

Jesus is the Gift!

Christmas Blessings to you...

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Hi Everyone,

This past year has been filled with so many blessings that I'm not sure where to start! The funny thing is that one of the most wonderful blessings has not arrived yet but is due on the 20th of December. :) If you haven't heard, Amber and I are expecting a baby girl and we're so excited about welcoming this little one into our lives. I know people say that a child changes everything but to be honest, she already has the past 8 1/2 months! I could go on and on in telling you all the preparations that have taken place but what I'd rather tell you is how incredible it is to feel this little baby kicking and moving inside her mommy! It's amazing and I can't help but smile each and every time I feel her move or respond to my voice. I even thought she said "Daddy" at one point but I could have been mistaken. :)



Chang Family



Michael, Amber and baby

With all the baby preparations, it's hard not to think about how special this Christmas is. But can you imagine what it was like 2000+ years ago when Jesus Christ was born? I know how excited I am for my first child to be born but I can't fathom how awesome it was when Christ came on that first Christmas day! They say that a baby will change a couple's life but who would have guessed that God would send a baby to change the world. I'm certainly thankful for both and praise the Lord for the miracle of babies!

Well, we hope that you all have a very wonderful Christmas and that your time with friends and family will be special! Take good care and we look forward to seeing all of you in 2011! God bless.

In Christ,
Michael



Michael Speaking at Firecracker 2010

Michael and his family are passionately dedicated to tennis, family and—most importantly—*their faith*. Each year, Michael speaks extensively to youth, churches, business people, students and athletes with the hope of sharing his faith in Jesus Christ to the world.

In 2010, Michael spoke in these major cities:
Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco and New York

As a result of Michael's participation in the Firecracker event, the Foundation distributed over 2,000 pairs of converse shoes to the following areas:
Uganda, Haiti, Zimbabwe, Mongolia, Guatemala, Mexico and Santa Ana, Southeast LA, Long Beach, California.



James 1:17a "Every good and perfect gift is from above." (NIV)

Michael and Amber's Christmas blessing decided to come early! Little baby girl Lani Chang, was born on December 9th. Welcome precious one — we praise God for new life!



CSL's mission is to introduce people to Christ by using sports as an avenue through which individuals can see, hear, and experience the Christian faith.

CSL Update 2010 -- Caroline Wong Nakata Executive Director

In November, Seattle CSL completed its 9th season of basketball. It was a bitter sweet ending to the first ever CSL sport. For now, we will focus on volleyball and tennis, but are hopeful for future basketball seasons.

Our second CSL tennis tournament took place this year in August. The tournament was overseen by Michael and Amber Chang and held at Skyline High School in the Seattle area. It was a thrill to witness over 70 participants in 10 divisions battle it out in 100 degree weather for eight hours. It was a great event, enjoyed by all. Stay tuned for future CSL Tournaments coming up!

Meanwhile Orange County CSL hosted two tennis leagues of ten weeks each. Our latest season ended on November 14th with a catered taco truck, Fiesta lunch party, complete with a piñata, raffle prizes and Latin music. The two divisions and 10 teams battled it out in excruciatingly close finals matches. It was a joyous afternoon of camaraderie and some really good tennis!

If you would like to join our CSL leagues, please contact me at caroline@mchang.com. I would love to talk to you about the endless opportunities to serve Christ together, using sports as an avenue for people to hear, see and experience the Christian faith.



Carl sharing during the OC Fall Tennis

Upcoming CSL seasons: Volleyball Winter 2011 (Seattle), Tennis Fall 2011 (Orange County)



SEA Winter Volleyball



SEA Summer Tennis



OC Fall Tennis



SEA Fall Basketball

Special Thanks

Seattle Core Team

Mike Hansen, Henry Mark, Randal Taira, Alice Ng, Kristie Kaneta, Renzo & Caroline Nakata, Anne Cheng, Curtis Low and Jaynell Cantor

OC Core Team

Chris Lin, Humphrey Ju, Jasmin Chen, Michelle Huang, Todd Kaiser, Vivian Kim, Michael & Amber Chang and Renzo & Caroline Nakata

Prayer Advisory Team

Nan & Dr Mas Okada, Jerry Low, Kenneth Yeung, Sharon Chow, Joyce Mark, Kuangkai & Estella Tai, and Michael & Sandy Miller

Thanks for supporting us!

We are thankful for friends and supporters who share our vision for introducing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Word and encouraging those in the faith through various sports and outreach ministries.

