Engineering & Construction Evangelical Fellowship Chairman's Report - 2010/2012

1. Introduction

This is the first Chairman's Report of the Engineering & Construction Evangelical Fellowship (ECEF). Thanks to the grace of God, ECEF was formally established in November 2010. Our vision is "Let's build the Kingdom of God in the industry" and our missions are "Practice Faith", "Preach Gospel" and "Promote Platform". Our motto is "If the Lord is not helping the builders, then the building of a house is to no purpose: if the Lord does not keep the town, the watchman keeps his watch for nothing. (Psalms 127:1)".

To advance our missions, under the guidance of God, ECEF has organized various types of functions and events including gospel dinner, prayer meeting etc. and launched various initiatives including construction of website, publication of newsletter, regional networking, site ministries, partnering with universities and ECEF sponsorship since the establishment.

2. Board of Directors

The first Board of Directors comprises eleven (11) members. Board of Directors meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis. Many thanks to the Cultural Regeneration & Research Society in lending their office space for our Board meetings.

Board of Directors (1 Nov 2010 – 30 Apr 2012)

Chairman: Shum Chun Kin, Anthony

Vice Chairman: CHAN Chi Chiu Secretary: TANG Yu Tin

Treasurer: CHAN Hing Chuen, Mark Board member: TANG Kam Fai, Keith

KEUNG Kwong Wing, Stanley

FAN Yeuk Hon, John

YEUNG Chung Ki, Jacky
LEUNG Tsz Yeung, Clifford

LIANG Pui Kay, Patrick

LI Chi On, Alex

3. Advisors

To provide guidance and advice to ECEF, five pastors were invited to be advisors of ECEF including Rev. Kiven CHOY, Dr. Thomas In-Sing LEUNG, Rev. Tak Hong MAN, Rev. Patrick SO and Rev. Ricky YUNG.

4. Membership

During the inception and registration period, twenty-three (23) brothers and sisters were willing to support the establishment of ECEF as Founding Members. Up to now, there are sixty-two (62) Full Members including the Founding Members and eleven (11) Associate Members. To encourage more members to become life members, a discount of up to a maximum two previous year membership fee would be offered on the life membership fee when a member applies for life membership.

5. Part-time Staff

After the establishment of ECEF, it was found that the workload among the Directors was heavy. Therefore, a part-time staff, Miss Sania Bao has been employed as Development Officer since 10 Oct 2011 responsible for matters relating to the administration and development of ECEF. She also provides support to and work with the Directors on various events and initiatives.

6. Financial Status

ECEF has been maintaining a healthy financial position since establishment. All our income came from membership fees and offerings. The accounts of ECEF for the period up to 31 December 2012 have been audited and details of the financial status are provided by our Treasurer in a separate report.

In order to apply for exemption under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap.112), an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held in the evening of 16 Aug 2011 to pass a special resolution in respect of certain amendments to the Articles of Association. Twenty-two (22) members participated at the EGM together with 2 signed proxy forms.

With effect from 16 August 2011, ECEF is entitled to exemption under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, i.e. exempted from all taxes payable.

7. Events

A Christmas Celebration Dinner was held at Hopewell Centre on 2 Dec 2010 which was jointly organized by the Association of Christian Accountants (ACA) and ECEF. More than 450 persons joined the event who occupied 38 tables. Mr. Paul Chan of ACA and our Vice Chairman Mr. CC Chan gave testimonies at the dinner time and Mr. Patrick Yuen of ACA gave sermons at the end of the event.

On 24 Feb 2011, an Inaugural and Thanksgiving Ceremony & Dinner was held at the World Trade Centre Club, Causeway Bay to celebrate the establishment of ECEF. More than 200 guests joined the event. Ms. Eva Cheng, the Secretary for Transport and Housing, gave testimony at the beginning of the ceremony and Rev. Gordon Siu gave sermons and blessed the first Directors at the end of the event.

On 30 Sep 2011, an evangelistic dinner with a theme of "HOME" organized by ECEF was held at Palace Restaurant, the Metropolis Mall, Hung Hom. About 400 persons joined the event. Mr. Edward Yau, the Secretary for Environment gave his testimony and Rev. Patrick So gave sermons to the attendees. It was recorded that 5 persons were willing to believe in Christ at the event.

To advance our mission of "Preach Gospel", ECEF had organized other gospel events apart from the abovementioned large scale evangelistic functions. Dr. Daniel WU was invited to give a talk with a topic "The Revelation of the Year of 2012 (2012 年的啟示)" at an evangelistic meeting held in the evening of 20 Oct 2011. More than 50 persons participated and one of the non-believers was willing to believe in Christ.

The regular prayer meetings were held monthly and the venue was normally at Spring Church, JD Mall, Jordan, Kowloon. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Ricky Yung of Spring Church for his continuous support to ECEF.

Some prayer meetings were held with talks conducted by guest speakers in different themes, including the following:

Date	Special Topics in Prayer Meeting	Speaker or Organization
15 Mar 2011	Sospel Works in Construction Sites	
		Ministries
14 Apr 2011	1 Transformation in Workplace (職場轉 Barbara CHAN	
	化)	

21 Jun 2011	Preach the gospel in our workplace (在	Patrick YUEN of HKPES
	職場上傳講福音)	
16 Aug 2011	Mission in Business (職場即禾場)	Daniel Institute
15 Nov 2011	Gospel Spread via Web TV(網上電視傳	Harmony Channel
	福音)	
13 Dec 2011	From Engineer to Pastor	Joseph LEE
20 Mar 2012	Gospel Works in Construction Sites	E K LEE of Jubilee
		Ministries

8. Communications

The ECEF official website (www.ecef.org.hk) was launched in February 2011. It provides a platform for communication between ECEF and our members as well as the public. The website contains information of events, Chairman's message, our vision & mission, motto, details of Directors and Advisors, information of membership and prayer items. The information is updated regularly so that website visitors may know the latest status of ECEF.

In addition to website, ECEF newsletters are published on a regular basis. The first issue of newsletter was published in Feb 2011 and the second issue of newsletter will be published in early 2012.

The Angel's Heart magazine August 2011 edition reported on the establishment of ECEF, with interviews of our Vice Chairman Mr. C.C. Chan and me.

9. Regional Networking

In the ECEF cell group registry, there are around 30 cell groups. The regional networking is introduced for sharing resources and supporting each other in the same region.

For example, a seminar related to family issue was carried out at lunchtime at Ho Man Tin and members of different cell groups in the same district were invited to attend.

The regional networking is being implemented at different stages which are shown as follows (Stage 1 being more advanced):

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Ho Man Tin:	Shatin:	Island East:
CEDD 1 - Wed Cell	AECOM	CEDD 3 -HKI&I Cell
CEDD 2 - HOPE Cell	MTR1	Gammon
Housing Department	MTR4	Dragage
Highways Department	WSD 2	
	TST/ TSTE/Hung Hum:	
	ArchSD 4 (APB)	
	Atkins	
	CEDD 4 -NTE Cell	
	CEDD 5 -KDevO Cell	
	Sino	
	DSD2	
	Admiralty/ Wan Chai:	
	ArchSD 1	
	ArchSD 2	
	ArchSD 3	
	DSD 1	
	DSD 2	
	EPD	
	WSD 1	
	WSD 3	

Two sharing meetings with cell group coordinators were held on 19 Jul 2011 and 25 Feb 2012 respectively. Participants shared the views on collaboration among cell groups for regional gospel work, development of regional networking, etc. Ideas raised by the cell group coordinators provided some very good points as basis for improving the regional networking initiative.

10. Site Ministries

Starting from Aug 2010, an active ECEF member, Ir. Alan Wong, set up a cell group in his construction site at Tung Chung with the support of Jubilee Ministries.

Discussions with Jubilee Ministries revealed that there were good synergies between the two organizations in advancing gospel work at construction sites. Through partnership, ECEF provided connection and network of construction sites, while Jubilee was responsible for supporting the establishment of cell groups and running the gatherings.

Up to March 2012, five site cell groups have been successfully formed. Details of the cell groups are as follows:

Site	Project / Location	The First Gathering Date	No. of New Believers
1	Tung Chung Slope	7-Aug-10	37
2	DSD / HATS / Cyberport	28-Feb-11	2
3	Lamma Island	23-Mar-11	14
4	Kai Tak	11-Apr-11	20
5	Pillar Point	4-Jan-12	Nil
Total			73

11. Partnering with Universities

The purpose of the partnering with universities is to let the Christian students, who are studying in engineering & construction subjects understand the gospel work in the industry such that they are inspired and motivated to preach gospel in the workplace in future.

At the beginning stage, Hong Kong Campus Crusade for Christ (HKCCC) in Hong Kong Polytechnic University was selected to form partnership. A visit to cell group gathering at Cruise Terminal project was arranged for the Christian students in Feb 2012. More partnering activities will be organized in the future.

12. ECEF Sponsorship

ECEF Sponsorship was launched in May 2011 which was used to provide financial support for our members (including Associate Members) to study in theological seminaries in full time basis. It also aims to encourage members to serve in any Christian organizations in full time basis after completing the studies.

Up to now, there is one successful applicant who has been awarded the sponsorship.

13. Community Services

The community services initiative aims to provide a platform for Christians in the industry to serve the community and preach gospel while serving. A plan has been prepared and is expected to be implemented in the near future.

14. Conclusion

Praise God for His guidance to the development of ECEF in the reported period. We pray that God will continue to lead us in the future. May His name be glorified in our industry.

I'd like to thank for the support of the Board of Directors during the term of my chairmanship. I also would like to thank our advisers, members, cell group coordinators, associated organizations, event speakers and guests of honour for their encouragement and support.

Let's be united in the Spirit to build the Kingdom of God in our industry under His guidance. May His grace and mercy be with you always!

Shum Chun Kin, Anthony

Chairman, ECEF