



“We can certainly do it for the Lord is with us!”

Pastor Daniel Lee

Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” [Num. 13:30]

How bitterly disappointed Caleb must have been to be so close yet so far. His eyes saw the land that was promised to his people, a land flowing with milk and honey. He held its fruits in his hand and tasted their sweetness. Yet that would be as close as he would get for now. His people did not see what he saw. All they could see were the large fortified cities of these pagan nations and their armies and how in comparison to them Israel is like a grasshopper. All they could see were how powerful these nations were and how much they are not. But the eyes of Caleb and Joshua were not fixed on these things but on the Lord their God. “If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land...and will give it to us.” Caleb knew that if the Lord is with them, no armies or powers in the world can stop them from what the Lord wills. That is why he can say, “We should go! We can certainly do it!” Was Caleb naïve and thought that they were going to cross over the Jordan and the Canaanites were just going to hand over their land? Of course not! He knew that there are battles that need to be fought and won. But to Caleb, these battles have already been won because the Lord is for them.

We too have come to the edge of our promised land and we need to be like Caleb in saying, “We should go and take possession of it, for we can certainly do it! If the Lord is please with us, he will lead us into that land and will give it to us.” This new expansion will open up ministry opportunities and improve old ones the way we were never able to do before. It will give us more and better classrooms for us to teach and learn; a larger multipurpose space for outreach events and worship. These are just some of the benefits, some of the “milk and honey” that we can see from this expansion. Can we cross over and take possession of it? Yes we can! Will there be battles that need to be fought and won? Yes, of course! 1.2 million dollars is not a small amount. But if the Lord is please with us, he will lead us into this expansion and give it to us. Let us not keep our eyes on the money, or on any of the other “giants” that may stand in our way. Let us cross over with eyes of faith focused on our God. For if God is with us we can certainly do it!

***Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God.
1 Chronicles 29:1***

The little Teaspoon

Luther Lam

Year 2011 was a special year for me. After I got laid off in July, I had time to fulfill my dream of 30 years, which was to visit Israel. Angel and I did not only see the beauty of the Holy Land, we also met a group of Christians. Among our group, we had the reputable “Captain Ngai”, the descendant of Confucius, and the senior couple, who walked all the way from the bottom of Mt. Sinai to the top, when I had to ride a camel half way up the mountain. One of our members is a non-Christian and he joined the tour with his wife. During the 13 days, the 41 of us had enjoyed our experience visiting the biblical sites and we were all keen to learn from our leader - the “living Bible” of our trip, Nadia Choi. We had shared our experiences too, and I shared the news of MCCC Expansion Project.

At the end of the trip, Nadia suggested that we had a reunion party in Vancouver. I thought that I did not have much money to spare for this next trip. Angel also spoke indistinctly that we would join if someone would be kind enough to support us. And that’s how the story started.

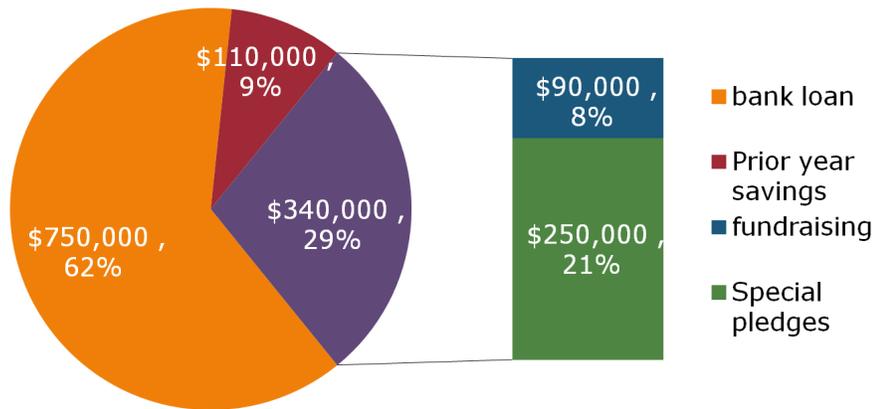
In early December, Nadia sent me an email saying that a kind brother/sister of our Israel trip wanted to sponsor Angel and I \$200 each to go on this trip to Vancouver. I was utmost surprised that someone had overheard Angel’s murmur and took it to heart. Although we were excited about the news, we simply could not take up this generous offer. Then, Nadia called me after Christmas and mentioned that the generous offer has become even more generous - a sponsorship of \$400 for each of us. We were touched by their warm invitation, so we decided to join the reunion party.

During those few days of reunion, there came another surprise! The “big brother” of our Israel trip offered about 1.3 pounds of top-of-the-line sea cucumbers as a gift for the fundraising auction of our Expansion Project. I was overwhelmed by his generosity, but “Big Brother” smilingly said that he was just like the boy who offered “the five loaves and the two fish”.

This experience has reminded me of an analogy: for us to make a cup of good coffee, we would always “stir” gently with a teaspoon to mix the milk and sugar with the coffee; but we have also always forgotten the power from that gentle stir with the teaspoon. I am much thankful for this experience and have offered the sponsorship, financial and in-kind, from the brothers and sisters of the Israel trip to our church. Let us all be the teaspoons and gently stir to encourage each other to come forward for our Expansion Project in unity.

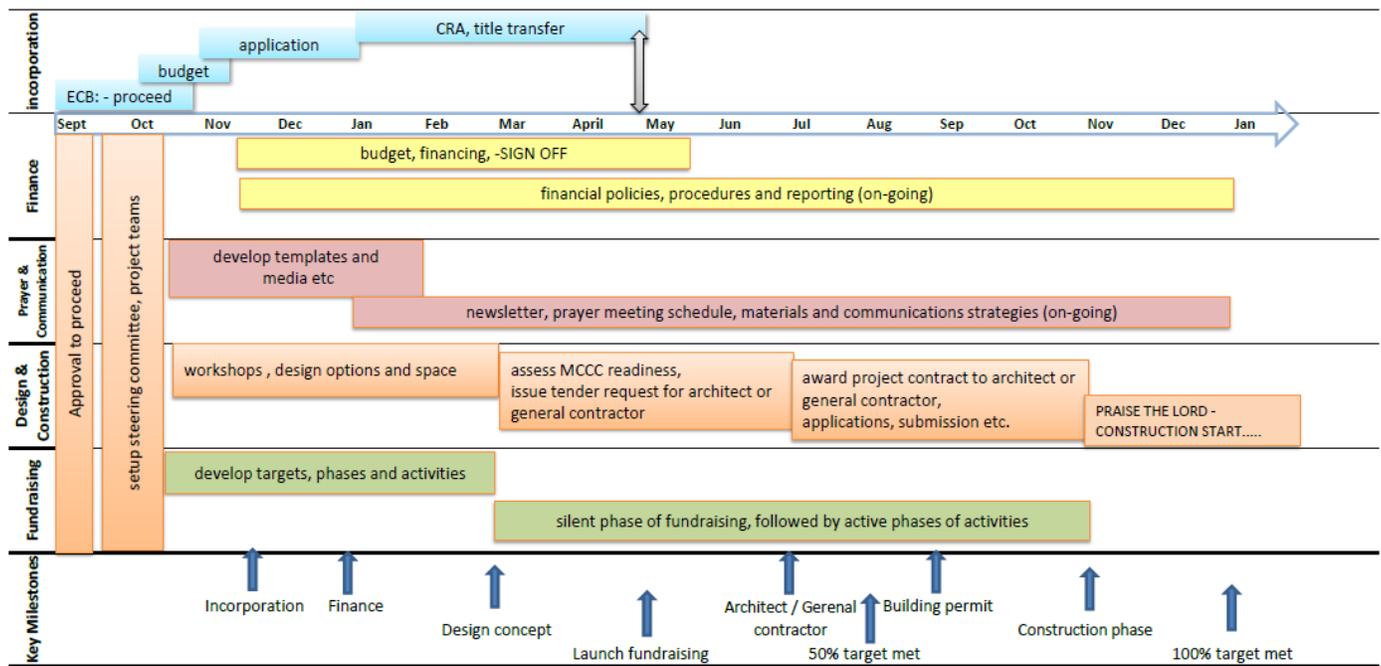
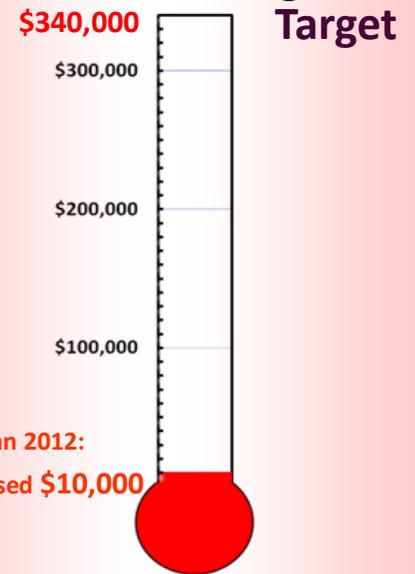
May we continue to pass on these beautiful testimonies.

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