

# City INSIGHT



TCM Kids tubing  
circa 1980s



## Interview with a KIC-er

Francis Zafico, Outreach Worker in St. James Town interviews Tanila\* about Kids in Community.

**Q: How long have you been coming to KIC?**

A: 2 years.

**What is your favourite part of KIC?**

I like playing games with my friends and learning about God, since I don't really get to learn about Him anywhere else.

**Can you recall any fun moments at KIC?**

It's always fun when my friend, Sandra\* and I play slapjack; we always laugh so hard.

**What have you learned since coming to KIC?**

I have learned a lot about God and many Bible verses. I have also learned to always forgive others because Jesus forgave me because He loves me. I know that because He died on the cross for us.

**How have you changed since coming to KIC?**

I read the Action Bible more because before we got our Christmas gifts, I didn't have one.

**What is your favourite story in the Bible?**

I like the story of Noah and the Ark, because I learned that God can give us second chances and I also like animals.



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# Why Sabbath?

By Elita Fung, Outreach Worker - St. James Town

*Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. – Genesis 2: 3*

The account of creation in Genesis 1-2 employs the use of temple imagery. Temples were often dedicated in a seven day period and the last day when the presence of the divine arrived and made his/her dwelling in the temple. The image of God's rest on the seventh day is not one where He kicks up His feet in heaven and dozes off. Instead, it is the image of God moving to earth, to His new holy habitation which He had worked so hard preparing. From the outset, YHWH makes it clear that the whole concept of "rest" has to do with us spending time enjoying God's presence.

*It was simply  
to spend time  
with God.*

This past fall, I had the incredible opportunity to experience an extended Sabbath break. For two months, I was at L'Abri Canada ([www.labri.org](http://www.labri.org)). French for "shelter", L'Abri is a place where people come and live in community, asking questions together about Christianity, and living out the implications of God's presence in our day to day lives. A typical schedule would include eating all our meals together, personal study time in the morning guided by a weekly meeting with a L'Abri worker, tea breaks, as well as afternoons working to upkeep the property.

Instead of going on a Sabbatical to figure out my direction in life, or to recuperate from burn out (or even prevent burn out!), I had the privilege of simply spending time with God. So whether you have a few weeks off or just a Sunday afternoon, remember that there is a God who longs for you and desires to rest His presence with you, not because it will fuel you to do more tasks, but because He delights in your company.

## My Favourite Things

Enos Choy, Outreach Worker in Flemingdon Park asks the kids of Kids in Community (KIC) what their favourite thing about KIC is.



- Jason\* Worship time... and Felicia
- Ashley\* Worship song - I Am Not Forgotten
- Tess\* Worship songs - Fruit of the Spirit & Superhero
- Mo\* Memory verses and earning chocolate
- Delilah\* Learning the Bible verses
- Jessie\* Learning about important things like Bible lessons
- Sheri\* Game time - Ghost Tag
- Allison\* Game time - Tripwire in the Dark
- Kressa\* Arts & crafts - Lollipop flowers
- Daniel\* Spending time with friends



## Welcoming New Staff Members



**Grace Poon**  
Communications Coordinator

Grace brings a wealth of experience in graphic design and brand management. Grace is an active member of Runnymede Community Church and has had the opportunity to use her skills in different parts of the world through trips with her church and Engineering Ministries International. Grace is a long time summer camper and staff member at Laurentian Camp Cherith. When not serving at Toronto City Mission, Grace works as a strategic designer helping startups brand their new businesses.



**Esther Jang**  
Outreach Worker - Flemingdon Park

Esther started at TCM as a volunteer in Jane-Finch in 2013, then God led her to become a summer intern in 2014. God has always tugged at her heart for kids and youth of impoverished families – building deeper relationships and showing God's love was a blessed experience. Esther is a graduate of University of Toronto with an Honours Bachelor of Arts, 2014. She is currently serving in New Hope Fellowship Church (NHF) and is excited to see NHF partner with TCM on a deeper level.

# A Life Transformed

By Zinnia Manipon, Placement Student / Volunteer- St. James Town

I got involved with Toronto City Mission when I became a year-long placement student. As a placement student, my initial goals and motives were to simply complete my hours, acquire the credits in order to graduate, to apply the skills and knowledge I had acquired in school, and make a difference in my community while gaining experience relative to the career path I chose. But little did I know that God had plans to use TCM to transform my life.

I remember how nervous I felt on my first day, worrying about how I would do knowing that it was my first time working with children. But soon, I was met with the kids' welcoming hearts and I felt this warm and tranquil energy that made me feel at ease. As I was young in Christ at the time, I had my doubts about my

abilities to make an impact in these children's lives. I was insecure and I struggled with leadership and getting my voice heard. But just as God appointed the lowly fishermen to become his disciples, I too felt He put me in TCM to overcome my weaknesses and find my purpose.

*Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*

After a few months of working there, I started to feel the incredible influence and passion of my supervisors and the volunteers. Watching them work with the kids made me realize how much I wanted to be just as passionate and influential and I felt God placed them in my life to help mold me into becoming that person. Through their guidance, I found my calling - I want to



constantly improve myself and lead youngsters into becoming the fruits of tomorrow.

After more than a year with TCM, I can say that I am proud to have helped shape the lives of the children I have worked with, but truly, they have made a bigger impact on my life and I will forever be grateful to everyone at TCM for the opportunity they gave me to find myself, my strengths and my passion.

## Congratulations, Felicia!

Outreach Worker, Felicia Fischhoff and her husband, Mike, welcomed little baby Judah Jeremiah Fischhoff to the world on his due date!



JAN 4,  
2015



3:40  
PM



8lb  
3.5oz



## Role Model Mom Graduate

Chara Benson, Outreach Worker (Role Model Mom Teacher) in Victoria Village sits down with Julie\*, a Role Model Mom graduate.



**Q: How many kids do you have?**

A: One girl who is 15 years old

**What subjects are you studying?**

Everything (Math, Social Studies, Reading, Writing, Science)

**What do you hope to do with your graduation certificate?**

I am from China, I wanted to get my GED so that I could improve my English and gain the same knowledge that my fellow Canadians have. It will also help me for my career development, I would like to get into accounting here in Canada.

**How does TCM/RMM encourage you in your daily life?**

When I came to the class I felt very peaceful. I was also able to make new friends and make connections that I wouldn't have had the chance to if I hadn't come. I hope that everyone can value this opportunity and really put the effort into learning as well as gaining a certificate!

**What is your best mom tip or trick?**

Encourage your children to make reading a habit so that they enjoy it as they grow up.

# Perspectives: Kingdom Building



At my one year anniversary as Executive Director, I'm reflecting on what God wants for and from TCM. We know that TCM is called to serve families impacted by poverty, but we must discern how and where God wants us to minister. We responded to God's call to Flemingdon Park and watched as He affirmed us by providing free space within a Toronto Community Housing Corporation townhouse. In the short period we've been running, we have up to 20 kids participating three days a week. Most importantly, we're able to be God's light and witness as we serve the children and families in Flemingdon Park. Praise God!

In St. James Town, we hear God calling us to serve families impacted by poverty in other parts of this community. Through our Teens Leading Community (TLC) program, we are raising up youth leaders with a heart to serve. We are focusing now on what God wants this ministry to look like. We are also exploring a partnership with Youth Unlimited to further equip and direct St. James Town youth through LAUNCH. God calls us to be good stewards so collaboration will be a part of TCM's future. It's about Kingdom building, not empire building.

I remain ever thankful for your support through prayer, time, and financial resources. I'm grateful for the incredible privilege to serve God through TCM's ministry.

Blessings,

*Dave Addison*

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## 2014 at a Glance

**190**  
CAMPERS  
attended  
summer camps

**112**  
CHILDREN  
enrolled in  
KIC

**76**  
STUDENTS  
enrolled in  
EPIC

**19**  
YOUTHS  
enrolled in  
TLC

**64**  
YOUTHS  
enrolled in  
YX & JX

**17**  
MOMS  
received  
their GED

**Did you know?** Our Outreach Workers raise their own salary.  
Support them and donate today!



## Planned Giving

Considering a donation to the Toronto City Mission (TCM) now or in your will? Canada's tax laws have changed, now you can donate any publicly traded stock to TCM. You now get maximum impact for your donation dollar when you donate stock or other valuable securities. The value to TCM is the same, but the value to you can be significant, because you get to skip right over the issue of capital gain. It's a win for you, a win for TCM, and a win for those we are serving.

*"My gift of securities donation to TCM was a win win. TCM gets the full benefit of my donation, while I was able forego paying capital gains tax on the disposition of my stock." - Tim Corney*

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