MY BELOVED CHURCH

Hello, I am Rev. Eunsuk Oh and I came to Canada in March 2010. I served the Young Adult Ministry and managed the church administration at Cross Fellowship Church in Burnaby for eight years. In 2018, I was called by God to plant a church and that became My beloved Church in Coquitlam.

My Beloved Church, which started in April 2018, is a community where currently twenty-five people from six families gather to worship. From the beginning of the church planting and until now, God's calling for our church has been in leading non-believers to be saved and to become disciples of Jesus. When I was called to church planting, God led me to think about how there are many Korean churches in Vancouver and many focus on satisfying existing believers with better environment for services and programs. It was regrettable to see the main focus of many Korean churches not being on evangelizing to the non-believers to become disciples of Jesus. With this in my mind, I wanted My Beloved Church to focus on reaching out to the non-believers rather than to focus on the believers switching our church. I found the answer through the ways of the early Church.

Like the early Church, we believe that church is not a building but a community of people, so we consider small group meetings at homes as the most important ministry of our church. Every Friday, we focus on gathering in the small group

meetings at our home, and at the same time, we invite non-believers to the gatherings where we share meals, share God's grace and evangelize. We gather together every Friday in small groups and every Sunday to worship together for the Sunday service. We continue to create opportunities to meet and socialize with the non-believers, help and pray for them when they are in need, and invite them to the Friday small group meetings. Also, we host picnics in parks once or twice a year to invite the non-believers. The picnics give opportunity for the non-believers to experience the church community and for our church members to easily invite people they are evangelizing. Every summer, we run Vacation Bible Camp for children where they can also invite their friends.

Currently, there are a lot of people to gather as one small group, so we are planning to meet as three small groups after the end of the pandemic. There are

two ministers in our church, including myself and Pastor Park Wan-hee, who came to Canada for his studies. He is currently serving the Youth Group Ministry and will be leading another small group in the future. The Youth Group service is being held online every Sunday and we are currently praying for the Sunday School to be established for children.

At the beginning, we used to gather together for Sunday services at an academy on Austin Avenue in Coquitlam. And then, we were able to rent a large house in Coquitlam Centre and set up the basement for our church to gather every Sunday to worship together.

Currently, all services and gatherings are done online during the pandemic.