

福音中心的開始

掛招牌準備開張
Hanging up the Sign

神感動人向祂祈禱去做祂的工作，福音中心就是這樣開始的。在1995年十二月的西雅圖華人教會聯合冬令會，一個關於基層傳福音的講座中，神感動了一班來自本地幾間華人教會的弟兄姊妹，從1996年一月開始，每月一次為成立福音中心的異象而禱告，尋求祂的帶領和供給，前後足有一年的時間。

在神奇妙的安排下，我們於1996年十月在唐人街租用了一個地點適中、曾用作賭檔卻已空置十多年的舖位，作書室出售屬靈書籍，在1997年三月正式成立中信西雅圖福音中心。

數年後，因感聚會地方不夠用，我們祈求神賜給我們更大的地方。神的意念是高過人的意念，祂沒有為我們預備另一個地方，反而藉著屋頂漏水，中心內部全遭毀壞，在2004年底把福音中心重新裝修。雖然地方大小一樣，但經過重新間隔後，聚會房間比以前大了一半，地方更為實用。

「讚美主！神為我們預備的，總是超出我們所想所求。在人是無可能的，在神凡事都能。」（陳司徒淑儀）

「福音中心滿載主恩的十年，我要衷心感謝神的帶領、保守及豐富的供應—地點的適當（位在唐人街的中心）及完美的設備。」
（黃林金蘭）



◀ 1997年開幕剪綵
Grand Opening in 1997



The Birth of the Gospel Center

The vision for a Gospel Center began at a joint Chinese church retreat in December 1995. God had been laying the same burden on the hearts of several brothers and sisters from various Chinese churches. Beginning in January 1996, we came together once a month to earnestly pray about establishing a Gospel Center.

In October 1996, by God's amazing provision, we were able to rent a retail space in the heart of Seattle's International District. The space was once used as a casino but had been vacant for 10+ years. The CCM Seattle Gospel Center opened its doors in March 1997 as a Christian bookstore.

After a few years, we had grown and required more meeting space. We began to pray for a larger location, but God's plans are always superior to ours. He didn't simply provide us with another facility. Instead, we discovered that the existing roof had been leaking for some time. The water damage was extensive and required us to completely gut the store's interior. God guided us through a complete renovation of the existing space which was completed by the end of 2004. Though the square footage didn't change, the new layout increased the main classroom's size by 50%.

"Praise God! God has provided for us beyond our hopes and expectations. What seems impossible to man is possible with God who can do all things." (Dora Chin)

"From the depths of my heart, I thank God for guiding and providing for the Gospel Center these past ten years. The Chinatown location is a perfect location and has wonderful facilities." (Florence Wong)



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