



September 2018

Dear Pastor Ingram and Hilltop Baptist Church,

### VBS Report

Praise the Lord for His blessings on VBS at Lighthouse (LBC) and Dali Faith Baptist Church (DFBC). After much prayer and discussion, *Space Quest* was chosen as the theme for LBC's VBS. Although some of our past workers were unavailable this time, others stepped up and did an amazing job of preparing, promoting and presenting so the children could see Jesus Christ as the Creator and Savior. There were seventy children in attendance as well as several parents, and two children made clear salvation decisions.



In order to reach more children, VBS at DFBC was once again held at a local park. Being outdoors presented challenges like adapting to the weather and transporting all equipment to the park each time. Of course, the weather is unstable in August and so three of the four Saturdays we faced last minute decisions as storms rumbled through the area. However, except for the last Saturday, which we rescheduled to September, the weather not only cleared just in time, but also brought some relief from the afternoon heat while children gradually came to the park for the *Camp at the Park* themed activity. Being outdoors at the park also meant that some children and parents would only stay for a short time. Nevertheless, it also provided the opportunity for others including older folks in the area to "eavesdrop" on what we were doing. Although no open salvation decisions were made, we are thankful that many heard the gospel and that our workers gained more experience in serving.



### The First Time

"This is the first time I have ever touched a Bible!" This is what the mother of two of our Bible club kids, Ria Dzeng, told Lisa recently when she attended the weekly Ladies' Meeting at LBC. Her son and daughter have attended our Bible club for over a year and have participated in plays and VBS. Recently her 4th grade daughter Xiao Pei-shan (Lilian) wanted to pray at home and asked her dad, a Buddhist, if she could believe in Jesus. Her dad said that if she really believed in Jesus, he could accept it. Her mother, however, decided she wanted to come see what it was all about. Thinking it would be more helpful during the devotion, one of the ladies shared her Bible app. After a few verses, Ria reached for a church Bible and began searching for the verses herself. Please pray for her and her family to be saved.

### A Heart for the Lord

Last year we asked you to pray for Alex Liu, a college sophomore and DFBC member, who had shown more spiritual desire. We are glad to report that he has not only remained faithful to the Lord, but we also put him to work as a summer intern at both churches. He experienced everything from cleaning and painting to translating and preparing tracts for gospel outreaches. He also volunteered to take part in leading the teen devotion time at both churches, gaining some needed experience and training. Now that college has started again, Alex can't be as involved in our churches due to the distance, but he is still very faithful in attending and helping at another good church near his college. Please continue to pray for Alex to have a heart for the Lord and not get swallowed up by cultural pressures and worldly temptations.

May the Lord continue to bless you as we faithfully serve Him together for His honor and glory!

For souls,

*Andy & Lisa*

Andy & Lisa Simpson

#### More Prayer Requests:

1. Souls to be saved – gospel outreach activities
2. Leaders in training
3. October missions month at our churches
4. Health – Andy asthma

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