**Irvington Presbyterian Church** 

Fremont, CA

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Dear Friends,

### **Sundays**

Bible study 8:45 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

(Nursery and Children Sunday School During Service)

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The beginning of a new year is a time to look forward to a renewed sense of purpose and devotion to Christ. As your pastor, it is also a time to reflect on all that I am thankful for these past three years. The time and effort

spent on new classrooms and a nursery have not only exemplified the ideals of service, but have also inspired me. At the Monday morning breakfasts, you have provided me the opportunity to meet new people some of whom I have provided with pastoral care. Thank you for helping me welcome new people to our church and for providing a great staff with which

to work. I appreciate your patience and understanding as we try new ways to reach those who haven't been connected with church or God for a while. Thank you for allowing me to serve alongside you for almost three years.

I am very excited that Stephanie Yamada joined our staff as Director of Children and Family Ministry. Families and children in our community are of utmost importance to the continued growth and stability of our church. Stephanie would welcome your volunteerism in her ministry as we become more involved in the lives of our children and families.

Pat Jeffries has volunteered to lead a search committee that will recruit a new worship leader who will be compatible with our present church and be welcoming to those not here yet. Please keep this committee in your prayers.

Looking ahead in 2017: Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st. Life Groups for Lent will start then. My sermon series in January will be about sheep based on John 10. There are many lessons to be learned from the metaphor of shepherd, sheep and border collies. I hope it will be fun for you. Invite your sheep-loving and dog-loving friends and neighbors to join us.

I am honored to have your continued faith in me and grateful to be your Pastor. Let us have a wonderful year as we work together in Christ.. "For the body is not one member, but many." 1Corinthians 12: 14.

On a personal note, thank you for your generous Christmas gift.

Pastor Larry





# MUSIC MINISTRY - Daniel Khuc



2016 was a year full of many events and new changes in the life of our church, inside and out. The chancel looks a lot different than it did one year ago, with new band members and new musical equipment replacing the familiar setting we were accustomed to seeing. As my family recently pointed out to me, it is even more dramatic for those who have not witnessed the small steps being made each week. This has also been a trial period as we implement a program that would be pleasing to all and attract more visitors.

Often I found it difficult to appreciate the journey while taking part in it. For me, the year appears as a blur. In our music ministry, we sometimes felt that we were not progressing at the speed we would



like. During those times I was encouraged by knowing that God works in His own time, not ours. "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Ecclesiastes 3:11

With each new year, we are given an opportunity to review the past and look forward to anticipated changes in the coming year. Just like your typical, stubborn New Year's resolution, the goals of the music ministry are more familiar than ever. We seek to lead service with a spirit of unbound-

ed joy, offering our talents as a living sacrifice to God. Before the music comes out from our voices and instruments, it must first come from a heart of worship. Worship is the heart going up toward God in gratitude and thanksgiving for all that He has done. We acknowledge God for who He is, what He has done; and in particular, that He has saved us, redeemed us and given us eternal life. Music is a means to express worship. "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Romans 12:1

By joining our hearts with the beauty of sound, we give voice to our faith through the art of music. Music soothes, excites, challenges and unites us in ways in which words alone cannot. Through our hymns and acclamations, the singing of our choir and the sounds of our instruments, music enables us to touch the very mysteries of God as we unite in prayer.

During this time of change in our church, nation, and world, we also hope to be a source of continued inspiration and resiliency by pointing our worship each week towards the unchanging character of God. We cannot rely on the strength of man, but are fortunate to serve a powerful, everlasting God. Many thanks to all those who have supported the music ministry and choir throughout 2016. With the search for a new Worship leader who will also lead music ministries, we anticipate a great 2017. With growth comes challenges and one of the challenges we face is to stay focused on the goal of pleasing God by having worship through music first come from the heart. "...but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord." Ephesians 5:18-19

Music is a gift from God. It is a common grace that is for everyone.

## SESSION NEWS & NOTES - Ron Fong

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts, and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ." (1Corinthians 12:12)

God brought us together from different nations, walks of life and generations to be part of his family here at IPC. He gave each of us gifts to use for the common good in this living organism that is our church. Though our gifts, backgrounds and personalities vary, we are one in Christ. Another vital organ that make up this body is Buildings and Grounds.

Building and Grounds is the skeletal system. They report to Sessions and is the function that keeps our buildings roofed and painted, plumbing functional, water from the underground well flowing, our lovely grounds landscaped and free of gopher mounds. The sanctuary was repainted and decked with new carpets. Classrooms were upgraded and the front walkway is being remodeled and adorned with flowering plants. Projects in the near future include repaining the parking lot and installing new signage. Elder David Wegener heads this ministry.

The December 14, meeting opened with reading from Colossians 4 and opening prayer. Here Paul continues his account of the duty of masters. He exhorts to the duty of prayer and to a prudent and decent conduct towards those with whom we converse. He closes the epistle with the mention of several of his friends, of whom he gives an honorable testimony. Our prayers asked God for help and guidance for our new Session, our 2017 Budget and prayers for outgoing Elder Lynnette Ariathurai. Pastor Larry thanked the current session for their faithful service in 2016.

The business portion of the meeting started with approval of Session minutes from the November meetings and a correction of the December 4 congregational meeting minutes. A joint meeting is planned with the Deacons on January 22, to help define the areas where they need help and support in the coming year.

Several motions were approved. The 2017 budget with projected income of \$279K, expenses of \$351K and a deficit of \$71K was unanimously passed. A motion was approved to remove six members, three who are now worshipping elsewhere and three who have relocated to other areas, from the active church membership. The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for February 26. The agenda for this meeting will be to elect corporate officers, elect at-large members of the nominating committee, receive the annual report and affirm the "terms of call". Clerk of Session 2017 will be Mustapha Baksh and Bruce Schlobohm will be Assistant Clerk. Elder Pat Jeffries will head the search for a new Worship and Music Director.

Session did a debrief of the December 4 Congregational Meeting. Overall consensus was that the meeting went well. The question why were there 3 nominations for Elders from the floor was discussed. Session agreed that there was a need for better communication with the congregation and for the nominating committee to widen its search with clear guidelines and descriptions for the positions of Elder and Deacon.

Session closed with prayer with the next meeting scheduled for January 17. 2017.

# **DEACONS' CORNER**

## The Ministry of Compassion and Service - Mary Lou Craig

Deacons gathered in the McKowen Room on Tuesday December 6, for the final meeting of the year. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mary Lou and the minutes of the November meeting were approved as read. Session report was reviewed and the Treasurer's Report was filed for audit. Communion and coffee assignments were reviewed.

God's Word in 1 Timothy 5:3-16 commands the church to provide for its widows when their families are not able to care for them. Luke 10:25-37 directs us to minister to the needs of those in distress. And, Galatians 6:10 calls us to reach out to those in our church body who are faced with unmet needs.

Each year the Deacons use part of their funds to assist in meeting primary financial needs of some

congregation members. This benevolence fund is to meet people's basic needs on a short-term interim basis and is generally used to provide adequate food, shelter, transportation, and help with payment of past due or urgent bills.

This year our Deacons distributed \$2026.03 to individuals and families in need. Several monetary gifts were given to individuals in the congregation who are striving to make ends meet. Personal gifts, special Christmas Cards and plants were also delivered to individuals who needed cheering up. Thanks be to God that we were able to help individuals and families at this time of the year. *Thank you, Deacons, for your generous Acts of Kindness.* 

At the end of December, Colleen Ridley ended her tenure and Peggy Handono resigned from the Board of Deacons. Mary Lou thanked the Board for a job well done this year. Parish assignments will be given at the January 10th, meeting when new Deacons begin their terms. The congregation will be informed of parish assignments in February. The Deacons and Session have a meeting scheduled for Sunday January 22, after worship. Discussion will center on the role of the Deacons and how Session can help them succeed in their functions.

Deacons are actively looking for new members. If you feel that the Lord is leading you in this direction of servitude, contact a member of the nominating committee or any Deacon. The Deacons will also appreciate your help on Sundays to make and serve coffee on the patio or in the Social Hall. Please contact Mary Lou Craig to sign up.

## **Medical Equipment and Supplies**

IPC maintains a limited supply of medical equipment and some supplies including walkers, wheel chairs, shower seats, hand exercisers, stool height extenders, portable toilet seats and stand, rolling walker/seat combo, crutches, and canes. These are available for members and their families. If you need to use any of these items, please contact:

Deacon Joe Di Maggio @ 651 - 1323 or Deacon Moderator Mary Lou Craig @ 656 - 4388

# MISSIONS: THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

On a recent visit as we toured the Port of Richmond and its vicinity, we were reminded of Henry David Thoreau: "It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see." Tucked in a tiny corner of a converted warehouse is the **Richmond Seamen Center** that is home to an evangelical transdenominational maritime mission ministering to over 200 seamen annually. The Mission is headed by Markuu Pelanne whose goal is to provide a "home away from home" for these seamen and share the love of Jesus while they are in port.

IPC started to help fund this mission in1999 when Pastor Paul McKowen's vision for community outreach extended to these men who came into port from around the world. They were provided with a place where they could make phone calls to their loved ones back home, sometimes share a hot meal and when the opportunity arose, he shared the Gospel with them.

Markuu Pelanne, with your generosity, has continued to provide these services to visiting seamen. He would board the ship as soon as the gangway is down, make contact with the crew and personally invite them to the Seamen's Center. Here they are provided reading material, notably bibles in different languages, a telephone for outgoing calls, desk space, a small refrigerator and a microwave



where a guest can quickly thaw and cook a frozen dinner. When we asked Markuu how he is able to share his testimony with complete strangers some of whom know very little English, he replied: "Once I meet a seaman, and get to know him a little, I would ask the seaman if he would like to know my best friend?" When the seaman responds "yes", Markuu goes on to share what Jesus has done for him and why Jesus is his best friend. Most times the sea-

man's curiosity is peaked and Markuu shares his testimony. The friendship continues while the seamen are in port and after they set sail again. Markuu would invite them to his home or take them on a tour, usually to San Francisco, where every visitor wants to have his picture taken with the Golden Gate Bridge in the background. Shopping is another request from seamen. For these purposes Markuu maintains a minivan, which incidentally, he also used to drive us around the port. Somehow driving around with Markuu, the City and Port of Richmond appear much more serene and different from what we read about or listen to in the news. We have a better appreciation for one of his goals, which is, to insure that the visiting seamen remember Richmond as a warm, friendly place to visit.

Back in the center, which is also his office, we learned of his affiliation with 900 Seamen Centers

around the world providing some of the same services. Flipping through picture albums with over 20 years of visiting seamen with whom he came into contact, we were introduced to several who accepted Christ as their savior. Reading letters of testimony we were awed by the work God is doing through Markuu and his ministry. Friendships forged while the seamen were in the port for a very brief time, have continued to blossom some 20 years later.



Some of these seamen have gone on to be "Ministering Seafarer's Missionaries" to fellow seamen.

Thank you IPC for your continued generosity in helping Markuu Pelanne share the love of Christ. We pray that this ministry would continue to bring His Word to these seamen.

## FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE - Stephanie Yamada

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Rev. 3:20

Jesus modeled making connections with people – He met people where they were in life, provided for their needs; and He gave a living example of unconditional love. As followers of Jesus, we plan to do the same. 2016 has been a year of great leaps in Family Ministries at IPC! We have renovat-



ed the classrooms, started a Sunday morning youth program, an early-education program for our Preschool through Kindergarten, and a new children's curriculum utilizing videos and engaging strategies to bring students to Christ. The youth are learning how to serve in morning worship by participating in operating the audio/video equipment and by ushering. Our children also participate in these activities on special occasions. Our church is striving to provide quality, family-friendly programs to bring others into our fellowship of faith. We are dedicated to bringing a relevant and exciting Sunday morning message about Jesus to our children. The

children are happy and excited to be at church learning about their Savior!

Church growth begins when people share about their positive experiences and their friends want to join in as well. The most powerful outreach tool in ministry is a personal invitation. Most families visit a church because another family invited them.

On top of our wonderful Sunday morning programs, we are looking forward to many fun events in 2017. Our Christian Equipping team will be discussing our event calendar on January 8th. Be on the lookout for exciting functions on our church schedule and invite your friends and family to join in!

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God brought us together from different nations, walks of life and generations to be part of his family here at IPC. He gave each of us gifts to use for the common good in this living organism that is our church. Though our gifts, backgrounds and personalities vary, we are one in Christ. Another vital organ that make up this body is the Christian Equipping Ministry.



This ministry grows new parts for the body and is reinvigorated with the addition of Stephanie Yamada, our Youth and Family Director. She has started new programs that provide opportunities to help our families with their spiritual development.

If you would like to volunteer your time and talents to this vibrant and growing ministry contact Stephanie Yamada or call the church office.

# **ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

## Birthday Party for Jesus - Mary Ellen McKowen

Mission Team extends heartfelt thanks to all who contributed gifts and to all who helped make a very successful Birthday Party for Jesus. Forty-two bags with about 140 gifts were delivered to Tri-City Volunteers; and indeed, there was a very happy, grateful response from the worker in charge. She asked for details about where the gifts came from and made sure she had the name and address of the giving organization in order to send an official thank you letter. The gifts were distributed on Monday December 19 at the Children's Toy Christmas Party. *Your generosity brought smiles to many young faces*.













Children's Toy Christmas Party

## Ladies out to Lunch- Betty Blizel

The "Ladies Out to Lunch" group will meet at the Olive Garden restaurant:

Date: Tuesday January 17

Time: 11:15 AM

Location: 39145 Farwell Drive, Fremont Contact: Betty Blizel - (510) 656-2241

## Life Groups for Lent - Pastor Larry

As you all know, Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the season of preparing our hearts and souls for the journey to Easter. Though we do not necessarily practice the re-

moval of things in our lives, our goal is still the same: to create intentional space to bring God into our lives. Like last year, this event will consist of five weeks of small group meetings with some meetings in the afternoons and

some in the evenings to fit everyone's schedule. The weekly sermons will be aligned with the Life Group meeting discussions. Sign-up sheets will be available in February. Additional information will be available in the Sunday Bulletin and this newsletter.

## Eye Glasses - Missions Team

Thirty pairs of eye glasses were collected. These will be sent to Lyons International where they will be cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and distributed to people in low income communities. Thank you for your donations.

## **WEEKDAYS AT IPC**

The Church office is open Tuesday through Thursday each week from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. If you would like to meet with Pastor Larry, you may schedule an appointment by calling the office.

### **Highlights for January:**

January 8 Installation of New Officers
January 10 Deacons' Meeting at 7 PM
Wednesdays Praise Band Practice at 6 PM
Wednesdays ROMEO breakfast at 8 AM
January 8 Family Life Meeting at 11 AM
January 9 & 23 Home Bible Study at 7 PM

January 12 SIS Prayer Group at 4 PM
January 12 Missions Meeting at 5 PM
January 13 Church Alive Meeting at 7 PM
January 17 Ladies out to Lunch at 11:15 AM
January 17 Session Meeting at 7 PM
January 22 Joint Deacons/Session meeting

Email: Irvington.church@gmail.com

## **Church Directory**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Larry Thorson Address: 4181 Irvington Avenue

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Organist and Worship Leader: Daniel Khuc Fremont, CA 94538

Bookkeeper: Jeanette Ollison Phone: (510) 657 3133

Office Manager: Marissa Hughes Fax: (510) 657 7040



**Sunday Bible Study** - at 8:45 AM in the McKowen Room preceding worship.

Contact Richard Craig for details. Studying 1 John 3:16 - 24 to 1 John 4:6 & "Above All, Love" #16

**Women's Bible Study** - Women meet Mondays in the McKowen Room at 9:30 AM. Contact Helen Jorgensen for details. Studying 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians

**Home Bible Study** - Regularly scheduled bi-weekly Bible Classes at Mary Ellen's house on January 9 and 23 at 7 PM. Studying the Gospel of Matthew. Contact Mary Ellen for details.

## **CONGREGATION NEWS**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peter Bade Kimberly Jeffries
Betty Blizel Pat Jeffries
Patti Boyland Alishan Merjanian
Gill Carson Diane McClure
Jonathan Fadner Daxesh Patelia
Johnny Handono Melissa Tulley



Doug and Betty Blizel



Congratulations to:

Premkumar Neerukonda (Prem)

Malini Moses (Rachel)

Nikhil Adhi (Bobby)

Stephen Munnangi

#### Joshua Pulapiti

Our fellow worshippers graduated with MS Degrees from Northwestern Polytechnic University in December. Praise and thanks to the Lord for giving them dedication and perseverance to accomplish their academic goals. Please keep them in your daily prayers as they search for job opportunities.

### **Ordination/Installation of Church Officers**

New members of the Board of Elders and Deacons were

installed during January 8, worship services.

"Jesus we praise and thank You that you have chosen this group to lead our church. We acknowledge only by



Your grace and mercy they can fulfill their promises made. We pray for the congregation to be encouraging and supportive of these leaders. May the Elders and Deacons be generous with their time, talents and treasures as they fulfill the work of their ministries."

#### **Board of Elders**

<b>Class of 2017</b>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<b>Class of 2019</b>
Peter Bade	David Wegener	Kamroon Baksh
Richard Craig	Alexis DiMaggio	Mustapha Baksh
Kathy Jeffries		Pat Jeffries
Bruce Schlobohm		Daxesh Patelia

#### **Board of Deacons**

Mary Lou Craig	Joe DiMaggio	Jenni Pellot
Gillian Carson		Russel Pennelly

### **Memorial services for Dwight Lynn**

Carol Lynn and her entire family would like to thank all who participated in celebrating and honoring the life of Dwight On Saturday December 31.





#### KNOWING YOUR CONGREGATION - Editors

For David Wegener, Jesus, Church and the Bible came as a natural part of his formative years.



David and granddaughter Melissa

Every Sunday, his grandmother dressed him and his three siblings in their "go-tomeeting" clothes and they walked to Sunday school. There, he learned mostly about behavior and got the message that if he did all the "right things," he would go to heaven. That reassurance helped him feel secure until his father's death in 1952. Trying to apply simple reasoning to life no longer worked for David. He became rebellious and lost focus on the future. With help from the Pastor at his church in San Leandro, he went on a guest to find God. In 1958, during his second year in college. David led a group of high-school kids on a trip to the Billy Graham crusade at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. It was during the Rev. Billy Graham's sermon that David finally accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior.

David was born in Minneapolis, Mn. during the Depression. He and his family climbed into their Model A Ford and headed West. As he recalls, "ownership of a Model A was a 'big thing' back then; but it was also a 'small thing' considering the number of people riding in the car. My aunt and grandmother also joined us." There were some notable events for David during the year 1941. He arrived in California, Pearl Harbor was bombed, he turned four and his mother died. After a short stay with relatives in Wisconsin, David and his siblings returned to live with his grandmother in San Lorenzo.

David describes his service to his country: "In February 1960, I received a letter from the President of the US, with Greetings and an invitation to spend two years in the Army. Who was I to disappoint the President? Basic training earned me a one-way ticket to Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, and membership in a battalion headed to Korea to set up Nike Hercules Missile Sites. We were a unit of 132 men stationed 50 miles from any other military base. We were in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by rice paddies. The winters in this location were brutal; giving us ample time to learn about the Korean people and their way of life. I was happy to leave the winters behind. I loved the people." After the army, David worked in computer operations at Lockheed Missile and Space in Santa Clara.

Shortly after the death of his wife in 1998, David opted to church at IPC with one of his two daughters and four of his seven grandchildren. Despite attending many churches in the past, his first membership was at IPC. He cites two reasons for deciding to join a church. First is his love for the IPC family. Second is this passage from the Bible that inspired him: "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house." *Matthew 5:15 NIV.* David felt ready to share with others, the presence of Jesus in his heart.

David has served as Elder for about 10 years. He is currently on his second of a new three-year term and heads the Building and Grounds Ministry. "The grounds, facilities and church are the first things that a visitor sees; and a good first impression is important." His love of people has prepared David well, as he serves his Lord. He exhibits a great deal of understanding and appreciation for our diverse community and congregation. David also volunteers in the Breakfast Program and is a member of the Christian Education Ministry. He states, "bringing God's word to the next generation and having that generation accept the Lord as their personal savior is one of the most important functions of a church." We are all blessed by David's "light".

## MY TESTIMONY

One of the most effective tools we have for sharing our faith is the story of how Jesus Christ gave us eternal life and how He has enriched our lives. The Apostle John wrote, "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard" (1 John. 1:3), testifying about his journey and relationship to Jesus Christ. In this, the second of a 5-part series, an IPC member shares this journey from his journal. The content is minimally edited. We appreciate the opportunity to share with others.

#### WHERE IS ENLIGHTMENT? (Part 2)

"I searched for enlightenment. I tried Philosophy in College. I stared into a persons eyes for hours on end telling them what I was thinking; how I felt this, how I did that, how bad I was. My eyes turned red! I was so good I was rotten!

I had a friend. He and I worked together when I first started at Lockheed in 1959. He was a good person, friendly and pure like me. Somehow our wives became friends also; yet they lived in Ben Lomond and we in Fremont. We didn't see them often; once or twice a year. Suddenly she had cancer. Very bad. She might die. And from this terrible thing a rose grew. A 'light' into the world. A better life. And it shines upon all that know her. She accepted Jesus. We remained friends. We whispered that maybe she's cured. She is cured because she has the 'light'. And it shines on all who know her. Jesus I'm terrible. What doom and despair I see. She invites us to a Couples Conference at Mount Hermon, a religious retreat. Good food, new friends, Christian people. Wow, that's great! But that's that, fun while it lasted. Back to the gloom. Worry, worry, worry.

A year passes and again we are invited to a Couples Conference. Same friends. Wasn't it fun last time! Let's go again. Great; put that weekend aside. Grandma, watch the kids. Wow, it's sure fun leaving those problems. Here we are in Mount Hermon. A beautiful cabin, our friends, good food. What's the subject? Goals!! Oh well, you can't have everything. It's a beautiful location. Sure hate these lectures on goals. Besides he keeps making reference to Christians. I was raised a Catholic and all I got was a beautiful sense of guilt. Forever guilty. Oh well, I know the good Catholics go to heaven. Later I had joined a Protestant Church so I knew it was hell for me (maybe Purgatory)? Oh, oh, time to discuss goals with the people sitting around us. How can I talk to Chaplain Hugh? He believes in his Christ, I know where I'm going.

Darn, more on goals. I don't want anymore worries. To heck with goals. What am I going to list for a goal? How about 'I want a goal'? Dumb, but at least I'll have something on paper. Oh, oh, time to discuss goals again. Turn the chair around. Three handsome young married couples. The guys are in the Air Force. Chaplain Hugh probably talked them into coming here, and they really have beautiful goals. All looking ahead. Wonderful goals. I remember when I was young, I had those same kind of goals. What's my goal? Oh, ahem, 'to find a goal'. I hated even telling them after hearing theirs. They even thought that was OK! I remember I used to be polite when I was young also. I'm sure glad this session is over. Hey, now's time for the evening snack. More good food! Nine-o-clock snack time, then back to the cabin, a little wine, some discussing, then to bed. Hey Andy, how are you doing with goals? Same as me? You couldn't think of much? Just to have a goal. Just to have a goal! How, why? Let me see your paper, here's mine. We both have the same goal. What's going on. How can that be?" . . . . . . (to be continued in February)

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### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Please Note: January 25 is the deadline for our February issue.

All articles are to be delivered by email to: cornerstoneeditors@gmail.com. Cornerstone is the medium to keep your current and past congregation members informed of all activities at IPC.

Your timely submissions are important to everyone.

### **Acknowledgements**

We appreciate the time and dedication of all who submitted articles and provided information for the January issue.

This month's Cornerstone pictures were provided courtesy of:

Dave Wegener ,Ron Fong, Peggy Handono

You play a significant role as we work together in the name of Christ.

A special thanks to Elder David Wegener for sharing his story and to our fellow worshipper for sharing his testimony.

Kamroon and Mustapha Baksh
Editors