

Lawlessness has indeed increased at the end time. As the Liberal Party has legalized recreational marijuana for ages 19 and over since October 17th, 2018, many parents are alarmed. While “Canada” has become “Cannabis”, no one can guarantee that the next generation will be able to remain pure and sober in God, school campuses, and social circles and not conforming to or becoming stolen, killed, or destroyed by the corrupt world.

But thanks to God, for He has given us a spirit of not fear but power, love, and self-control! He wants us not to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by renewing our minds, submitting to God, and resisting the devil. In order to resist the drug crisis, the Dawn Sanctuary Fellowship (DSF) has been established on October 25, 2018 in Surrey as a “city of refuge” for women suffering addictions.

We have been inspired by our Lord, who under the banner of love had calmed the storm and crossed the sea to set the demon-possessed Gerasene free. He also took specific initiative to find the Samaritan woman to give her the Living Water. Every outcast

is precious in the eyes of the Lord, who seeks and rescues personally. Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

We call out hereby with this special report to the families of addicts of Greater Vancouver: the Lord sees your suffering! One addict affects the whole family. The addicts bound by long-term addictions have given up on themselves, while their families bound by long-term suffering have also been driven into despair and panic, yet please believe, whether the addicts or their families, that the Lord can rescue, even transforming from consumers to servants, everyone who takes refuge in Him.

Although lawlessness is increasing, Greater Vancouver Christians is not letting their love grow cold but enduring to the end by faith. With faith-based addictions rehabilitation principles and experience of Operation Dawn from the past 40 years, DSF helps female addicts overcome sin and pass out of death into life.

MISSION

1. Holistic recovery
2. Supportive fellowship
3. Equipping God's workers
4. Community service
5. Evangelism

Faith-Based Withdrawal Approach (12 - 18 months)

- ✓ As model of God's salvation grace, free all-inclusive rehabilitation programme covering accommodation, meals, education, training, and counselling
- ✓ Basis on neither medical therapy nor personal exertion but totally the Word of God - Holy Bible
- ✓ Holism - bio-psycho-social-spiritual rehabilitation

1. **Biological**: Detoxification and recuperation with disciplined and structured daily programme schedule
2. **Psychological**: Withdrawal and recovery by replacing desire for drugs with new desire for and relationship with God
3. **Social**: Learning social skills through fellowship to rebuild broken relationships and reintegrate into society
4. **Spiritual**: Develop lifelong personal relationship with God and church through Bible study, worship, devotion, prayer, and fellowship

VISION

“The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the work of darkness and put on the armors of light., ... Put on the Lord Christ Jesus, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.” - Romans 13: 12, 14

Life renewal and character reform:

1. Repentance from sins in Christ; Bio-psycho-social-spiritual rehabilitation
2. Hearing and practicing the word of God; Submitting to the Holy Spirit and the truth
3. From consumers to servants and disciples of Christ

Rehabilitation for holistic recovery:

1. **Bible training:** Promoting introspection, repentance, discipline, and applications through studying the truth and accounts of the lives and characters of Jesus and other biblical figures
2. **Music training:** Worship with electric piano, ukulele, ocarina, and singing
3. **Life skills training:** Cooking, sewing, and gardening
4. **Discipleship training:** Equipping future coworkers for women's addiction rehabilitation ministry

“For I was **hungry** and you gave me food, I was **thirsty** and you gave me drink, I was a **stranger** and you welcomed me, I was **naked** and you clothed me, I was **sick** and you visited me, I was **in prison** and you came to me.” “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to **one of the least** of these my brothers, **you did it to me.**” (Matthew 25:35-36, 40). DSF is a “**city of refuge**” for the addicts of this generation.

Our first client Megan came from Hong Kong. She arrived in Operation Dawn Taiwan on 24 September, 2018 where she passed her most challenging first month of withdrawal. As her Taiwan visa only allowed her to stay for one month, she must depart from Taiwan before 25 October, 2018. Thanks to the Lord, Canada approved her e-visa on 24 October, 2018, the very last day before her deadline, and her mother was able to bring her to Vancouver on 25 October, 2018.

DSF was more than ready to receive Megan with joy and hope. “We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).

We praise God for His loving kindness and mercy bestowed on Megan. Megan and two of us coworkers have been experiencing God’s power and faithfulness at DSF ever since then.

STATISTICS

- ① **The secular medical and correctional withdrawal methods are associated with an 80% relapse rate. In contrast, by the faith-based treatment approach of Operation Dawn, which is the sister organization of DSF, up to 60% of clients who completed the full 18 months treatment programme remain drug-free. With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). All things are possible for one who believed (Mark 9:23). The righteous shall live by faith (Romans 1:17b).**

- ② **Among over 100 Operation Dawn worldwide coworkers, 80% are alumni of the Disciples Training Centre of Operation Dawn of Taiwan. From holistic corruption to holistic recovery, consumers to servants, and addicts to disciples of Christ - What glorious transformations indeed!**

DSF is a “City of Refuge” for Addicts (Numbers 35:6, 9-15, 22-29, 32; Deuteronomy 4:41-43, 19:1-13; Joshua 20)

God had ordered Moses to set apart six **cities of refuge** - three beyond the Jordan River and three in the land of Canaan.

“These six cities shall be for refuge for the people of Israel, and for the stranger and for the sojourner among them, that anyone who kills any person without intent may flee there” (Numbers 35:15). “For he must remain in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest, but ... may return to the land of his possessions” (Numbers 35:28). DSF is this very **“city of refuge” for addicts who have killed themselves unknowingly with their substance abuse** so to speak to where they can flee to **rebuild their identities in Christ**.

At DSF clients may have the opportunity to learn to confess their sins, repent, and rely upon the Lord, and through **“abiding in Christ”**, become no longer condemned but dead, buried, and resurrected with Christ. The Hebrew names of the six cities of refuge carry great spiritual implications, according to **《“Cities of Refuge”**, Shi Xin Lin, Christian Life Quarterly, Volume 52》 : Bezer - **rock**, Ramoth - **highland**, and Golan - **joy** east beyond the

Jordon (Deuteronomy 4:43, Joshua 20:8), and later Kedesh - **holiness**, Shechem - **arm**, and Hebron - **friend**, in the land of Canaan (Joshua 20:7), which are the images of the spiritual journeys of the DSF clients: The Lord Christ Jesus becomes their **Rock, Highland, Joy, Holiness, Arm, and Friend!** The Lord Christ Jesus is the DSF clients' "**City of Refuge**"!

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. Though once a drug abuser since the age of 15 for 10 years, Operation Dawn Chief Executive Director **Rev. Simon Man Wo Lau** has now served in the Christian addiction rehabilitation ministry for nearly 40 years! Rev. Lau was saved and called by the Lord during his rehabilitation at Operation Dawn Hong Kong between his ages of 25 and 33. Once he became clean and sober, Rev. Lau with his newly wedded wife Mrs. Li-Ming Li was sent by Rev. Paul Chan to Taiwan to begin his Christian addiction rehabilitation ministry in September, 1984. Operation Dawn Taiwan Foundation has been established since August 1989.

Since then, the international Operation Dawn ministry has expanded to, in chronological order, China, Thailand, Myanmar, USA, Canada, and UK. Over 6000 addicts and their families have been reached and helped by Operation Dawn over the past 40 years. Rev. Lau had received in Taiwan in 2013 the 7th Presidential Culture Award and in 2017 the 1st Yu-Lin Lin Award for Outstanding Contributions to Taiwan of \$30,000,000NTD, which he donated entirely back to Operation Dawn Taiwan.

Rev. Lau himself is indeed a living testimony to the power of the gospel of God!

Following the footsteps of Jesus calling out to His disciples: **“Come and see”** (John 1:39), Operation Dawn Chief Executive Director Rev. Simon Lau eagerly calls on us to pay a visit at the Operation Dawn headquarter in Taiwan. He wishes to exchange with all interested observers the past 34 years of proven experiences of faith-based addiction rehabilitation. Glory to

God! We believe that all who visit Operation Dawn would not help but resound with us this great praise to God.

You will witness how clients of the 8 Taiwanese rehabilitation centres courageously grapple with and crucify their addictions and grow together in their personal relationships with the Lord as they study God's Word and pray to Him with their knees on the ground during the morning devotional time. You will experience their deep brotherly love and devotion to one another and the Lord's presence among them as they carry one another's burdens. They are indeed new creations in the Lord who "put on new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:24).

The gentleness, humility, faith, discipline, and diligence of the coworkers of the administrative headquarter, 80% of whom are alumni of their very own Disciples Training Centre, are indeed testimonies to that "Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16)! From holistic

corruption to holistic recovery, consumers to servants, and addicts to disciples of Christ - What glorious transformations indeed!

The exhausted, grieved, angry, yet perseverant faces of those in the Family Care Fellowship group were unforgettable. Among them seeking help had been a father bringing his daughter-in-law and grandson for his son, 2 sisters rushing to the fellowship right after work for their brother over 50 years old, and helpless parents that had to sell their home for their addicted son. Truly, one addict affects the whole family! From the bondages by addiction and familial suffering, there is salvation in no one other than the Lord! Helping one is helping all!

When drugs enslave addicts with their evolving sugar coats to the endless bondage of indulgence, lust, self-centredness, mental disorders, and broken relationships, the vision and mission of DSF is to dwell with them in Christ 24/7 with love and patience, guiding them to conform to the character of Christ -

gentle, humble, faithful, disciplined, and diligent. The Lord's love was, is, and will ever be greater than any sin. **Satan** steals, kills, and destroys with drugs, but **Christ** guards, protects, and shepherds with His truth and Spirit all who are willing to seek and put faith in Him. DSF is a "city of refuge" for the addicts of this generation.

Thanks to God, the Operation Dawn Canada addiction rehabilitation centre for men has been established in Toronto since 2004 for 14 years, and the DSF rehabilitation centre for women in Surrey since October 25, 2018. Since then there is one client who is currently staying, and others in the application process. The DSF coworkers Ruth Lin (604-7168613) and Linda Lin (778-8799331), all have received the Lord's special calling to fulfill His will in this women's addiction rehabilitation ministry.

The corrupt world is testing the faith, love, and determination of you and me, but the righteous shall live by faith. DSF will not only continually walk with our residents, but also report their

progresses to their family members, whom we will also lead in prayers towards the refuge and faith in the mighty transforming power of Christ Jesus. The righteous shall live by faith.

Addicts, families, and churches, you are more than welcome to call us any time at your convenience! Let us walk with you the miles of your rehabilitation journey! Let us “rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15)! Let us together pass through the Valley of Baca (weeping) and make it a spring covered with blessings (Psalm 84:6)! Amen!

DSF is here to rescue anyone willing and lead them to become Christ’s lifelong disciples. We call on all Greater Vancouver brothers and sisters: Awake and buy out time! Serve with us with any resource you can offer to rescue any souls!



“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” (1John 4:11)

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