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Dear Christian Friends:

As Triumph celebrates its **35<sup>th</sup> anniversary** this year, we are privileged to share with partners like you some of the following life changes that we have witnessed:

[I used to]...be addicted to gambling and would come home getting into fights with my wife. I constantly worried about how I would make ends meet. As my addiction grew uncontrollably deeper, I was in great agony and very miserable. Then I started attending Triumph and my life changed. I tore up all my casino VIP cards and have never returned to the casinos. I thank God for helping me to break free of my gambling addiction.

— A middle aged ex-gambler

I felt stuck and helpless as I put up with a bad job because I couldn't give up the good pay and job benefits. I bit my lip and continued to work, pushing myself until my health began to fail and I experienced severe palpitations. I saw all kinds of specialists and took medications, but I knew the root problem had not been solved. After attending Triumph, there was <u>a miraculous recovery in my health</u> and the palpitations stopped. Then, by God's help I finally found the courage I always needed to give up this unhealthy job of 9 years.

—— A mother of two children

These are some of the people that TCEMC serve, old Canadian Chinese immigrants, Chinese Vietnamese, Taiwanese international students and new immigrants from Mainland China. Among them are the elderly, middle aged persons, youth and even children.

As individuals participate in our ESL classes, Cantonese/Mandarin language exchange, Bible studies, personal counseling and care, they not only receive salvation in Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sins, but also become a new person receiving, through God's miraculous help, freedom from addictions, physical healing, family reconciliation, financial health, renewal, and <u>a life full of purpose, love, joy and peace</u>.

Our church building located in North York is blessed with 69,000 sq. ft. In order to better share the love of God and to serve the community, we have to continually improve our facilities and upkeep the building. Therefore, we are holding our 2023 Walkathon fundraiser at 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. on May 22 (Victoria Day Monday), July 1 (Canada Day), & August 7 (Civic Holiday) to raise \$60,000. Please sign up to be our sponsor today so that we may together complete this good work that has begun in the lives of those around us. For more details, please refer to the attached *Walkathon Sponsor's Response Form*.

Together in His service,

Rev. Alex Lai Senior Pastor

Mr. Jeffrey Ho Chair of Walkathon Organizing Committee







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主内弟兄姊妹平安:

「在信主之前...長期流連賭場...常常與太太吵鬧...長期活在擔憂開支不夠的日子裡...愈來愈沉迷 於賭博中不能自拔...十分痛苦和不開心...現在神已進入我的生命...我已經把所有賭場的會員卡 都給撕掉,之後再沒有到賭場去了,感謝神,<u>祂使我戒賭成功</u>!」

- 中年男賭徒

「我以往的工作使我不覺得快樂,受了很多冤屈,無奈,但又捨不得那優厚的工資和福利, 就只好強忍下去。久而久之,身體大部分都出現毛病,我差不多每一個器官都看過專科醫生。 其中最嚴重的是我的心跳問題,跳得很快,令我感到很不舒服。醫生只能開一些減慢心跳的 藥給我,我覺得只是治標不治本。不過很奇妙地,自從我到教會後,<u>這個病就被神醫治了</u>, 心跳回復正常。同時藉著神的帶領,我終於退出做了九年的工作,以前的我無勇氣能做到的, 現在可以了。」

- 兩個子女的母親

凱歌堂踏入第 35 個年頭,以上是我們教會所服侍的其中一些人,他們有來自香港的老移民、 越南的華僑、台灣的留學生、及中國大陸的新移民,當中有長者、中年人、青少年及甚至小 孩子。

他們接觸了我們教會之後,都透過我們的英文班、粵語/國語班、查經、輔導及關懷,不單只 得著了耶穌基督的救恩,罪得赦免,並且成為一個新造的人,得著父神奇妙的幫助,戒賭成 功,夫妻和好,疾病得醫治,經濟得好轉,心靈得更新,以及人生有愛、有方向、有喜樂、 有平安。

我們座落於北約克區的堂址,室內面積有 69,000 平方英呎,為了更有效廣傳福音及服侍社區, 必須不斷更新設備及加強維修。故此,將今年於上午 9:00 至下午 2:00 在 5 月 22 日(維多利亞 日)、7 月 1 日(加拿大日)、及 8 月 7 日(公民假期)舉行「凱歌同路行 2023」步行籌款,目標為 \$60,000 加幣。有關團體贊助類別及其福利,請參考附上的「步行籌款團體贊助回應表格」, 懇請您鼎力支持!

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