



January 2012 Happy New Year and Spring Festival!

Dear Family and Friends,

At Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, we see the character for blessing 福 posted everywhere to “invite” blessing in the New Year. Chinese Christians often turn to the beatitudes to remind one another of God’s true blessings. In the coming year, the two beatitudes on the right reflect our desire to have an uncomplicated heart as we call people to reconciliation with God, themselves and others. Below are some recent blessings!



YOU ARE BLESSED! ...

You are blessed when you get your inside world -- your mind and heart -- put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.



You are blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.

- Jesus

Matthew 5:8,9 (The Message)

Macau Mennonite Church Blessings!

In the Anabaptist Way

One of the sisters in our church, Micaela, was baptized as a child when she felt she didn’t really understand. She chose to be “rebaptized”, to testify to her faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.



At both Micaela’s baptism (above) and Derek and Winnie’s wedding, the gathered community was exuberant!



The happy couple Winnie and Derek

Macau Mennonite Church’s first wedding! On December 10, Winnie Cheong and Derek Moore entered the covenant of marriage with George presiding, Pastor Treasure Chow giving the meditation, Pastor Bailey Chow as service leader and others in the church helping with leading worship and the many preparations. Derek is an American whom Winnie met when he served here a few years ago on a short-term team. With Winnie in Macau and Derek in the U.S., George and Tobia did premarital counseling by skype in the months preceding the wedding. Please pray for this couple as they start married life and settle together in Macau.