

海谷通訊

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海谷中心簡介

海谷中心成立於 1978 年，是由一群基督徒及朋友負責組織及推動之不牟利志願團體。中心的宗旨是透過戶外團體活動，推展人與神、人與大自然和人與人的溝通和瞭解。海谷中心的會址位於香港其中一個海岸公園－西貢半島北部之海下灣，該處生長了數十種熱帶珊瑚和不同的海洋生物。海谷中心的房舍和設備，是職員及學員一磚一木建成的，簡樸自然。我們會在秋冬期間進行遠足行山，在夏季則舉辦風帆課程，另外亦會在不同時間舉辦信仰歷奇課程，和每月在市區聚會的團契。

Tolo Adventure Centre, T.A.C., was found in 1978. It is a non-profit making voluntary association run by a group of Christians and helpers. It aims to promote people's relation with one another, with the nature, and with God through outdoor group activities. It is located in the Hoi Ha Marine Park where tropical corals and underwater

lives flourish. Our centre and facilities are simple and natural, hand-built by our staff and guests. We organise hiking in autumn and winter, sailing course in summer, Christianity and adventure based counseling course throughout the year, as well as monthly fellowship in downtown.

活動通告

<u>日期 Date</u>	<u>活動項目 Event</u>	<u>編號 Code</u>
26 / 2 / 2006	風帆同樂日及海谷團契	TAC622SF
4-5 / 3 / 2006	工作營 Work Camp	TAC623W
18 / 3 / 2006	海谷團契 TAC Fellowship	TAC624F
1-2 / 4 / 2006	工作營 Work Camp	TAC625W
16-17 / 4 / 2006	風帆入門班 Level 1 Sailing Course	TAC626S
22 / 4 / 2006	海谷團契 TAC Fellowship	TAC627F
5-6 / 5 / 2006	風帆入門班 Level 1 Sailing Course	TAC628S
20 / 5 / 2006	海谷團契 TAC Fellowship	TAC629F

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海谷團契 Fellowship 26 / 2 / 2006; 18 / 3 / 2006; 22 / 4 / 2006; 20 / 5 / 2006

現今社會充滿紛亂與危機，人生價值難判，對錯是非也很難分辨。基督徒如何在這樣的環境下事奉我們的主，是一個不小的挑戰。「基督徒的時代信念」是未來兩季的團契主題，我們將按聖經的教訓，引用不同經文，探討相關的題目。二月至五月的題目，包括「定意事主」、「教會本質」、「為鹽為光」與「為這城市求平安」。

聚會舉行時間是上述星期六的下午四時至五時半（2月26日除外，當天在海谷中心晚上舉行），地點在海谷職員的家中，費用全免。有意參加者，請於聚會舉行前致電 27888755（電話錄音），或透過海谷中心的電郵

地址（見首頁）報名，提供姓名、聯絡電話號碼、參加人數等資料，中心職員會回覆確實，並告知詳細地點及有關資料。

風帆同樂日 Sailing Fun Day 26 / 2 / 2006

讓參加者輕鬆愉快地享受海上航行之樂，亦會有技術鍛鍊的機會，包括三角航行競賽和速度控制等。活動收費每人港幣一百元正。有意參加的朋友，請填妥以下報名表，然後透過海谷中心的電郵地址（見首頁）寄回，中心職員會回覆確實，在接受申請後會再通知繳費，並告知詳細有關資料。

工作營 Work Camp 4-5 / 3 / 2006 ; 1-2 / 4 / 2006

兩次的工作營，主要重點是維修船隻，為未來的風帆班作準備。我們誠意邀請你，入營幫助維修的工作。中心會安排膳食及交通，收費每天二十元正。有意參加者，請於活動舉行前致電 27888755（電話錄音），提供姓名、聯絡電話號碼、參加人數等資料，或透過海谷中心的電郵地址（見首頁）報名，中心職員會盡快回覆確實，並告知集合時間、地點及有關資料。

風帆入門班 16-17 / 4 / 2006 ; 5-6 / 5 / 2006

即一級風帆訓練班，主要教授駕駛風帆的基本理論及入門技術，使參加者對駕駛風帆有初步的認識。凡完成課程者都可獲頒發本會的一級風帆證書。參加者須年滿 16 歲，不一定要懂得游泳。課程收費港幣 200 元，包括教材、用具、膳食及住宿。有意參加的朋友，請填妥以下報名表，然後透過海谷中心的電郵地址（見首頁）寄回，中心職員會回覆確實，在接受申請後會再通知繳費，並告知詳細有關資料。

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- TAC622SF 風帆同樂日 Sailing Fun Day 26 / 2 / 2006
- TAC626S 風帆入門班 Level 1 Sailing Course 16-17 / 4 / 2006
- TAC628S 風帆入門班 Level 1 Sailing Course 5-6 / 5 / 2006

(請在合適方格內打上✓號或刪除不適合者)

中文姓名：_____ 簡稱：_____

英文姓名：_____ 教育程度：_____

性別：_____ 年齡：_____ 宗教：_____

電話：(手提)_____ (辦)_____ (宅)：_____

電郵地址：_____ 傳真：_____

地址： _____

職業/就讀學校： _____

曾否參加海谷中心課程？ 有 無

若有，請列明年份及課程性質： _____

若無，你從何得知海谷中心的消息： _____

如有意外，請代通知：(姓名) _____

(電話) _____

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文章分享

Collier Newsletter No.39, November 2005

Dear Global Friends

For another year Zimbabwe has lurched from one unbelievable crisis to another. A further election has passed, thousands of people have had their homes destroyed, informal trading has been suppressed, fuel has evaporated and bread now needs far more dough to buy it than to make it! Without doubt, most Zimbabweans are suffering massive hardships, which are exacerbated by the very uncertain future of the country. The long-term economic problems are beginning to affect the ordinary routines of life. Water supplies in some urban areas have virtually dried up, power cuts are increasing, and often the rubbish collection service fails.

It would be unrealistic not to paint this gloomy picture, but there are still some bright spots in this collage of chaos. Zimbabweans continue to struggle gamely against the negative forces which impinge on them, and the Christian community is giving a positive antidote to the depression which threatens society. The churches of Bulawayo showed their Christian concern when a local squatter area was destroyed. 130 people

were taken in by the church to which we belong. These families were housed and fed for several weeks, and some found places to stay in the area. The remnant found themselves dragged from their beds one night by the police, and dumped in a barren area outside the city. Caregivers were then prevented by roadblocks from reaching the displaced persons.

Against this background we have continued to be very busy in our educational positions which we feel are contributing in a small way to the strategic needs of the country for the future. At Petra High School, Pam still heads a lively team of young teachers who are committed to preparing pupils for the local and Cambridge International Examinations. Debating, public speaking and drama are all encouraged. Her position on the senior management team continues to be interesting although time-consuming. Mike's Electronic Engineering Department at the university has had another good year with enthusiastic students and plenty of activity. Chris has now finished his five-year stint as a student, and been offered a teaching position in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. Steve is half-way through the Sixth Form at Petra, and is now the school Arts Captain.

This Christmas will be an exciting one for the family since we shall be travelling extensively. Mike has been granted "contact leave" to visit three universities around the world. These are in Bath (UK), Hong Kong and Qingdao (China). Thus we shall spend December on three continents, and the trip promises a grand reunion of our family and friends.

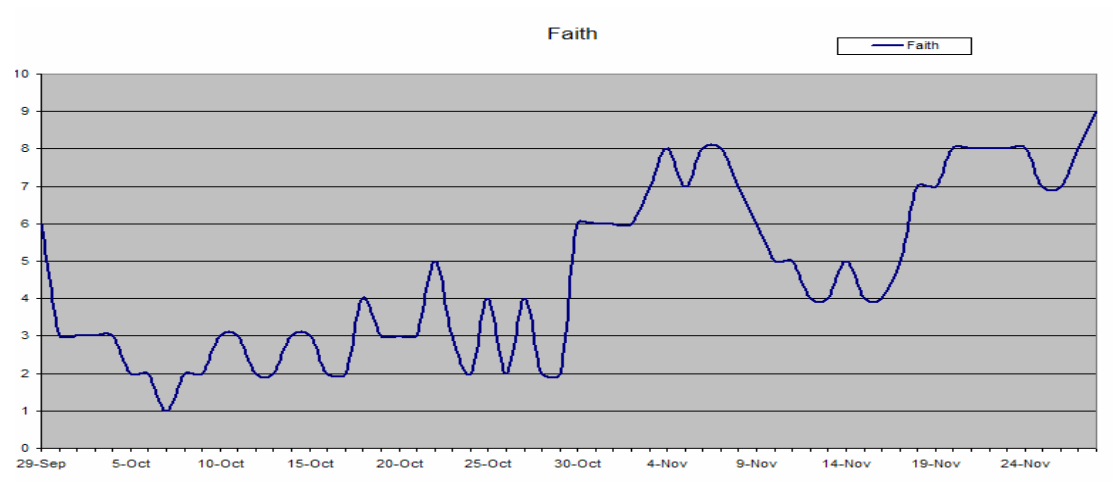
May we wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year in the knowledge of God's great love for us shown at Bethlehem.

With very best wishes

Mike, Pam, Chris and Steve Collier

(Note: Mike is the founder of TAC. Mike's wife Pam helped develop TAC together with Mike from 1978 to 1984. Their eldest son Chris spent his early years in Hong Kong and TAC. Their younger son Steve visited TAC when the family stopped by Hong Kong for several times)

3 Encounters with GOD — Lee



What is this? Sorry it is not the HK HangSeng Index. Rather it is the faith index that I passed through from Sep to Nov 2005. God has involved in it and He has talked to me!

Following my old working company being acquired by another bigger company, I had been very easy starting from May till Sept. Then when the time came which the new company have to decide whether I still will have a job, I am in a stage of uncertainty, which usually made one uncomfortable, unsecured, and uneasy.

Isn't it true that God has promised we will be safe, & secure in His way. But we need to rest in Him; however, it is not the way people usually like to be.

During early Oct, I was being given a job; however the term was not as good as what we needed. I decided to reject it. However, once I did that, my insecurity and uncomfortness started to emerge. And my faith in God had dropped and I was really not in the good mood.

First Encounter!

In late Oct, God had used 2 of my friends to remind me that I should be patient, have peace, and also be calm

in the hand of God. Funny enough, these 2 friends are normal Christian with whom I seldom talk about Christianity. The way God uses angels is usually out of one's thought, but there is always His way.

Not 100% sure if I would work in that new company and having rejected the first offer, I had to go outside to look for alternative. I made an interview with an outside company. It went well but I had to wait for the next round of interview. My mood was still up & down and truly reflected in the faith index.

2nd Encounter!

As planned properly 6 months ago, I led one of the church Sunday services by the end of Oct 2005, in a time which I was in an unsecured, uneasy stage. However, God gave me His comfort through His message.

In Exodus chapter 16, when Israelites departed out of Egypt for just 2 months, they started to murmur against

Moses (and then God) in the wilderness..... for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

God listened to murmurings of the Israelites and gave them Manna, which was the bread the Lord hath given for them to eat.

I asked myself after the church service, why was I murmuring to God? If I was a Christian, why I still felt unsecured, because I was not in hold of my future? Or I was not in a belief that I was, am and will be in God's hand. How little faith I had!

The week after, the company did respond back with a better offer and there was some change that I could not believe they would change, but I believed it was God who changed it! It made me feel I was also getting some Manna after murmurings to God.

After a couple of weeks of discussion further, God gave me another message.

3rd Encounter!

In mid Nov 2005, in another Sunday service, God gave me another clear message on the road ahead and got me think again on what was the achievement of one's own life...through Genesis chapter 12

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram

was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran."

At the same time, the outside company that I had interviewed with was under acquisition and God had closed the door, with no more other alternative.

God has clearly asked me to go and leave my homeland. And the achievement of one's life is not being judged by how many assets you have and how many money you got, as well as how good you are in a company in one's own career. The life achievement is being judged by whether you are having a life of "being blessed" as well as have a life that is "blessing others".

God give me a clear message to go, but what is next is totally out of my mind. I do not know what will be the life in China in the coming year, but I am confident that it is in the hand of our beloved God. And I

believe that there will be Manna; and I believe it will be blessed and God asks me to be a blessing to others...

(Note: The Lee's family has been a long and important support in TAC but they are leaving Hong Kong for Shanghai. Though they will come back during holidays, the TAC family will certainly miss them very much. May we send them our sincere gratitude and warmest wishes in this newsletter.)