

## 華人在西雅圖

西雅圖位於美國西北部，聚居在此的華人估計有數千名。當中，有許多華人喜歡住在唐人街及鄰近的碧近山，不少是來自中國內地、未聽過福音的僑胞。他們來到美國，言語上有困難，大多從事餐館工作。為了生活，他們工作時間長，有些更身兼數職，每週工作六天，週末常要上班，只在週一至週四內才休息一天。也有不少單親家庭，由母親帶著孩子們謀生。對很多人來說，生活是十分困苦的。

西雅圖華人中，未信主的估計超過八成。有些受無神論思想的影響，也有些拜祭祖先和偶像。他們不認識神，未曾聽過主耶穌救贖的福音，也沒有參加教會聚會。西雅圖華人何等需要主耶穌基督的福音！

「許多新移民來到這新地方，除了生活上的各種需要和適應外，加上心靈上許多包袱，未必能馬上適應踏入教會的門，福音中心正好打開方便之門，給他們有機會來接觸福音。」（陳嚴玉珍）



▲ 福音中心門前遊人  
Shoppers



▲ 飲食業朋友 Restaurant Workers

## Chinese People in Seattle

Seattle is located in the Pacific Northwest region of the United States and is now home to several thousand Chinese people formerly from Southeast Asia. Since newcomers prefer to settle among fellow immigrants, they are clustered in Seattle's International District as well as in the nearby Beacon Hill area.

Due to language obstacles, most find low-paying employment at restaurants and with janitorial services. They frequently endure long hours as well as early morning and late evening shifts. Some even juggle multiple jobs. It is "normal" for them to work six days a week, including

weekends, and only take one day off between Monday and Thursday. Single-parent households are becoming more common, and the mothers struggle to raise their children alone. For many, it is exceedingly difficult to make a decent living.

Over 80% of these Chinese are estimated to be unbelievers. Some are atheists while others practice ancestral and idol worship. They are ignorant about the one true living God as they have never heard the Gospel or taken a single step inside a Christian church. The Chinese people in Seattle desperately need the peace only Jesus Christ our Lord can give!

*"New immigrants are immediately faced with a variety of issues, and time is required to adjust both physically and emotionally to this new culture. They may not be comfortable seeking out a traditional church. The Gospel Center is a welcoming place for them to connect with believers and encounter the Gospel."*  
(Eunice Chan)



▲ 兒童與婦女  
Children and Parents