 1800 公里以外的 900 個小城鎮，後來他每年也前來多倫多負責領隊，哪怕是嚴冬，只要體力許可他都不放棄。報福音、傳喜信的宣教勇士——董根，你在天上得的獎賞是大的！

李鄭玉珊

加拿大號角月報主編

懷念宣教勇士董根弟兄

過去二十年有多，教會每年參與小城宣教，因而認識這位風塵僕僕，努力不懈，聯絡著大溫教會，帶領著短宣隊員，長途跋涉去到卑詩省不同的大小城鎮宣講福音。在短短幾天行程中，見他孜孜不倦地提醒短宣隊員留意將要探訪的對象。從多年的認識，他是一個少說話，多做事的僕人領袖，做人很低調，最佩服他是冬天下雪還獨自坐長途巴士去探望內陸同胞，直覺上他給我的印象是名符其實：一個無名的傳道者！

黃學富牧師

我認識董根弟兄已經有廿多年。初次接觸時，都會被其嚴肅外表嚇到，但是認識深了之後，發覺其實他有很多優點。他律己甚嚴，但是他要求你做的，他自己必然先做得到。他的傳福音心志非常強烈，因為知道時間不多，所以非常善用機會，把握每一個時機帶領別人信主。

在小城事工的開拓時期，他的確建立根基，使到以後的事工可以在上擴建，更為充實。

盼望我們能繼續他的遺志，將「小城事工」繼續發展、興旺福音、使更多僑胞得到好處！

James Ngai

親愛的董根弟兄，

轉眼間，與你在小城宣教路上，行行重行行地，若干年了！

任憑歲月和病患無情，總不能磨滅的是你那全然委身，無駭風霜雪雨，不辭勞苦，矢志不渝，為要使人與神和好、得福音的永垂不朽的精神。

我一直見證到你用諸般智慧，百般忍耐的精神，與來自各方的朋友，和性格各異的團隊磨合，為要承擔福音的使命。在勾畫出你那從沒褪色的，旨在興旺福音的熱忱。謝謝你為我們留下良善忠心，腳踪佳美的榜樣！

祝福和懷念著你！

Sylvia Lai

留下美好見證

2009年第一次跟董根叔出隊，往小城探訪餐館朋友，我對他非常尊敬，他履行耶穌的教訓，關心失喪靈魂，也看到小城朋友對他的敬重，他到處留下美好見證，痛失這位謙卑而尊主為大的主僕。

何鳳鳴 Dorothy Ho
事工統籌（小城及海外宣教）

TOM 的生命是為主燃燒的生命，他所散發的光和熱，將會長存我的心中！他要回家了，生命亦「燃」盡於此！永遠懷念！

Kent Lee

在我心目中，Tom 叔叔是最吃得苦的忠心僕人，他不辭勞苦地將神的愛帶到各小城鎮。永遠懷念 Tom 叔叔無私的奉獻和全然的擺上。

Marisa Lee

根叔為主全然擺上，不辭勞苦，廣傳福音，領人歸主。他留下佳美的腳蹤，為我們樹立榜樣。我們永遠懷念他！

Tiffany Tam

根叔不但是傳福音的先鋒，也是生命的鬥士。他永不言休的精神，是我們同工學習的好榜樣。根叔，我永遠懷念，我們天家見！

Venita Yuen

念 Tom 叔叔

Tom 叔叔，你以行動表達對神忠心、對人關心、對事熱心，我們是有目共睹的。現你功成返家，我縱不捨，仍需接受，日後天家重聚。

Winnie Lam

根叔的確是活出了一個鮮活的宣教士的生命。常年不斷地出隊和探訪邊遠小城，他的腳蹤何其佳美。他長期抗癌的堅韌和宣教不休的熱忱，是我們後輩敬仰學習的榜樣。

Yan Qiao

務要傳道！

無論得時不得時，總要專心，
並用百般的忍耐，各樣的教訓，
責備人，警戒人，勸勉人。

*Preach the word;
be prepared in season and out of season;
correct, rebuke and encourage -
with great patience and careful instruction.*

—— 提摩太後書 2 Timothy 4:2 ——