

2010 Chairman's Report

CanCare Centre - a not-for-profit organization that provides care and support for cancer patients and their family members/carers in the Chinese community. Its mission is to reach out to its clients with Christ's love and to provide them with holistic care in the area of physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs

2010 has been a very rewarding year for the CanCare Centre Committee as well as its voluntary workers. In late 2009, it was envisioned that CanCare's service would expand at a faster pace to meet the needs of the Chinese community. In addition to providing direct support and care for individual clients, a stronger emphasis would be placed on skilling up our team of voluntary workers and preparing more Christians who are passionate about caring for cancer sufferers and their families/carers. After much planning and deliberations, the CanCare Committee made a major decision to engage our very first paid worker - a part time Training and Development Officer in late 2010. This has greatly enhanced CanCare's capacity in meeting the demand for training from other churches and voluntary workers on some highly specialized areas including support for cancer sufferers and life and death education.

Three years into its service, CanCare has grown beyond any of the Committee members' expectation and we cannot stop praising our Lord for His provisions and guidance in the CanCare ministry. Apart from individual client support and running of the monthly support group meetings for cancer patients and their families, CanCare had delivered a number of programs and initiatives in 2010 and the following are some of the highlights:

Information Sharing & Improving Awareness

A series of information sessions aimed at improving the Chinese community's awareness and understanding of cancer and its management was delivered in 2010:

- On 10 May Dr Thomas Ng, Senior Specialist - Tissue Pathology of Westmead Hospital, Associate Professor - University of Western Sydney and the Vice Chairperson of CanCare Centre delivered a talk on the Early Diagnosis of Cancer for the CABC – West Ryde. Around 60 people attended the session.
- On 20 July Dr Thomas Ng delivered the same talk on the Early Diagnosis of Cancer for the Burwood Presbyterian Chinese Church. Around 60 people attend the session.
- On 21 August Dr Mark Wong, Senior Lecturer of the University of Sydney & Consultant Medical Oncologist at Westmead Hospital delivered a talk on The Secret of Longevity (長壽的秘訣) at St Philip's Anglican Church Eastwood. Over 150 people attended the public meeting.

Volunteer & Carers' Training

An integral part of CanCare's service - the provision of direct support for individual clients is made possible through the tremendous commitment and effort of the team of voluntary workers, who are all passionate in caring for cancer patients and their family members/ carers. In 2010 we delivered:

- In June Dr Thomas Ng and Pastor Jackie Chan – the Vice Chairman and the Training and Education Officer of CanCare delivered the Life and Death Education Program, a course that consists of four interlinked sessions, to 56 of our volunteers and carers.
- In July the same program was delivered to 35 of our brothers and sisters at the Hebron Chinese Alliance Church.
- On 23 May, Pastor Jackie Chan shared a message on care and support (憐恤人的人必蒙憐恤) at the Auburn Baptist Church.
- On 26 June Pastor Jackie Chan helped 30 Christians from the Evangelical Free Church of Australia explore the questions that people raise at times of great suffering (苦難中的問號).
- On 7 November Pastor Jackie Chan and CanCare's Training & Development Officer, Ms Aileen Wong, provided a training session on how to care for and support seriously ill people (病榻旁的天使) at the Northern District Chinese Christian Church Sydney. Around 55 people attended the session.

Celebrations & Other Exciting News

CanCare held its Thanksgiving Annual Dinner on 17 February and celebrated its third birthday with some 80 voluntary workers/guests. It was a wonderful way to express our sincere thanks for their continuous support for our ministry; and to count the blessings from our Lord that CanCare's services are reaching out to more people - to those who are in need of support and to those who have never had the opportunity to hear the gospel and experience God's love.

In early February 2010 some of the CanCare Committee members and voluntary workers were filmed by the Shower of Blessings (恩雨之聲) production crew from Canada. The 30 minute film was aired in September 2010 in Sydney, America, Hong Kong and some other countries/cities. The film has helped to promote CanCare's work and attract more community interest in supporting and participating in the ministry.

Financial Position

As at financial year ended 30 September 2010, we recorded a net income of \$15,442. We greatly appreciate the donations received in 2010 and in the previous years. In addition CanCare has been successful in gaining funding of close to \$3,000 from the NSW Cancer Council, which is an important reflection of its service and the contribution that it makes in supporting cancer patients and their carers. The funding will be utilized in 2011 to fund some public meetings to increase the general Chinese community's understanding of cancer causes, prevention and management approaches and one life and death education program for cancer patients and their families/carers. For details of CanCare's financial position, please refer to the audited financial statement.

In summary CanCare had made numerous achievements in 2010. Thanks to God for the successful completion of a number of activities and programs in the year and the results have been most encouraging. We will continue to trust in God in his provisions and guidance in accomplishing the important ministry that God has entrusted to us.

On behalf of CanCare, I would like to thank the Hebron Chinese Alliance Church, Westmead, other churches, donors and organizations for their great support. I would also like to thank our Committee members and volunteers who have selflessly given their time and energy to serve in the organization. Your continuous support will always be valued and integral to our work. As CanCare grows to assist an increasing number of clients, it will recognize the challenges that it faces and be prudent in its service planning and delivery.