

# *CGM Youth Ministry*

*Minister Timothy Lo*

In the youth ministry, the first half of 2011 was much like previous years. We continued our regular attendance on Friday's (averaging 12) and Sunday's (averaging 30) just as we had in 2010. We were also dominated in the middle school with boys, and in the high school with girls. Tammy Wong, Wendy Yee, and Steve Tsou helped out on Friday leading small groups, and Ruth Chu, Caroline Lee, and Gimel Chan helped with Sunday school for the high school students. Our Sunday sermon series focused on topics like how we achieve happiness, dealing with conflict in a Biblical manner, and building relationships with our parents.

As we do every year, we participated in the Winter Teen Conference, a joint retreat between mostly Chinese churches in the Boston area. We had 16 high school and 18 middle school students attend with the themes of "God(s) of the Heart" and "Sacrificial Worship".



*Minister Timothy and Mindy*

*Aiden, Chloe and Mia*

In the spring, 20 youth participated in our joint 30 Hour Famine event with CBCGL, we had 17 students attend a Hillsong United worship event, and 10 youth go with their families to Six Flags.

Over the summer, with the help of an intern (Timothy Pien, class of 2008), we grew in many aspects of our ministry, most significantly in higher attendance, involvement, and activity on the worship team. With his help, we also brought in a new VBS training week to prepare youth to serve at VBS, we were able to bring more youth to our Boston Project mission trip (11), we attended a one day retreat experience with Arise Youth Ministries, and had a praise team sleepover. He had an incredible positive influence as an older brother on many of the youth.

Starting this past fall we began joining our worship time with the English adults. It has helped create a more serious tone to our worship service, and youth have been able to use the opportunity to serve more in worship music. Our Friday night program has also grown (about 15), averaging almost half the youth group each week as we continue with our theology-based lessons. In Sunday school at the beginning of the fall, we required all students to go through our basic theology baptism class, then in the winter we began new small groups which focus on reviewing the sermon and sharing and praying for each other. New volunteer adults for these small groups are Sharon Xu (7th-8th), Lilia Lee (9th), and Magaly Rojas (10th-12th). The youth also continue to serve lunch each week.



Into 2012 we look forward to the Winter Teen Conference for high school and middle school, 30 Hour Famine with CBCGL, and summer activities like LaVida, VBS, and Boston Project. We plan to coordinate and work with our sister Worcester church in these activities.

We still do need more volunteers in the youth ministry, both on Friday night and on Sunday morning. The greatest need in the ministry is definitely in adults who are willing to invest into the lives of the youths through discipleship. However, we are thankful that with the resources we have the ministry is running smoothly and youth are being challenged to grow spiritually.



**Boston Project Sending**



**Boston Project Team**



**Lunch**



**Praise Team**



**Small Group**



**Sunday School Test**



**Tim Be Told Concert**



**30 Hour Famine**



**Arise Retreat**



**Church Fall Cleaning**