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2010 Olympics in Vancouver by Anna Li

"More than Gold" is a Christian, non-profit organization formed for the purpose of showing radical hospitality during the Olympics. It's message was that though few have the honor of receiving a gold medal, all can receive Jesus Christ who is immensely more precious than gold.

"More than Gold" held many concerts throughout the lower mainland, provided accommodations for athlete's families and mission teams, and handed out hot beverages at transit stations during the cold weeks of February. We wanted to show the world that Vancouver is a city where Christians love their neighbours both locally and abroad.

On the night of the closing ceremonies, Manuel Cardenas, Eric Brown,



Ethan Park, Philip Li, Dorothy Li, and I manned the Stadium skytrain station handing out free hot chocolate that we had made at a Catholic hospice a few blocks away. Walking back with our backpacks, we handed out chocolate as we went. It was a great experience to simply share the love of Jesus to complete strangers. Many people stopped and asked us why

we were passing out free hot chocolate, and we were able to respond that it was because Jesus loved us and in turn, we should love others. Many expressed appreciation for the ministry and the blessing of a "cup of cold water" (hot chocolate) in His Name.

Our small Immanuel team were among more than four thousand "More than Gold" volunteers. We can only imagine the spirit-filled conversations and newly sown seeds throughout the world because of this initiative. Praise God!



Deborah & Chelsey holding the torch

Immanuel's Web Site



www.immanuelbc.ca

- Check out the fresh Spring look of the Immanuel web site.
- Make the announcements page your home page to keep track of what's happening.
- Make suggestions of what you would like to see on the web site to Kathryn at krowe@immanuelbc.ca

Farewell by Diana Panton

By now, most of you will have heard that I am no longer a member at IBC, and have moved on to Acts 29. This is not a reflection on any of you, or of Immanuel, but is the result of God at work in my life. I am really excited to be part of Acts 29.

I am so grateful for everyone at Immanuel who has been part of my life. I have been so blessed in my dealings with you all, and have prospered and blossomed under your care. For longer that I care to admit, you have all been a hugely significant part of my life, and I hope that doesn't change! I am grateful that I know that I am a loved member of the IBC family. I have experienced much joy worshiping, working,

and playing with you.

Be strengthened, perfected, completed, made what you ought to be; be encouraged and consoled and comforted; be of the same agreeable mind one with one another; live in peace, and then the God of love, who is the Source of affection, goodwill, love, and benevolence toward men and the Author and Promoter of peace will be with you. II Cor.13:11

I am entrusting you to each other. I exhort you to view each other through Christ's eyes. Speak the truth, but always speak it in love. Represent Christ well. Praise the Lord!

Missionary Newsletters

The NAB International Office is working diligently at creating new and better tools to connect the local church with their unique role in God's global mission. At the same time it is raising the standards in communication about current global impact. New newsletters have been designed to share bi-monthly news from NAB missionaries.

See the latest newsletters from the following missionaries on the bulletin boards in the foyer and the Fireside Room.

- Paul & Melissa Ewing-Japan
- Becky Lengefeld-Japan
- Lori Hiller-Cameroon
- Calvin & Susie Hohn-Cameroon
- Hispanics for Christ
- Christopher & Ingrid Kidd-Brazil
- Patricia Lenz-Cameroon
- Ron & Joan Stoller-Japan
- Shan Reed-Japan
- Dennis & Nancy Palmer-Cameroon

Lunar New Year Celebrations February 14, 2010



Help for Haiti

The Canadian government promised to match any funds donated to help Haiti after the devastating earthquake that hit on January 12, lasting about 35 seconds. People from Immanuel donated \$350, money that was sent to NAB headquarters in Toronto and forwarded on to NAB efforts in Haiti. This money will be matched by the Canadian government and sent to relief efforts in Haiti. Thank you to everyone who prayed and gave.

Coming Events



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| Fri., April 2 | Good Friday Service at Ebenezer Baptist |
| Sun., April 4 | Breakfast at Immanuel |
| April 5 to 24 | Easter Combined Service with Dr. Harris |
| Wed., April 7 | Kiwanis Music Festival at Immanuel. |
| April 9-11 | German Spring Celebration |
| Thurs., April 15 | NAB Ladies Retreat at Green Bay Camp |
| Sat., April 24 | English Women's Fellowship |
| | Men's Breakfast |
| | Chinese Fellowship |
| May 7-8 | BC Association Meetings |
| Sun., May 9 | Mother's Day |
| Sat., May 15 | Korean Fund Raising Concert |



Baby Jenny, rescued and reunited with her parents. A miracle!

Rib Ticklers



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After the church service a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?" "Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."