

In Eternal Remembrance Memorial Booklet



In Loving Memory *of*

THE REVEREND
DR. ROBERT CHAPMAN

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As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
(Romans 10:15b)

Biography



George Robert (Bob) Chapman was born on July 28, 1928 at home on a small family farm near Royalton, Minnesota. He spent his childhood on that farm during the Great Depression, milking their small dairy herd, and plowing fields behind a work horse. In 1950, he received his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the nearby St. Cloud Teachers' College. He then hitchhiked 1300 miles to New York City to attend Biblical Seminary, where he earned a Masters of Theology degree and met his wife Lois Beal, who was earning the same degree. He married Lois in 1952, then went to medical school, and they moved to Hong Kong in 1960 as medical missionaries with the Evangelical Free Church. By this time they had two children and went on to have two more. By 1965, Evangel Hospital had been planned, funded, built, and was serving patients. Bob spent the following 27 years there as a doctor and then medical director (with some time back in the States in the early 1970s studying and passing his Boards in Internal Medicine). He also spent much of that time serving as advisory pastor at Elim Church.

After retirement and leaving Hong Kong in 1992, he and Lois took further training as counselors, and they spent the next six years traveling to South America and Eastern

Europe as pastors to missionaries, listening, advising, and providing practical help any way they could. After retiring a second time, he became the visitation pastor at First Evangelical Free Church of Minneapolis, serving the elderly, the ill, and the home-bound. When Lois developed cancer, and then lost her short-term memory, he turned to taking care of her full-time, cooking all the meals and doing all the housework, keeping her happy and peaceful until she passed away on April 11, 2023 (when Bob was 94). He then went to live with his son Steve's family, in Chicago, until Bob passed away on June 22, 2026, just a few weeks before his 98th birthday.

Bob was the kindest and gentlest of men, who spent his whole life focused on caring for others. He never lost his boyhood connection to nature: he was an avid birdwatcher, and family vacations in Hong Kong were spent at Lantau Mountain Camp, a two hour uphill hike from the nearest road, even when the youngest children were babies. He was a faithful follower of Jesus. In every interaction he desired to show God's love to people. He taught, preached, led Bible studies and consistently prayed for God to meet the specific needs of those around him. And he always did whatever he could to help people.



Preface

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Rev. CHAN Kim Hoi Ken

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“Dear son, among all trades, only practicing medicine is full of income and of a high and honored position. When Dad and Mom grow old and become weak, it will all depend on you!” Isn’t this the common feeling of parents across all ages and in every country? Yet how could we not know that our beloved Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman chose to cross the ocean as a doctor to go to Hong Kong and serve in missions? This commemorative publication is precisely to thank God’s grace and to remember the pioneers who came before us.

Just as the Lord Jesus—who carried the commission of preaching, healing, casting out demons, redeeming people’s sins, and then rising to heaven—was called and moved with compassion, so too was Robert Chapman called because: “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)

At the age of twelve, during a Bible camp, Robert was moved by Jesus’ words and actions and resolved to trust in Him. In his college years, God led him to attend a missionary conference in Urbana Campus of the University of Illinois, USA. There he saw the suffering of those who did not yet believe. But how could people believe if they had never heard the gospel? As Scripture says: “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I! Send me!’” (Isaiah 6:8) Like Isaiah, Robert answered firmly: “Here am I! Send me!”

After making a promise to God, Robert carried out his calling. He completed medical training, sought experience in practicing medicine, and soon saw an announcement from the Evangelical Free Church inviting medical missionaries.

He applied, was accepted, returned to complete his studies in medical school, and after gaining several years of experience practicing medicine, he left home and broke ties with the life he knew. At that time, the American society offered advantages in technology, the economy, and pleasures that far surpassed Hong Kong. Yet he said goodbye to that world and—together with his family—took the greatest life risk. He arrived in an unfamiliar Hong Kong to take up the mission entrusted to the Chapman family by Christ: to proclaim the gospel through medical missions, so that people would become disciples of Christ.

I, too, received God’s grace. Starting in the 1950s, I came to believe through the Evangelical Free Church of China (EFCC) soon threw myself into service.

In the late 1950s, I was glad to learn that the EFCC Grace Church set up a clinic at its church premises as a way to proclaim the gospel through medical service. Rev. Ho To Cheung suggested to the Evangelical Free Church (EFC) in the United States that they send medical missionaries to Hong Kong to expand the medical missionary work. Thank God—He moved the EFC in the United States. They sent Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman and Rev. Dr. Gordon Addington, along with their families, to come to Hong Kong for an assessment. They traveled far and wide, working tirelessly—“opening up the mountain and breaking the stones”—until, in 1965, they completed the building of the Evangel Hospital. For more than sixty years since then, they have used medical services to spread the gospel of Christ.

I first came to know God’s grace through my relationship with Rev. Dr. Chapman after he arrived in Hong Kong. In 1963, I attended the hospital’s foundation-laying ceremony, witnessing the hospital’s opening. In 1973, I served as the pastor of the nearby EFCC Grace Church. From close range, I observed the words and deeds of Rev. Dr. Chapman. Deeply moved by his selfless service to the Lord that lasted nearly thirty years. I came to understand that he lived out:

A compassionate physician

Rev. Dr. Chapman carried out medical work as a life shaped by Christ. Back then, medical graduates such as Dr. Hung Hing Ming, Dr. Tai Wai Ting, Dr. Yau Kit Yee, and others who had graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong admired Rev. Dr. Chapman’s integration of faith and medicine. They were willing to accept lower compensation so they could come to the hospital to learn from him.

A patient, right after being examined by Rev. Dr. Chapman, was so delighted that he told his family: “I just saw Jesus! In truth, it was not merely Rev. Dr. Chapman’s appearance—rather, it was his professionalism and his attitude.”

The author once accompanied my father (who was also a doctor) to seek treatment from Rev. Dr. Chapman. He spoke gently and compassionately with my father, telling him that he had senile dementia. In addition, Rev. Dr. Chapman also recognized that I was suffering from sleep apnea syndrome. For my family, this “compassionate physician” was truly like two generations of Hua Tuo - an expression that describes medical expert in Chinese!

A good shepherd

Rev. Dr. Chapman was not only a lay believer. The mission required each missionary to be trained in a theological seminary. For medical missionaries, when they were commissioned, they were also granted the title and status of a minister/pastor.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the EFCC lacked pastors. Rev. Dr. Chapman voluntarily took on the role of consultant pastor for the EFCC Elim Church in Tsz Wan Shan, which had just been established. The EFCC Headquarters also appointed Rev. Dr. Chapman to join the Pastoral Ministry Committee, guarding the faith and pastoral work of the EFCC.

Sacred music

God endowed the Chapman couple with a gift for music. They were often invited to sing as a duet in the worship services. Mrs. Chapman majored in music at the university and was invited to serve as a teacher in the Department of Sacred Music at Evangel Seminary. She directed the choir at multiple graduation ceremonies. She was also invited by Grace Church and Elim Church to serve as the choir conductor for both churches, besides taking on the heavy responsibility of being a wife and teaching her four children.

Love for the Lord, and love for people

Someone once asked Rev. Dr. Chapman: “If the situation in Hong Kong were to change and you were no longer able to practice medicine and preach here, what would you do?” Rev. Dr. Chapman answered gently: “I would return to America to practice medicine. The money I earn would be offered to the Lord for use in proclaiming the gospel in Hong Kong!”

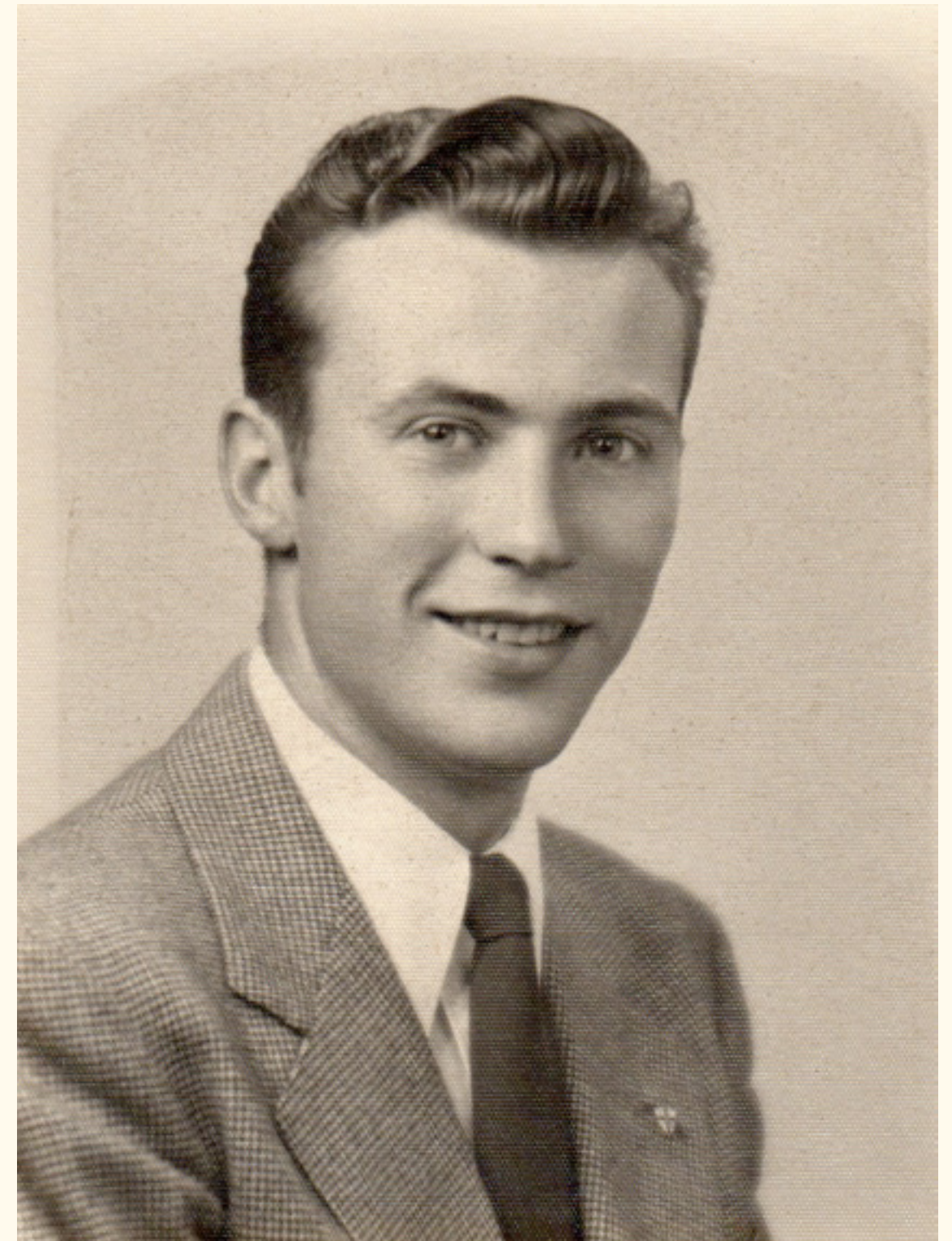
Rev. Dr. Chapman was always humble, kind, and friendly to people, with a smile and a sense of humor. In heavy ministry work, he cared for others — Drawing people toward Christ—and lived for the Lord.

Rev. Dr. Chapman served the Lord in Hong Kong for nearly thirty years. After turning sixty, in accordance with the mission's regulations, he returned to America. At first, the mission assigned him to multiple mission fields, where he served as a senior missionary—providing both medical support and spiritual guidance to missionaries in those places. Later, he helped with church visitation and pastoral work. After reaching his eighties, he moved into a retirement residence for the elderly, yet he remained determined to continue conducting Bible study classes, leading his neighbours to turn to the Lord, until his strength was finally spent.

Rev. Dr. Chapman devoted his whole life to the Lord and spent his entire life serving in the Evangel Hospital. At the age of more than ninety, on June 22, 2026, he returned peacefully to the Lord. The EFCC Headquarters, Evangel Hospital and EFCC Grace Church held a memorial service on August 14, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at the Evangel Seminary. To God be all glory. May He comfort the family members with His grace, and may we emulate the pioneers who went before us.

The Apostle Paul spoke of the Lord Jesus: “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.” (Philippian 2: 6-8)

Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman followed the footsteps of the Lord with his whole household. He abandoned the abundant life he had in America, identified with Hong Kong, and—through medical mission—was “spent” for the Lord. We, through this publication, give glory to the one true God. Our remembrance and encouragement are offered as a preface.



Forever in
our hearts



In memory of my life mentor

Dr. HUNG Hing Ming Jack

Former Hospital Superintendent, Evangel Hospital

I have worked with Rev. Dr. Chapman for only six years, but the changes he brought to my life were profound.

Met Rev. Dr. Chapman

I graduated from the Hong Kong University in 1975. The following year as an intern was extremely busy, and the pressure from work exposed to my weaknesses. I was prone to anger, which shook my intention to serve patients. I worried that my faith would fail the test, so I decided to find a life mentor.

At that time, I heard that Evangel Hospital had excellent missionary doctors, and I had considered medical missionary work during university, so I applied for a job at Evangel Hospital. At that time, Dr. Philemon Choi was working at Evangel Hospital. He then decided to leave his medical career and fully devote himself to the Breakthrough ministry. Thank God that I had the opportunity to join Evangel Hospital to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Choi's resignation.

I did not know Rev. Dr. Chapman before. After I started work at Evangel Hospital, I got close to this life mentor God had prepared for me.

At that time, every morning at 8 o'clock, missionaries gathered in a room in the outpatient department to begin their day with prayer and prayed for the sick. Rev. Dr. Chapman came every morning, even at times with harsh weather. He was our spiritual leader.

After the morning prayer, we went to the ward for rounds. I saw him warmly greeting each patient, understanding their condition, explaining in detail, and encouraging them. Often, he held their hands and prayed for them.

Although he was tall, he was gentle and courteous, often smiling. Many patients were surprised that he could speak fluent Cantonese, which made it easier for him to earn their trust. After coming to Hong Kong, Rev. Dr. Chapman spent two years learning Chinese. He spoke Cantonese well. He could even make Cantonese jokes, preach in Cantonese,

and read the Chinese Bible. He said learning Chinese is very difficult, but because he loves Chinese people, he faced the challenge head-on.

He placed gospel work at high priority. Every Friday night, he would return to the hospital to invite patients to the adult evangelistic meetings, and the patients were deeply moved by his sincerity.

The branches needed pruning

When I was young, I was proud and lacked empathy. When patients did not follow my instructions to take medicines, I blamed them. When dealing with more nagging patients or family members, I lost patience, which led to complaints.

Rev. Dr. Chapman, as my supervisor, would invite me for detailed discussions. He never spoke in a reproachful tone. Instead, he listened patiently and helped me see my own problems. He was not someone who talked about many things. His example taught me how to rely on the power the Lord gave me, and step by step, follow my mentor to become a doctor who pleases God.



Rev. Dr. Chapman was well aware of my weaknesses, but he still gave me many opportunities to learn. At that time, he had to return to the United States for Home assignment every two years for several months, and he would entrust his duties as medical director to me, a young doctor. Every time he came back, I felt a huge sense of relief. I would ask him how he managed those headaches regarding personnel management and medical complaints, but he simply said, "**Bring all your problems before the Lord in prayer, and He will cover everything.**" It is spiritual wisdom developed through years of disciplined practice.

My mentor knew me well

When I worked at Evangel Hospital for five years, I admired preachers for their chance to take a sabbatical year. I also wanted to put aside my work and spend more time reading the Bible. At that time, my fiancée (who was a nurse at Evangel Hospital) and I were planning to get married. We calculated that we had enough savings to support our living for a year, so we decided to resign from the hospital after getting married and to apply to enter seminary together. At that time, Rev. Dr. Chapman came to me and told me that

the then Hospital Superintendent, missionary John Neir, needed to return to the United States for a year of Home assignment. As Rev. Dr. Chapman disliked spending his time on administrative work, he asked me to stay for another year to take over John's duties. My wife and I both loved the hospital, so we accepted the challenge and postponed our plan till after Mr. Neir returned to work.

That year, Rev. Dr. Chapman guided me, a young man in his thirties, how to manage a Christian hospital following the missionaries' vision of spreading the gospel through medical care. That year, we also began the construction of adding two more floors to the existing 3-storey building. It was a test of faith, but we believed God will provide. From this humble and faithful servant leader, I received lifelong teachings that benefited me inexhaustibly.

Bearing Good News with Beautiful Footsteps

When Mr. Neir returned to resume work, my wife and I resigned and entered the China Graduate School of Theology as planned. When I was at the seminary, the Hospital Board sent two representatives to persuade me that the hospital was ready to sponsor us to study a two-year master's degree in hospital administration in the United States if we would take over Mr. Neir's duties after completing the course. It turned out that the hospital was planning to hand over management responsibilities to the Evangelical Free Church of China. We were overwhelmed. I was grateful to my mentor, Rev. Dr. Chapman, for recognizing my previous year's work and recommending the Board invest in me.

However, after careful consideration, my wife and I still wanted to spend more time waiting for God's guidance, so we politely declined the Board's offer. Maybe I had disappointed my mentor, but he did not blame me.

After that, I did not practice medicine for ten years. I devoted myself to student ministry in Hong Kong.

The desire to return to my mentor

After quitting my medical career for ten years, I decided to return to the medical profession. I needed a familiar place and a mentor who would accept me, so that I could rebuild the confidence that doctors need. I am grateful to Rev. Dr. Chapman for hiring me, a doctor who has not practiced for ten years. Unfortunately, Rev. Dr. Chapman had already decided to retire. I no longer had the chance to learn from him.

Before his retirement, Rev. Dr. Chapman assigned his patients to other doctors for follow-up. He asked me to take care of some of his patients. My deepest impression was that Rev. Dr. Chapman's patients told me that he was an incredibly good doctor, and they saw Jesus in Rev. Dr. Chapman. I was like being struck by a slap. Although my mentor was no longer by my side, I would strive to be a good Christian doctor. I hope that one day, my patients would also say, "I saw Jesus in Dr. Hung", which is such an honorable compliment.

Following Rev. Dr. Chapman's footsteps

When I returned to the hospital, I just wanted to be a good doctor on the front lines. At that time, I had not heard of any plans to delegate management responsibilities to the local church. Two years later, Mr. Neir, the then Hospital Superintendent, suddenly fell seriously ill. I was asked to take over his job again without any psychological preparation. Since then, I held this position for 17 years and retired at age 60.

During those difficult years, although Rev. Dr. Chapman was no longer by my side to guide me, he still often sent emails to encourage me and prayed for me in the United States. When I faced tough situations, I asked: What will the Lord Jesus do? What will my life mentor Rev. Dr. Chapman do? I am also determined to lead the hospital with his "servant leader" model, giving my colleagues space to grow and improve.

I have passed the baton. I hope that colleagues at the hospital, although you may not know the founding missionary Rev. Dr. Chapman, you will continue to follow his example and practice "Holistic Healing with Wholehearted Care" living up to the trust.



Rev. CHAN Wing Chau Charles
General Secretary, Evangelical Free Church of China

I learned with sadness and gratitude that Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman—founder of Evangel Hospital—has finished his labor and entered the presence of the Lord. As the Apostle Paul said: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:7–8). May the Lord comfort Rev. Dr. Chapman's family and keep them in lasting hope.

Although I never had the opportunity to meet Rev. Dr. Chapman personally, in preparing for this memorial service I came to know something of his life through the sharing of fellow workers from Evangel Hospital and the brothers and sisters of the EFCC Elim Church. I came to understand the effort and service Rev. Dr. Chapman gave then — toward both the hospital and the church.

Evangel Hospital is located near Kowloon City. At that time, Kowloon City was not an affluent area; indeed, nearby were the walled city and the markets, where many people at the grassroots lived. To make a living, even those who were sick

often had to wait until after the markets closed before they could find time to see a doctor. Rev. Dr. Chapman's care for his patients and his love in serving the grassroots community became a model and inspiration to all who served at the hospital.

In addition, he also served at the EFCC Elim Church. At that time, Rev. Dr. Chapman's wife even trained the choir members for the church. The couple worked together in unity, shepherding and building up believers.

When I think of Rev. Dr. Chapman and his wife — leaving their homeland, coming to a foreign Chinese society — serving in medicine and in ministry was truly for the purpose of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rescuing souls, and enabling people to receive the grace of redemption. This dedication and passion for mission is truly worthy of admiration! Indeed, as it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:15b). May Rev. Dr. Chapman's beautiful witness inspire all of us who come after him — A passionate devotion to serving the Lord!

Footsteps of Grace, Ever-Flowing Blessings



Ir Professor HO Wing Ip

Board Chairman, Evangel Hospital

Former Chairman of the Church Development Committee, EFCC Woot Chuen Church

On June 22, 2026, we said farewell to our beloved founder of Evangel Hospital — Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman, one of its founders and its first superintendent — who went to be with the Lord in Chicago, United States. Although I never had the privilege of meeting Rev. Dr. Chapman in person, through the days I have been reading the tributes shared by fellow workers, pastors, patients, and close friends, his life and witness are gradually taking shape in my heart — a faithful servant who devoted the most fruitful years of his life to Hong Kong and to Evangel Hospital.

Back in the 1950s, Hong Kong's population surged rapidly after the war, and medical resources were extremely scarce. Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman and Rev. Dr. Gordon Addington were sent by the Evangelical Free Church of America, crossing the ocean to enter this unfamiliar Chinese community. They initially established a clinic at the Grace Church of Evangelical Free Church of China. Seeing the needs of people at the grassroots level, Rev. Dr. Chapman was determined not to be satisfied with a small clinic. Instead, through prayer, he looked to God's provision even when resources were lacking.

In 1965, Evangel Hospital was officially completed at 222 Argyle Street. All of this began with his obedience to the Great Commission, and with his selfless love for the Hong Kong community.

Rev. Dr. Chapman was not only a highly skilled physician, but also a medical leader who looked beyond his time. In an era when family medicine had not yet become widely established, he was already championing a family-doctor model in outpatient practice. The patient files he designed set aside space to record family relationships and medical history, enabling doctors

to understand patients comprehensively — from the perspective of family and daily life. Evangel Hospital later became Hong Kong's first accredited training center for family medicine. His vision continues to shape the development of grassroots healthcare in Hong Kong to this very day.

Yet what moves us most is the humility with which Rev. Dr. Chapman served throughout his life. One doctor described him this way: “Rev. Dr. Chapman is approachable. He is always courteous toward patients and colleagues — so gentle and humble, just like Jesus.” Many patients

he treated, even years later, still speak with heartfelt gratitude about him. Some even said, “You can see Jesus in Rev. Dr. Chapman.” From early mornings on Monday to Saturday, he never once missed attending the morning prayer meeting to pray for patients, fellow workers, and the Lord's work in the hospital. After his retirement in 1992, he and his wife continued to travel the world — visiting, caring for, and supporting missionaries. In this way, he spent his whole life embodying what “whole-person healing” means.

Rev. Dr. Chapman's influence went far beyond the walls of the hospital. The medical mission foundation he laid then eventually bore fruit as EFCC Woot Oi Church. In 1994, under the leadership of Superintendent Mr. John Neir, Evangel Hospital and EFCC Woot Chuen Church worked together to formally establish EFCC Woot Oi Church, serving patients and neighbours who have accepted Jesus Christ in the hospital and in the community. In 2025, EFCC Woot Oi Church became independent and grew into a church in its own right. This is another expression of Rev. Dr. Chapman's founding vision: by providing high-quality, sustainable medical services to patients, people are able to see the love of Christ, and the gospel can be spread widely.

Speaking personally, I have a special connection to this history. During the planning stage for the establishment of EFCC Woot Oi Church, I was honored to serve as chairman of the Church Development Committee of EFCC Woot Chuen Church. I liaised with Superintendent Mr. John Neir, discussed the plan, and participated in the gestation and birth of this ministry. Later, from 2006 onward, I served on the hospital board. To remember Rev. Dr. Chapman with these two roles — witnessing the founding of EFCC Woot Oi Church, and also serving on the hospital

board — is truly God's great grace. It has helped me experience more deeply how the seeds Rev. Dr. Chapman planted then continue to sprout and bear fruit across generations. The independence of EFCC Woot Oi Church stands as clear evidence that God used a faithful servant to sow seeds in good soil and to let them grow strong.

After Rev. Dr. Chapman retired and returned to the United States, he continued to keep Evangel Hospital in his heart. During the hospital's 50th anniversary celebration in 2015, he reminded us through a pre-recorded message: “In all decisions, Christ must be first. Otherwise, Evangel Hospital will be no different from other private hospitals in Hong Kong.” Those words struck like a wake-up call, deeply moving the hearts of every fellow worker. Today, as we face the growing medical needs of 21st-century society in Hong Kong, we must hold fast to this founding intention — not only providing high-quality medical services, but also showing Christ's love in our service, caring for patients' physical, psychological, and spiritual needs. As the Apostle Paul said: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.” (2 Timothy 4:7–8) Rev. Dr. Chapman's life is the truest reflection of these words.

May we carry on the vision of our predecessors, passing down the mission and core values of Evangel Hospital from generation to generation, and faithfully take on the healing and care work entrusted to us by God. May the Lord comfort Rev. Dr. Chapman's family, and may his life and witness continue to inspire us, that in this generation we may be salt and light.

We will always remember you, Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman!

Tribute to Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman



Dr. CHUI Siu Hang Billy

Hospital Superintendent cum Chief Medical Executive,
Evangel Hospital

My only personal encounter with Rev. Dr. Chapman was when he returned to visit Evangel Hospital after his retirement. During an afternoon sharing session, I had the privilege of hearing about his life and ministry after retiring from the Hospital. What impressed me most was learning that retirement did not mark the end of his service to God. Together with his wife, after many years of missionary work in Asia, they devoted their “retirement” years to travelling around the world to encourage and support other missionaries.

At that time, I was in my forties. I was already thinking about retirement, when it might come and how I could spend those years enjoying life with family and friends. Yet Rev. Dr. Chapman and his wife chose a very different path. Rather than settling comfortably in their hometown and enjoying a well-deserved rest, they continued to travel to remote places, supporting those who were serving on the mission field. Having experienced firsthand the joys and challenges of missionary life in a foreign land, they were uniquely equipped to understand the struggles of others and to offer practical encouragement born out of their own experiences.

One particular piece of wisdom that Rev. Dr. Chapman shared that afternoon has remained with me ever since. He spoke about meeting missionaries who had become disheartened

through their experiences. He observed that discouragement often arises when our expectations are not fulfilled. When reality falls short of what we hoped for or believed should happen, one can become disillusioned.

Over the years, I have found this insight to be profoundly true—not only in ministry but also in human relationships. I continue to wrestle with questions such as: Which expectations are reasonable and necessary? Which expectations come merely from my own desires and assumptions? Learning to distinguish between the two is an ongoing journey.

Most importantly, Rev. Dr. Chapman’s words have challenged me to reflect on my expectations of God Himself. How much do I expect God to protect, provide for, and bless me and my family? How do I respond when circumstances unfold differently from what I had prayed for or hoped for? While we are encouraged to pray boldly and trust in God’s provision, we must also learn to accept His sovereignty and wisdom, even when His plans differ from our own. This lesson remains one of the most valuable reminders I received from Rev. Dr. Chapman.

In the outpatient department, I occasionally encountered patients who had once been under Rev. Dr. Chapman’s

care. Even many years later, they spoke of him with great affection and gratitude. Some continued to seek care at Evangel Hospital because of the kindness, compassion, and comfort they had experienced through his ministry of healing. His influence on their lives left a lasting impression and contributed significantly to the trust they placed in this hospital.

Rev. Dr. Chapman was also a pioneer and visionary in primary care. Long before the concept became widely promoted, he championed a family doctor approach in Evangel Hospital’s outpatient services. The medical records he designed included space to document family relationships and family history, alongside a concise summary of the patient’s medical conditions and important clinical findings. This enabled doctors to understand patients within the wider context of their families and life circumstances and to provide holistic, continuous, and comprehensive care. Today, Hong Kong strongly promotes family medicine and preventive care as an effective means of reducing the burden of chronic illness on the healthcare system. In many ways, Rev. Dr. Chapman was well ahead of his time.

During Evangel Hospital’s 50th Anniversary celebration, Rev. Dr. Chapman gave another memorable challenge. He

reminded us that Christ must be involved in all our decisions. Otherwise, he said, Evangel Hospital would become no different from any other private hospital in Hong Kong. Those words continue to resonate with us today.

As we look at the needs of Hong Kong in the 21st century, we face a population burdened by increasing chronic diseases, degenerative illnesses, cancer, and psychological distress. The challenge before us is not only to provide high-quality healthcare but also to demonstrate Christ’s love through our service. Can we meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the people of Hong Kong in a way that ultimately leads them closer to Christ? This remains the question that guides our work.

Rev. Dr. Chapman’s life exemplified faithful service, visionary leadership, and unwavering commitment to the Gospel. His legacy lives on not only in the institution he helped build, but also in the countless lives he touched through his compassion, wisdom, and faith. It is our prayer that as we move forward, the mission, vision, and values of Evangel Hospital will continue to reflect the spirit and convictions of its founders, and that we may faithfully carry forward the work to which they dedicated their lives.

Love & Devotion



In 1965, along the corridors of the newly established Evangel Hospital, we would always see a tall foreign doctor with a warm, gentle smile. He stepped into the ward, not with the bearing of authority, but with a quiet humility. Bending low, he took the patient's hand firmly, and greeted them in kind, fluent Cantonese: "How are you today? Are you feeling a bit better?" At times he would bow his head to pray devoutly for the patients, asking the Lord to bless them and grant them a speedy recovery. This beloved foreign doctor — deeply loved by patients, neighbours, and fellow hospital colleagues, is none other than our dearly cherished founding missionary — Reverend Dr. Robert Chapman, affectionately known as Rev. Dr. Chapman.

Though Rev. Dr. Chapman has now gone to be with the Lord, his passion for missions, his teaching by word and example, remain the most beautiful memories in the hearts of those who know him.

Sailing deep waters for the Gospel's call

In the early 1950s, the Kowloon City district of Hong Kong was home to many refugees and impoverished families. Medical care was scarce. The local church—Evangelical Free Church of China (hereafter referred to as "EFCC"), Grace Church — decided to open a small community clinic in the basement of the church building, naming it Grace Clinic. Its purpose was both to serve the needy through medical care and to share the Gospel. At first, only a few newly graduated local medical students staffed the clinic. Later, the senior pastor of EFCC Grace Church wrote to the Evangelical Free Church of America (hereafter referred to as "EFCA"), wishing to invite more overseas medical missionaries to join the work.

At that time, the EFCA only conducted medical mission work in two places across the world: Zaire (the former name of the Democratic Republic of Congo) and Hong Kong. When the EFCA called for medical missionaries to Hong Kong, God moved two doctors to respond — Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman and Rev. Dr. Gordon Addington, the future founders of Evangel Hospital. Thus, Rev. Dr. Chapman, together with his wife Lois Beal and their two children, journeyed across the globe to this unfamiliar land, launching a medical mission in Kowloon City.



Photo of Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman & Mrs. Lois Chapman in their youth.

From Clinic to Hospital

Rev. Dr. Chapman first served at Grace Clinic, assisted by missionary Mrs. Majorite Carlson with medical care and translation, while evangelists shared the Gospel with patients. Though small, the clinic became the window for Rev. Dr. Chapman into Hong Kong's medical needs. He soon realised that what the city required was not merely a clinic, but a hospital. Yet, limited mission funds covered only clinic expenses. They brought their request to the EFCA but were told that additional funds were unavailable. Instead, the board encouraged them to pray and see how the Lord would faithfully provide.

Wonderfully, in 1963, the groundbreaking ceremony of the hospital was laid. Two years later, in 1965, Evangel Hospital was opened free of debt at its present site—222 Argyle Street, Kowloon. The hospital was modest back then, with only three storeys and fifty inpatient beds — but God heard their prayers, and Rev. Dr. Chapman opened the way for a 32-year ministry of local medical mission work.



Serving in Love, Strengthened by the Lord

From his first day in Hong Kong, Rev. Dr. Chapman showed deep respect for the people and culture of this land. He devoted himself to learning Cantonese, believing that only by speaking the local language could he truly convey love and respect. In time he was able not only to preach in Chinese, but even to read the Chinese Bible—clear evidence of both his ability and his genuine regard for the culture.

Beyond his work, he was deeply humble and gentle. Colleagues who knew and served with him for years recalled that as a leader, he never lost his temper, instead, he always listened patiently and served those around him. He often shared, “When facing difficulties, pray and bring the problem before the Lord.”

Under his leadership, every morning from Monday to Saturday at 8 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Chapman gathered with other missionaries, the matron, and Christian doctors in a room in the outpatient department to pray, committing the hospital and its patients' needs one by one to the Lord. At 9 o'clock, a morning prayer meeting was held in hospital chapel, open for all staff to freely join; afterwards, he would go on his ward rounds to visit patients. “In Rev. Dr. Chapman I saw Jesus”—this was the impression he left on many patients.

On Friday evenings, he would personally invite patients to the Gospel meeting held downstairs in the outpatient department, sometimes even wheeling those with mobility difficulties downstairs to hear the Gospel. This sincere care led many patients to accept Christ—a community large enough to later form EFCC Woot Oi Church.



A Life That Touched Lives

Rev. Dr. Chapman's care for people was not just in words, but in concrete action.

Reverend Chan Kim Hoi Ken, Pastor Emeritus of EFCC Grace Church who has long participated in the gospel work at Evangel Hospital, recalled his memories of Rev. Dr. Chapman. He remembered a meeting with Rev. Dr. Chapman where he fell asleep due to exhaustion. Rev. Dr. Chapman noticed this, yet far from rebuking him publicly, he walked over to him after the meeting and gently asked whether he might be suffering from sleep apnoea. Since diagnostic equipment for sleep apnoea was not yet common in Hong Kong at that time, Rev. Dr. Chapman even offered to arrange for Reverend Chan to go to the United States for a detailed examination. Although the trip proved unnecessary after discovering that similar examinations were available locally, Rev. Dr. Chapman's genuine concern was deeply etched in Reverend Chan's heart.

Dr. Hung Hing Ming Jack, former Superintendent of Evangel Hospital, shared another good deed by Rev. Dr. Chapman. Having left his hospital post to attend seminary, newly-wed Dr. Hung lived in the dorms with his wife. When asked to vacate over the summer, they were left stranded. Learning of their plight, Rev. Dr. Chapman offered his home rent-free for two months while away on US furlough. To this day, Dr. Hung remains deeply grateful for his kindness.

A life devoted, a legacy passed on

In the 1970s and 1980s, as Hong Kong approached the transfer of sovereignty, someone once asked Rev. Dr. Chapman what he would do if he could no longer continue medical mission work here. He replied simply "I would return to America, continue practising medicine, and send the income I earned to support Evangel Hospital and the church I served in Hong Kong." Known not for grand speeches, Rev. Dr. Chapman lived out his faith by expressing his love for God and others through every detail of daily life.

Though Rev. Dr. Chapman now rests in the Lord, Evangel Hospital continues his legacy, sharing Christ through healthcare. EFCC Elim Church where he served as advisor, still leads souls to the Lord. The medical staff, church leaders, and believers he nurtured continue to tell his story, carrying the torch of his missionary spirit. The remainder of his life's journey is faithfully recorded in these tributes.

To God be all the glory. Amen.

Shaping Lives



Honouring the Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Bob Chapman



Dr. SHIU Yun Sang Samuel

Former Pediatrician, Evangel Hospital

There are mentors who guide your career, and there are mentors who positively impact your life. For me, Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman was both. Our journey began in the early 1980s at Evangel Hospital in Hong Kong. As a pediatrician working in Evangel Hospital when he was the medical director, there were many occasions we saw patients together. As the medical director, he did not just manage an institution—he lived out a ministry of healing, kindness, and deep faith. He treated every patient and staff member with absolute dignity and a genuinely caring heart. In those early years, his example silently reshaped my spiritual walk and anchored the physician I was becoming.

The true depth of his mentorship became clear when I made the life-altering decision to leave Hong Kong and move to the United States. Uprooting our lives meant facing the daunting task of re-establishing my medical career within a complex,

unfamiliar healthcare system. To make our initial adjustment even more overwhelming, we were navigating a deeply intense personal transition: our son has autism. Yet, Rev. Dr. Chapman refused to let us walk this difficult road alone. While most leaders in high-ranking positions write generic recommendation letters, he did something entirely extraordinary. In addition to writing a phenomenal recommendation letter, he literally went out of his way to meet with a residency program director in person on my behalf, delivering his recommendation in a deeply personal, genuine way (by the time Rev. Dr. Chapman was already retired and resided in the United States). Even though that specific position did not work out, his profound gesture deeply touched my heart. When I finally secured a residency, the first two years required me to be away from home for long, demanding stretches of time. This left my wife incredibly vulnerable, facing the monumental challenge of caring for our autistic



son largely on her own. Understanding the gravity of our strain, Rev. Dr. Chapman used his retirement not to rest, but to minister to us from across the miles. He began making highly intentional phone calls, listening patiently to my wife's struggles and seamlessly mixing words of comfort with heartfelt, supportive prayers right over the phone line. In a new country where we sometimes felt isolated and stretched to our limits, his voice was always so warm and touching. He made us feel deeply loved, seen, and spiritually carried.

After we had begun settling into our new life in the United States, we had the privilege of visiting Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman at their home in Minnesota during Easter in 2009. Staying under their roof, we witnessed the beautiful reality behind Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman. Every morning, they would sit together at a small table in the corner of their

kitchen, facing a window that overlooked their church. There, they spent their mornings sharing biblical insights, praying, and reflecting on God's word. Their ordinary daily life beautifully shone with the love, warmth, and intimacy of a couple deeply devoted to the Lord. It was a beautiful reminder that the grace he extended to us over the phone was simply an overflow of the life he lived every single day.

Rev. Dr. Chapman embodies the true definition of a Christian leader. His mentorship was never restricted by office hours, job descriptions, or geographic borders. He invested in my professional capability, but more importantly, he nurtured our family's souls.

Thank you, Rev. Dr. Chapman, for your always caring kindness, your enduring friendship, and a legacy of grace that I will strive to honor for the rest of my life.



Remembering My Beloved Missionary

—Rev. Dr. Chapman



Ms. CHU Lai Kuen
Former Chaplain, Evangel Hospital

I am Chu Lai Kuen, the third chaplain of Evangel Hospital, have joined in 1981. At that time, Rev. James Kao, the second chaplain, served alongside me, and together we stood guard over Evangel Hospital. Every Monday to Saturday at 8 a.m., a morning prayer meeting was held in the hospital chapel, gathering the hospital superintendent, matron, doctors, and chaplains under one roof. Each morning, we offered prayers and blessings to God—for the hospital's ministry, for the staff, for the patients, for the gospel work, and for our families. I worked alongside with Rev. Dr. Chapman for about ten

years or so, until he retired and returned to the United States. During those years, he never missed the morning prayer meetings from Monday to Saturday. His hearts of complete commitment to God have been a tremendous encouragement and example on my path of ministry; his humble and gentle spirit and attitude in serving are things I have continuously strived to learn from.

Devoting Our All to Spread the Gospel

In our work of bringing the gospel to patients, we always do our best. The primary purpose of Evangel Hospital is to spread the gospel to patients. Therefore, every morning from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., we broadcast gospel messages through the hospital public address system to the third-floor wards so that hospitalized patients may listen. At the same time, we also distribute gospel tracts to outpatients and hold a patient evangelistic meeting every Friday evening, along with a children's Bible class.

Later, the hospital also began holding Sunday worship services specifically for patients and healthcare workers, so that patients would have more opportunities to draw near to the Lord during their stay. Thanks be to God, these Sunday worship services later partnered with EFCC Woot Chuen Church, and EFCC Woot Oi Church was formally established. All these spiritual fruits, as I have seen, were brought together through the dedication and evangelistic zeal of a group of American missionaries—Mr. and Mrs. John Neir and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman.

Rev. Dr. Chapman treated patients from Monday to Saturday, and his work was extremely busy. Yet on Sundays, he never forgot to serve fully. In the early years, Rev. Dr. Chapman and his wife would first attend the Evangel Hospital Sunday worship service at 8:30 in the morning. After it ended at 9:30, they would immediately rush to EFCC Elim Church in Tsz Wan Shan to serve as consulting pastors. They gave their all to the Lord without a word of complaint, always serving with hearts full of joy. Rev. Dr. Chapman's passion for ministry deeply moved me. Later, I followed in his footsteps and, after the Evangel Hospital Sunday service, went with him to attend the meetings at EFCC Elim Church. Eventually, I also became a member of the church and took part in serving.

Humility and Love That Warm the Heart

Rev. Dr. Chapman was humble. He was careful and extraordinarily patient with patients, always willing to listen and to care. My birthday is only two days apart from his. Once, he even brought a small gift to my office to wish me a happy birthday—at that time, I had even forgotten it myself. That thoughtfulness gave me great surprise and warmth. Although he was busy with his duties, he was full of love for every brother, sister, and fellow worker. When you interacted with him, you could feel a warm tenderness in your heart—as though you could see God right beside you.

Sadly, over the long years after his retirement and his return to America, I was unable to visit him personally in the United States. My hope is to see him again in heaven in the future, where we will be reunited and once again count the Lord's grace. I will always remember Rev. Dr. Chapman.

Spiritual Legacy — Stepping onto the Mission Field

Today, I can step onto the path of mission, all because their missionary hearts profoundly influenced me. It was because this group of missionaries surrounded me and deeply shaped my life that, later during my ministry, I was moved to decisively embark on the mission field in Macau. I served there for nine years, until my retirement, before returning to Hong Kong.

I sincerely thank God, and I am deeply grateful for their selfless dedication. May the Lord Himself reward them. As the Apostle Paul said, they have finished the race, they have kept the faith. From now on, there is laid up for them the crown of righteousness, and great is their reward before God!

Grateful to Have You!

Ms. LEUNG Mei Mui Miranda

Former Nurse, Evangel Hospital



Sharing how God granted grace to my parents through Evangel Hospital:

I joined Evangel Hospital as a registered nurse in 1988 and worked there until 1992. Four years is not a long time, yet it was an important milestone in my spiritual growth and my parents' journey to faith.

When I first started working at Evangel Hospital, it felt like a big family. Most staff were Christians, and regardless of rank or status, we complemented one another and served as one team. Every day, the hospital held morning prayer meetings that staff could freely join, while in the wards, hymns were played during both morning and evening prayers. At that time, Rev. Dr. Chapman was a resident specialist in cardiology. I was fortunate to join him on ward rounds and witness his fluent Cantonese, which allowed him to communicate effortlessly with patients, their families, and staff. He was always humble and polite to everyone! What surprised me even more was that he did not waste his off-hours watching TV; instead, he spent that leisure time reading medical journals to continuously learn new medical knowledge.

Under the dedicated efforts of Rev. Dr. Chapman and our senior colleagues, Evangel Hospital was truly a distinctive Christian medical institution. Around 1989, my mother was admitted to Evangel Hospital due to severe biliary colic from gallstones, and she required a cholecystectomy as well as a common bile duct exploration.

Finances were indeed a huge source of pressure for us. Unexpectedly, the hospital offered a 50% discount for employees' parents, which greatly relieved our financial burden! Through this very half-price discount for parents, my mother came to realize that Christianity commands us to worship only the one true God and requires believers to honor their parents!

During my mother's hospital stay, she received pastoral care and evangelism at her bedside from Ms. Chu Lai Kuen, the hospital chaplain at that time. Through this, she clearly understood that many years of idol worship were displeasing to God. After returning home, she even took the initiative to tell my father that she had decided to accept Jesus Christ as her Savior, and would no longer incense or worship idols, telling him: "You have to handle it yourself."

Afterward, church brothers and sisters came for home visits and gave my father some gospel tracts. Surprisingly, he read them carefully and could even recount the contents back to me! The gospel seed had already been planted in my father's heart.

In 1999, my father — due to a chronic respiratory tract infection that developed into pneumonia — stayed in a government hospital for a week. In his final days, even while on a ventilator, he indicated in writing that he wanted to listen to the Bible stories given to him by the chaplain, rather than the Cantonese opera he so loved. Therefore, although my father never publicly confessed his faith, through his choice to listen to Bible stories rather than Cantonese opera, it showed that he had a heart to seek and know the true God.

God is righteous and loving. I believe His words will never fail:

"For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." —(Matthew 7:8)

I am grateful for how Rev. Dr. Chapman and our senior colleagues diligently and thoughtfully built Evangel Hospital as a God-centric family, not just an ordinary medical institution. All glory be to God!

A Good Shepherd and a Gentle Healer — Rev. Dr. Chapman



Ms. TANG Lin Chee Amy

Former Colleague from the Physiotherapy Department,
Evangel Hospital

Church Pastoral Shepherding

With the passing of time, many people and matters at Evangel Hospital have changed. Yet the memories remain vivid— how beautiful were the footsteps of those medical missionaries who, called by Christ's love, came to Hong Kong to serve at Evangel Hospital.

I first came to know Rev. Dr. Chapman in the 1980s, when he served as the consulting pastor of EFCC Elim Church together with his wife, whom we respectfully called Mrs. Chapman. They were like a modern-day "golden couple," providing all-around support and shepherding to a small, grassroots church. Their ministry included premarital counselling, serving as fellowship advisors, officiating sacraments, and more. Mrs. Chapman also served as the church's music director— acting as the church pianist, choir director, and training new pianists.

Rev. Dr. Chapman was gentle and refined in appearance. He spoke fluent, pleasant Cantonese and always wore a warm smile, so that for us—a group of youths growing up in the Tsz Wan Shan Resettlement Area—we felt completely at ease around him, with zero sense of distance.

Hospital Ministry

I later had the opportunity to work in Evangel Hospital's outpatient department, which allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of Rev. Dr. Chapman. Some patients even called him "the Jesus at Evangel Hospital." Though it might sound a bit like an exaggeration, the truth is that Rev. Dr. Chapman always treated patients with humility and gentleness, carrying a heart of empathy, and practicing the belief of holistic healing through Christ's love.

The busy hospital works never hindered Rev. Dr. Chapman from participating in hospital fellowships, evangelistic evenings, and staff retreats—he was rarely absent.

During his tenure that year, we learned that Mrs. Chapman was diagnosed with cancer, and various departments throughout the hospital prayed fervently for her. One evening, before Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman decided to return to the U.S. for medical treatment, I visited Mrs. Chapman at their Lancashire Road residence with a heavy heart. I still recall the soft lighting in the living room illuminating their faces; their expressions were so calm and peaceful. As Mrs. Chapman packed her bags, Rev. Dr. Chapman shared her medical plan in the U.S. with a gentle smile. Their steadfast trust and total surrender to God inspired deep respect in me, and ironically, it ended up comforting a person of little faith like me.

Life Influencing Life

In 1992, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman retired and returned to the United States. Around the same time, I also officially stepped onto the path of full-time pastoral ministry.

Along my journey of ministry, I often received Rev. Dr. Chapman's emails filled with care for me, my mother, my sisters, and even my non-believing family members. Even when I had my own blind spots and stubbornness in ministry, Rev. Dr. Chapman only offered gentle reminders and never blamed me. His messages contained nothing but love, prayers, and thoughtful remembrance.

Grateful for Our Encounter

Praise the Lord! I thank God for allowing me to meet such faithful servants of the Lord—a medical missionary who combined brilliant medical skill with a compassionate heart, and a truly loving shepherd. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman were deeply devoted to each other, cherished their family, lived a simple life, and yielded themselves completely to be used by the Lord.

Rev. Dr. Chapman: Thank you for your watchful care and love. May the Lord be with you and Mrs. Chapman. You will always be in my heart and thoughts.



Ms. LAI Kit Fong
Former Nurse, Evangel Hospital

When I started working at Evangel Hospital in 1978 as a ward nurse, I met a foreign doctor who spoke fluent Cantonese while taking medical histories and inquiring about patients' conditions. He treated everyone with great care and devotion, and I later learned that his Chinese name was Dr. Cheuk Yan-Man (in Cantonese phonetics, known as Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman).

At that time, the wards admitted severe cases, including heart disease, various internal medicine and surgical cases, as well as pediatric and gynecological patients. Rev. Dr. Chapman taught us how to read electrocardiograms and observe patients using cardiac monitors. Under his brilliant medical skill and compassionate care, many chronic or critically ill patients were able to turn the corner and be discharged in full recovery.

Rev. Dr. Chapman not only treated physical illnesses; he also earnestly cared for the needs of people's hearts and souls, leading them to encounter Jesus. I still remember that every Friday evening, adult evangelistic meetings and children's Bible classes were held in the outpatient clinic. Rev. Dr. Chapman would return in the evening to personally push wheelchairs and escort patients with mobility challenges to the clinic so they could hear the gospel. Laying aside his status as a distinguished cardiology specialist, he served patients in humility and gentleness—embodying the likeness of Jesus—so that they might experience whole-person healing in body, mind, and spirit.

Rev. Dr. Chapman did not merely instruct people to "do" ministry. Instead, he impacted lives through his own life, exemplifying the love of Jesus Christ

and making the Lord's teachings visible. Behind his back, many would say, "In him, I see Jesus." I, too, learned what it truly means to be a real disciple of the Lord through his example.

Rev. Dr. Chapman gave us the prime years of his life. Through his medical practice in Hong Kong, he planted the seeds of the gospel and God's truth into the hearts of everyone who knew him. Unbelievers came to know and understand the spirit of Christ, while believers gained a deep experience in their faith journey of what it truly means to live out a committed ministry.

Rev. Dr. Chapman, thank you for your fatherly love, through which I experienced the immense love of our Heavenly Father. You will forever be in my heart!

A Sharing in Remembrance

Ms. LAM Shuk Fun
Former Ward Manager, Evangel Hospital

When I first began working at Evangel Hospital, I saw Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman leading a group of doctors on ward rounds. I listened to his gentle voice as he greeted the patients—always with kindness and genuine care.

Whenever a patient needed to get out of bed for an examination, Rev. Dr. Chapman would thoughtfully place the slippers in just the right position for

them to put on. At that moment, I felt I had never seen a doctor so humble and tender. Looking at a face that was completely foreign, yet hearing him speak fluent, pure Cantonese, I was filled with both surprise and deep admiration.

I was privileged to work alongside Rev. Dr. Chapman for three years at Evangel Hospital and to witness this

kind and gentle missionary doctor—truly a servant greatly used by God. I firmly believe that the Gospel was shared in a living way through his testimony and wholehearted service, his careful attention to patients, and his professional skill.

May we all take him as our role model and become faithful, fitting instruments in God's hands.



Ms. LEUNG Mei Hing May
Former Nurse, Evangel Hospital

Rev. Dr. Chapman's Chinese name, (known as Cheuk Yan-man), was truly well chosen—meaning "Grace Extends to the People" (恩澤予民). Under his precise and attentive care, patients received healing for their illnesses. He also shared the Gospel of Jesus with them, bringing salvation to the souls of many patients and their families.

Below are a few memories from my time working with Rev. Dr. Chapman: Rev. Dr. Chapman would personally assist patients in and out of bed and

help them walk, simply to observe their physical condition and mobility firsthand. He would even kneel down to help patients put on their shoes—without a trace of pretension. He maintained rigorous standards for nursing care and expected our nursing staff to be thoroughly familiar with every patient's condition.

I clearly remember that on many Fridays after 6:00 p.m., Rev. Dr. Chapman could still be seen making rounds in the wards to check on critically ill patients.

After rushing home for a quick dinner, he would already be back in the wards by 7:30 p.m., inviting patients and their relatives to the ground floor lobby to join the Friday evening Gospel meeting. I also recall that he rarely missed the hospital-wide staff fellowship held during lunchtimes.

Rev. Dr. Chapman is now resting in the arms of the Lord. He will forever be remembered and dearly missed!

With love and remembrance,
Leung Mei Hing

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Missionary, Rev. Dr. Chapman

Life is like a symphony, and he chose to offer his notes to where they were needed most. Today, with profound respect and sorrow, we gather to honour Rev. Dr. Chapman – a missionary who journeyed across the ocean and devoted the finest years of his life to Hong Kong. He was not only a doctor of remarkable skill, but also a faithful servant of God, a pillar of the church, and a guiding light as both a teacher and a friend in our lives.

Ms. LAM Suk Ching

Former Health Care Assistant, Evangel Hospital



Sowing Love and Healing in a Foreign Land

Decades ago, he bid farewell to his homeland, carrying the mission of his faith and a selfless love for humanity, came to Hong Kong – a place that was perhaps completely unfamiliar to him at the time. In hospitals and clinics, he used his exquisite medical skills to relieve the physical suffering of countless patients; even more, his gentle gaze and patient listening brought immense comfort to the marginalized and fragile. In an era of scarce healthcare resources, his presence was a beacon in the night, bringing light to countless desperate families.



Dedicated Service at EFCC Elim Church

Rev. Dr. Chapman was a humble servant. EFCC Elim Church was a grassroots church that lacked manpower. Rev. Dr. Chapman served as an advisory pastor, while Mrs. Chapman quietly served as the church pianist. In church, whether preaching God's truth from the pulpit or offering care and prayers in private, Rev. Dr. Chapman always involved himself personally. His life witnessed the truth of "not to be served, but to serve." His faith was no abstract doctrine, but decades of quiet, steadfast service. Through him, we saw Christ's love made tangible and warm.

A Companion on the Journey of Life

To many of us, his role transcended that of "doctor" or "missionary." On our journey of faith, his disciplined life and Biblical truth inspired and pushed us to grow; in daily life, he was a dear friend who stopped to walk with us through every peak and valley.

We will always remember his wise counsel in times of confusion, and his sincere greetings spoken in his accented Cantonese during times of discouragement. Loving us without reserve, he poured himself into our lives as an intimate spiritual friend.

Forever Cherished, Forever Remembered

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." These words of Scripture are a true portrait of his life. He poured out his time, talents, and love unreservedly onto the land of Hong Kong. Though he now rests from his earthly labors in the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father, the spiritual legacy he leaves behind and the medical example he demonstrated will remain forever etched in the hearts of all who were touched and inspired by him.

Thank you, our beloved Rev. Dr. Chapman, teacher, and friend. Though you have departed, the flame of love you kindled will continue to burn and be passed down in Hong Kong, in our church, and in our lives, generation after generation.

We do not say goodbye—for on the shore of eternity, we shall meet again.

Remembering our Superintendent

Rev. Dr. Chapman: Those Gentle Eyes and the Spirit of a True Gentleman



Ms. WOO Mei Chui Betty
Former Health Care Assistant,
Evangel Hospital

During my professional career, my encounters with Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman, the founding Medical Superintendent of Evangel Hospital, were brief, yet they left a lasting impression that has remained with me all these years.

When I first joined the hospital, Rev. Dr. Chapman was about to retire, so our connection was limited. I worked in the Paediatrics Department at that time, while he was busy on the other side of the outpatient clinic. Yet, whenever his name was mentioned, the first phrase that came to mind was always “a true gentleman of humility.”

I still remember an incident not long after I began working there. One day, in a moment of urgency, I was hurrying toward the Paediatrics Department, both hands carrying a heavy tray of medical instruments. Just as I felt at a loss, Rev. Dr. Chapman happened to be walking toward me. Seeing me struggling with the tray, without a word, he stepped ahead and held the door open for me to let me pass

through. That small act left a deep impression on a newly arrived staff member like me. The Superintendent of the hospital, someone far above me in position showed not the slightest air of superiority toward an ordinary employee. That instinctive kindness became my first lasting impression of him.

Beyond his personal charisma, he and Mr. John Neir created a hospital culture that remains irreplaceable. Under God’s guidance and their leadership, the hospital was rich with a warm, authentic Christian spiritual atmosphere—one that brought a deep sense of peace to the heart, even amidst the daily busyness.

As time passes, what remains deeply etched in my heart is the memory of Rev. Dr. Chapman’s gentle eyes and warm smile. In my mind, he will always be that humble gentleman who lived out the likeness of Christ.



Ms. LUI Shek Ha
Former Nursing Manager,
Evangel Hospital

Words alone cannot fully express our gratitude for Rev. Dr. Chapman’s testimony of love. Allow me to share two stories to express our thanks:

Rev. Dr. Chapman’s excellence in medical skills

I was once deeply troubled by recurring urinary tract infections. When Rev. Dr. Chapman learned of my situation, he told me that if I was patient enough to take the medication for three months, I would be cured. He explained that effective treatment is not about prescribing many medicines but prescribing the right one. In the end, he only prescribed one kind of pill. After completing the three-month course, I was truly relieved of the problem—my body and mind both felt lighter! It was truly amazing. I met a wonderful doctor.

Rev. Dr. Chapman’s grace that blesses Hong Kong

Carrying the heart of Christ, Rev. Dr. Chapman and his wife gave the best years of their lives to share the gospel with Hong Kong and demonstrate God’s love to us all. My brother-in-law became connected with Evangel Hospital because of kidney disease. He joined Sunday worship services there. He is a very rational person—thoughtful and meticulous. He once told me, “Rev. Dr. Chapman is the Jesus for Evangel Hospital!” Eventually, He was baptized at the EFCC Woot Oi Church and surrendering his life to the Lord. Hallelujah!

Dr. Chapman played many special roles in my life



Ms. Mary

Wife of Rev. Damon Bruce

My friend's father

When Dr. Chapman was home in the U.S. to further his medical training in 1968-1972, his daughter Judy and I were friends at school. In 1971, Judy introduced me to Christ through some books she loaned to me. I met her parents a few times but didn't get to know them very well.

Several years later, the Chapman family was again in the U.S. for a short time. I went to visit them where they were staying, mainly to see Judy. But the whole family was there. I mentioned that I would be working for the summer at a camp in northern Wisconsin. Dr. Chapman got very excited and immediately looked at a map to see if the camp was anywhere near the church they would be visiting in that state, so that maybe they could come see me at the camp. It turned out not to be nearby, and I remember how disappointed he seemed about this. I was only one of his daughter's many

friends; why would the chance to visit me be important to him? That was typical of Dr. Chapman, I learned: He never put limits on who was important enough for him to care about.

My supervisor

It was because of my connection with the Chapmans that I became interested in missionary work, and in Hong Kong in particular. I came out to work at Evangel Hospital in 1982, when I was still young and not very experienced as a physiotherapist. Even though I frequently needed help with language or other questions, Dr. Chapman always treated me with respect as a full member of the hospital team.

Besides treating patients at the hospital, Dr. Chapman was also the director of the medical staff. In addition, when

the hospital superintendent Mr. Neir was absent on home assignment, Dr. Chapman also functioned as the acting superintendent. He was a very busy man! But when I needed his help, he always made me feel like he had absolutely nothing more important to do than to listen to me. I believe this was a reflection of his deep, moment by moment faith in God. He trusted that if God brought someone to his office, God would enable him to serve that person in the name of Christ and still have enough time to accomplish everything else that was God's will for him that day.

My friend

Besides our professional relationship at the hospital and in the mission organization, I was privileged to spend time with Dr. and Mrs. Chapman informally. Since they retired more than 25 years before we did, Bruce and I frequently stayed with them when we visited my home church in Minneapolis (which was also their home church).

We never felt like guests, but simply like part of their family. We could talk about anything. Sometimes we would discuss Bible passages that we were studying. Sometimes we would share concerns about our work, and they would often have good advice, but always they would pray for our concerns as well. We didn't always talk about serious things, though! Dr. Chapman liked to laugh and would tell funny stories from his life. He was a very interesting storyteller!

My example

I loved Dr. Chapman for many reasons, but most of all I admired and looked up to him for his consistent Christian character. He was a very intelligent and accomplished missionary and physician, but I never knew him to act with pride in himself. The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 2:3, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." Dr. Chapman embodied this virtue.

Paul wrote about how Jesus laid aside the rights of his heavenly home in order to become one with us. Likewise Dr. Chapman laid aside much of his American culture in order to identify with the Chinese people.

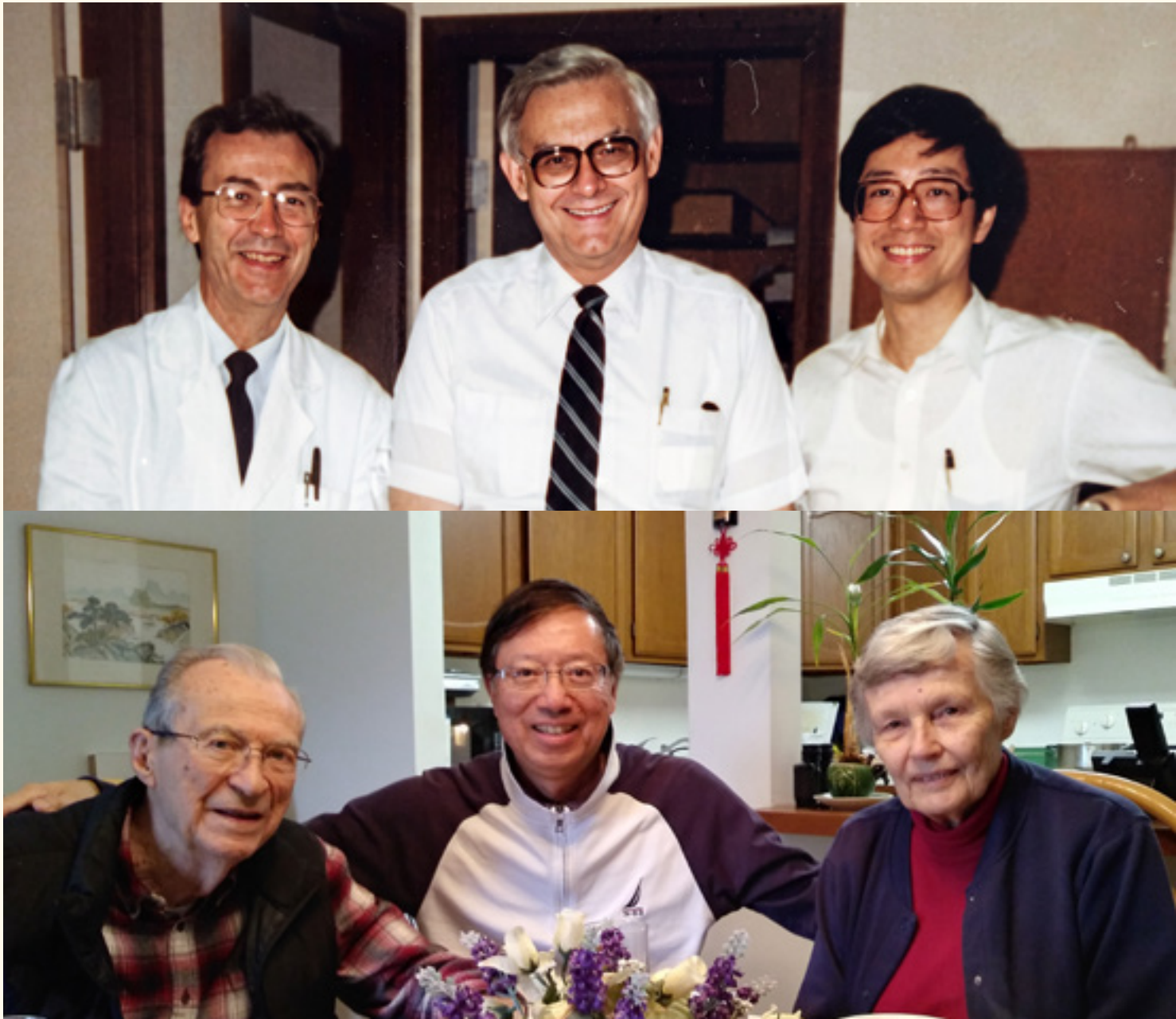
Sometimes this could backfire! I well remember one evening at a mission prayer meeting, Dr. Chapman, wishing to tell me that I was looking well and happy, said to me, "You are looking absolutely CHUNKY!" I was shocked, and stammered something about how I really was trying to lose weight, and then ran out of the room so he wouldn't see me cry. Well, later that night, he asked his wife, "I am afraid I hurt Mary's feelings badly, but I don't know why." She asked him, "What did you say to her?" and he told her he had said I was looking "chunky." His wife exclaimed, "Well, of course she was upset! Telling an American woman that she is looking fat is a terrible insult!" Dr. Chapman was stricken with remorse. He immediately telephoned me to apologize for his ill-chosen words, explaining that he was not noticing my weight at all, only my overall good appearance. He could not rest until he knew that I had forgiven him and was not feeling bad about his cultural mistake.

Another time, years later, Dr. Chapman and I had a sharp disagreement about a certain way of doing things. Neither of us was right or wrong, we just had different, strongly-held opinions. But the next time I saw him, he again asked forgiveness, because he feared that he had been too harsh in his words that day. His humility, his willingness to put himself in the wrong in order to preserve a relationship, left a deep impression. As Romans 14:18 states, "Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men."

Those of us who loved Dr. Chapman could surely bring no greater honor to his memory than to strive to treat others as he did. Romans 12:10-17 could have been written as a description of our precious brother in Christ:

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Be not wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all."

I give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the privilege of having known his choice servant, Dr. Chapman.



In Loving Memory of
Our Spiritual Mentor, Compassionate Doctor and Dear Friend
Dr. Robert Chapman

Who served humbly and loved unconditionally,
And called to walk greater heights.

Mr. Daniel Kaming & Ms. Rosita TO
Toronto Canada July, 2026

Fruitful Ministry



In Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Chapman at EFCC Elim Church



Rev. CHU Wing Sai
Senior Pastor, EFCC Elim Church

In Matthew 28, Jesus commissioned His disciples with the Great Commission: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” God sent His servants to leave their homelands, travel across oceans, and come to unreached lands.

Rev. Dr. Chapman and his wife, responding to God’s call, came to Hong Kong—the mission field. From the founding of Evangel Hospital to their involvement in the pastoral ministry at EFCC Elim Church, they wholeheartedly followed God’s guidance and served Him faithfully.

In those days, Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman carried the dual calling of both a doctor and a pastor. On one hand, he cared for patients in the hospital, serving the community; on the other, in the church he nurtured believers, helping them grow in faith and shepherding the flock. From 1981 to 1990, Rev. Dr. Chapman served as the Advisory Pastor of EFCC Elim Church—truly a monumental blessing to our church. God sent him as a messenger of good news, leaving behind a beautiful footstep in his path. His life of ministry remains a living testimony, inspiring believers to obey God’s call to “go” and fulfill the Great Commission.

Personally, I did not know Rev. Dr. Chapman. However, for EFCC Elim Church’s 50th Anniversary booklet, I specially invited him to write a message to encourage our brothers and sisters. He replied promptly, encouraging us with God’s Word: “Hold fast to our wonderful God, walk in His truth, and let God become your wonderful and trustworthy Father God, your wonderfully loving Savior, the mighty guide and provider.”

He also shared that he would pray for EFCC Elim Church every day. This moved me deeply. It allowed me to see a faithful servant walking humbly with the Lord—warm and approachable, showing parental tenderness, and offering concise yet profound reminders and encouragement to his family.

Though possessor of deep learning and professional medical qualifications, Rev. Dr. Chapman maintained profound humility and gentleness—what appeared simple on the surface was, in truth, deeply extraordinary.

Jesus taught His disciples not to follow the example of the hypocritical scribes and Pharisees, who sought personal glory—for such an attitude produces only bad fruit. Yet Rev. Dr. Chapman’s life of ministry sought to satisfy God’s heart and fulfill His divine purpose. Just as Jesus commanded His disciples to live out the Great Commandment: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” and “Love your neighbour as yourself” Rev. Dr. Chapman left us an example that every servant of God should follow.

To our beloved Rev. Dr. Chapman, on behalf of the brothers and sisters of EFCC Elim Church, we sincerely thank you for being our shepherd and our family, and for teaching us how to run the race for the Lord with all our strength. We truly admire your life of faithful devotion: “Total commitment; love for God and people; faithful service to the Lord; compassionate care for patients; shepherding the Church; a dear friend and faithful shepherd; embracing the Great Commission; serving the community.”

You will forever be in our hearts and dearly remembered!

Rev. Fulton CHIN
Former Pastor, EFCC Elim Church

Dr. Bob Chapman,

Though we lived at the same address, we did not talk much personally. In recent years, I have sent the Chapmans our annual newsletter. We met at mission meetings, Bible studies, and picnics. They taught us the simple recipes for making the Five-cup and Waldorf Salads.

Of the many Free Church missionaries, only Roger Anderson and I were in church ministries. When we left on furlough in 1976, the Chapmans came to help Elim. There were many more suitable places of worship, but he chose Elim. This showed how much he loved the people at Elim.

One of my greatest shortcomings when I was on the field, I did not communicate enough with our more than 60 supporters. This was before the email era. If we had email then, I would have connected with them much more. Each time the mission newsletters came out, I saw Dr. Chapman typing on the aerograms to his supporters. He was very dedicated in his ministry at the Evangel Hospital. Perhaps his busyness made his children want to avoid becoming doctors.



In Loving Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Chapman — A Good Friend and Good Shepherd



Ms. PONG CHIU Pui Pui

Chairman of the Deacons,
EFCC Elim Church

Rev. Dr. Chapman was tall and handsome, with a gentle and unmistakable presence. In my memory, I have never heard Rev. Dr. Chapman raised his voice. As a foreigner, although his Cantonese was sometimes not entirely perfect, he always did his best to communicate with us in this dialect—and he never mixed Chinese and English together. Sometimes, if he made a mistake in Cantonese and it caused a bit of laughter, he would laugh happily as well. Even now, whenever I think of that scene, it feels so warm and familiar.

As an Advisory Pastor, Rev. Dr. Chapman was deeply committed to serving the church. He would visit patients in the hospital, care for the brothers and sisters, and also attend important church meetings. Every Sunday, you could always see Rev. Dr. Chapman and his wife come back to the EFCC Elim Church for worship. He always took the initiative to care for everyone. What I admired most was that he could remember the name of every person in the church — and each time, he listened carefully to understand people's needs.

The work of a doctor is truly very busy. Sometimes, even in the middle of worship, when he received a call from the hospital, he had to rush back immediately. I remember one time when the church choir held an overnight retreat, he also had to leave late at night and rush

back to the hospital after receiving an urgent message.

Years ago, when my father fell ill and needed to be hospitalized, our whole family was at a total loss on what to do. At our most lost and helpless moment, Rev. Dr. Chapman stepped in to help arrange my father's admission and even came to visit him personally in the hospital.

Later, when my father passed away, our family had not yet accepted Christ, so the funeral followed traditional Buddhist rites. As Western missionaries, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman held no hesitation or prejudice about attending a Buddhist service. Instead, they came together to the funeral parlour to comfort us, bringing immense warmth to our grieving family.

Throughout many significant stages of my life, Rev. Dr. Chapman and his wife were always quietly by my side, offering their loving support. Before my marriage, Rev. Dr. Chapman provided counselling to me and my husband, and he even invited us to dinner, teaching us how to live in a harmonious relationship as husband and wife. Even to this day, many of his teachings remain crystal clear in my mind—lessons that have truly blessed me for a lifetime. On my wedding day, as my father had already passed away, Rev. Dr. Chapman readily agreed to serve as my "father figure" (giving me away), taking my hand and walking me down the aisle.

Rev. Dr. Chapman was exceptionally thoughtful and caring. When I was pregnant with my first child, he proactively shared advice on what to expect during childbirth.

One night, feeling what I thought were early contractions, I dialled his number in a state of panic. He was actually already fast asleep, but he picked up immediately, showing not the slightest irritation at being awakened. Instead, he spoke to me with immense patience, teaching me how to track the pattern of the contractions, and ended the call by praying for me right over the phone. It was because of his prayer that my heart was filled with profound peace as I made my way to the hospital to deliver my baby.

Thank God, throughout every important stage of my life, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman were always there, walking by my side. In them, I witnessed the true heart of a loving shepherd—how he gently leads his little sheep with abundant love, walks with them as they grow, and sets an example with his own life, guiding us step by step to draw closer to our Heavenly Father.

Rev. Dr. Chapman, thank you for walking alongside us through every precious step of our lives. You will forever be dearly remembered in our hearts.

In Memory of Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman: A Humble and Faithful Servant



Mr. PONG Siu Hoi

Member, EFCC Elim Church

Every time I saw Rev. Dr. Chapman, it felt as though I was seeing my own father. His bright, lively eyes, warm smile, patient listening, and genuine care and encouragement made it so easy—and such a joy—to be around him. Whenever brothers and sisters spoke with him, while his ears listened attentively to our problems, his heart would use God's Word to comfort and help us in our needs. In prayer, he would lead us to surrender our worries and anxieties to the Lord, teaching us to rely on God and walking alongside us in our journey of faith.

Although Cantonese was not his mother tongue, during his preaching, he always prepared with great seriousness and effort, trying his best to share the biblical truths he had grasped and the deep understanding he had as a servant of God. He willingly devoted much time and energy to preparing his messages, using language and

examples that the congregation could understand. Faithfully, he built up the lives of the brothers and sisters with the Word of God. People listened with full attention, and his preaching helped us to put down deep roots in our faith.

Back then, many brothers and sisters in the church were entering the age for marriage. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman would attend every wedding, offering their beautiful blessings to the newlyweds. Thank God that Rev. Dr. Chapman also provided pre-marital counseling for me. He taught me how to build a new household in marriage, how to accept one another at home, and how to make Jesus Christ the Lord of our home. He reminded me that Christ must be the head of our new family—we were to learn the love of Christ, bear with and accept each other, and turn to God together whenever challenges arose.

Every Sunday morning after the worship service, because of his medical expertise, brothers and sisters who felt unwell would often seek Rev. Dr. Chapman's advice. He would listen carefully and, according to their condition, offer professional medical counsel. At the same time, in his role as a pastor, he showed deep care and comfort, helping brothers and sisters who were unwell to learn to hand over their inner anxieties and heavy burdens into God's hands.

In Rev. Dr. Chapman, I saw a humble servant who served God with wholehearted devotion. He regarded every sheep the Lord entrusted to him as his own family, and his selfless attitude has become a model for how I serve others today. Rev. Dr. Chapman, thank you for being our pastor and our family, and for accompanying us with humility and faithfulness on our journey of growth in faith. You will be forever in our hearts.

Engraved upon the Heart, Never to Be Forgotten!



Rev. Dr. Chapman and Mrs. Chapman played an exceedingly important role in the lives of Ka-lok and Yuen-ling.

Ka-lok consistently consulted Rev. Dr. Chapman regarding his medical condition, and especially during the period when he and Yuen-ling were receiving premarital counselling, Rev. Dr. Chapman accompanied them throughout with devoted guidance. Ka-lok's baptism was also personally officiated by Rev. Dr. Chapman—a profoundly meaningful occasion.

Mrs. Chapman, for her part, attentively nurtured Yuen-ling in music ministry, from teaching her to play the piano and serve as accompanist, to guiding her in learning conducting before her retirement, leading her step by step to grow in service.

The couple always treated Yuen-ling and Ka-lok with utmost care and affection.

This deep bond is engraved upon the heart, never to be forgotten.

Mr. YAN Ka Lok Teddy

Former Member,
EFCC Elim Church

Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman was a kind, faithful, and deeply beloved shepherd to us. We were accustomed to calling him Rev. Dr. Chapman — a name that felt even more familiar and affectionate. Among the many fond memories you left us, the most unforgettable was right before our wedding, when you welcomed us into your home to stay for a whole week.

During that week, they shared every ordinary part of daily life with us—from breakfasts and dinners to doing laundry, folding clothes, and gathering for family worship—allowing us to truly experience what married life is all about. They showed us how personality differences can bring friction to daily living and child-rearing, and how, under the great truth that Christ is the Lord of

the home, couples can navigate these real-world challenges in a way that fosters mutual growth.

Rev. Dr. Chapman also gently pointed out the greatest differences in our personalities, offering us both reminder and encouragement.

Dear Rev. Dr. Chapman, the brilliant example you set and the words of guidance you gave us will never be forgotten. Though we are temporarily parted from you, we firmly believe that one day in our heavenly home, we will reunite with you and Mrs. Chapman again.

With love and respect,
Kwong Yi & Fung Ling

Ms. LAI Fung Ling

Member,
EFCC Elim Church

Faithful Servant: Glorifying God, Serving Humanity

Ms. NG Wai Ling Esther
Former Member,
EFCC Elim Church

When I learned of Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman's passing, my heart was filled with deep reluctance to let him go. Although he has returned to his Heavenly home to be reunited with Mrs. Chapman, his boundless love and devotion to us at EFCC Elim Church can never be fully told.

I still remember when Mrs. Chapman used to serve as the church pianist during Sunday worship. Later, she discovered me and patiently taught me how to play the piano for service. I am so grateful for her

guidance—it is because of her that I only know how to play hymns, and nothing else.

Mrs. Chapman taught with so much love, and Rev. Dr. Chapman cared deeply for every single person at EFCC Elim Church. As a doctor at Evangel Hospital, he once took the time to carefully explain the root cause of my condition when I was frequently hospitalized at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for a heart valve issue, which brought me great peace of mind. I want to

express my deepest gratitude to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman; the Heavenly Father knows all they have given for EFCC Elim Church. Today, my parents are in Heaven together with them. May God continue to bless Rev. Dr. Chapman's children.

I used to be a member of EFCC Elim Church, but after marrying a brother from EFCC Woot Chuen Church, I transferred there. Yet, EFCC Elim Church will always remain an unforgettable home to me.



Ms. NG Wai Ching Rebecca
Former Member, EFCC Elim Church

Praise God! He led Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman and his wife from the United States to Hong Kong as medical missionaries at Evangel Hospital and allowed them to serve in pastoral ministry every Sunday at EFCC Elim Church. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman were filled with immense love and a shepherd's heart. They took the initiative to visit our non-believing parents, using Cantonese to share the Gospel with them and sow its seeds. Today, our whole family has come to

faith in the Lord. How thankful we are! In 1985, four young couples in EFCC Elim Church (including us) were about to set out on the path of marriage. Upon learning this, Rev. Dr. Chapman immediately prepared a premarital counselling camp for us. Rev. Dr. Chapman shared with the brothers about the responsibilities of a husband; Mrs. Chapman shared with the sisters about the responsibilities of a wife. We four couples-to-be gained great

benefit from this, and our gratitude is boundless.

The life testimony of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman has also served as an inspiring model for our own service.

After marriage, I transferred to the EFCC Wendell Memorial Church in Diamond Hill to gather and serve, and contact became less frequent, yet in my heart I still remember their sincere and selfless love for others.

Ms. NG Wai Lin Becky

Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman and his wife were immensely loving and always cared deeply for our family. They frequently communicated with us in Chinese, which gave us a warm sense of closeness. I loved them dearly and formed a deep bond with them.

Knowing that I worked in fashion design, Mrs. Chapman humbly asked me to teach her garment cutting and dressmaking. I was more than happy to do so, and she learned with great humility. Every time after a lesson, she would invite me to stay for dinner with their family. She was a wonderful cook of Western cuisine; their home was often filled with the rich, inviting aroma of sizzling

butter—something I especially adored—and it gave me the chance to practice communicating with them in English.

Later, after I got married and emigrated to Switzerland, we were in touch less frequently. Yet their sincerity and love toward others allowed me to truly experience God's love through them. They will forever remain in my heart!



Ms. NG Wai Mui Ruth
Member, EFCC Elim Church

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman are not only the pastors of EFCC Elim Church—they are also beloved family friends to our Ng family. They are gentle and humble, loving the Lord and people with sincerity. Their attitude is always kind and heartfelt, and they are also willing to attend our family events. Both my father and mother held them in high regard, and I personally enjoyed an even deeper fellowship and special bond with Dr. Rev. and Mrs. Chapman.

Years ago, a doctor informed me that I was facing infertility and gave me a referral letter. I brought that letter to Rev. Dr. Chapman. Upon learning about our situation, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman cared for us with deep compassion, prayed together with us, and shared their

thoughtful guidance. Not only did they gently comfort me, but they also offered us unreserved support and steadfast prayerful watchfulness.

By God's wonderful grace, On 14 December 1991, my first son was born at Evangel Hospital. Rev. Dr. Chapman came to visit me in the ward shortly after. The very first thing he urged me to do was to finish the nourishing broth brought by the nurse, reassuring me that it was good for my recovery. I was deeply moved. His gentle, thoughtful manner made me feel as though he was reflecting the love and care of the Lord Jesus Himself.

In my life, there are two major milestones — marriage and having children. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman were always there

for me, blessing us with their prayers, presence, and loving support. They also took part in our Ng family gatherings, and those precious memories remain as vivid as ever. He is a faithful servant of the Lord, and a gentle and attentive doctor. The grace we have received is truly too abundant to fully recount here.

Thank God for guiding Rev. Dr. Chapman and his wife to come and serve at EFCC Elim Church. Their lives truly embodied the example of Christ, and their beautiful footprints are ones I will never forget. May they in heaven rejoice and be happily reunited with the pastors and believers who have gone before and enjoy eternal joy and blessings.

In Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Chapman



Rev. WONG Yan Yeuk Samuel

Former Senior Pastor, EFCC Woot Oi Church

Recently, I accompanied my mother to EFCC Kong Fok Church to attend the Thanksgiving Worship Service marking the 70th anniversary of the Evangel Children's Home. Before it began, as we sat outside the hall waiting, many brothers and sisters from the EFCC Elim Church came over to greet us and asked my mother, "Do you still remember us?" My mother replied that she certainly did, remembering how, decades ago, Rev. Dr. Chapman had invited my parents to visit EFCC Elim Church to share their testimony.

Back then, after the service, Rev. Dr. Chapman invited my father to serve as a fellowship advisor for EFCC Elim Church. However, my father gently declined, explaining that he was already heavily involved in various ministries at his own church, EFCC Fook On Church. After the service that day, my parents, along with other church members, went to see Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman off at Kai Tak Airport as they departed for the United States.

In 2000, Rev. Dr. Chapman returned to Hong Kong to attend the hospital's anniversary celebration. At that time, I was serving at EFCC Woot Oi Church and had the privilege of chatting and praying with Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman. Having already learned about my involvement in ministry, they

were filled with joy and would faithfully pray for our church, its ministers, and the brothers and sisters. Naturally, Rev. Dr. Chapman cared deeply about his hospital colleagues. I vividly remember how hospital staff asked him numerous questions, and he answered each one with great humility and gentleness.

Rev. Dr. Chapman always impressed me as a handsome, humble gentleman—someone who was deeply passionate about caring for others and who also trained many nurses. When I was a child, I was frail and frequently ill, so my parents often brought me to Evangel Hospital, where Rev. Dr. Chapman was among the doctors who treated me. I vividly remember one particular visit: after examining me, he gently helped clean my ears. Even today, that moment remains fresh in my memory.

Whether in my childhood or when I later served in church, his words carried both gentleness and strength. They gave me great support. He always cared about people's needs, and he encouraged prayer and the practice of God's truth.

May the Lord use Rev. Dr. Chapman's life and legacy to inspire many more to love and serve the Lord!



Ms. CHAN Shun Chun

Former Member, EFCC Elim Church

My impression of Rev. Dr. Chapman has always been one of gentleness and warmth, with a kind and gentle smile constantly on his face. Whenever I chatted with him, I always felt so comfortable and warm at heart, just like talking to a loving father.

In 1980, my mother fell seriously ill. She underwent numerous tests and was hospitalized for over a month, yet the doctors could not find the cause of her illness. Around October, Rev. Dr. Chapman returned to Hong Kong and came back to EFCC Elim Church. When he saw that my mother looked very unwell, he carefully asked about her condition. He sensed that something was wrong and advised my mother to undergo further examination at Evangel Hospital. The test results revealed that she had advanced lung cancer that had spread, with only a short time left to live.

Thankfully, during her stay at the hospital, my mother received Rev. Dr. Chapman's dedicated care as well as the attentive attention of the medical staff, until she peacefully went home to be with the Lord.

When I was looking through old photos of Rev. Dr. Chapman, I was deeply moved to find a picture taken in 1984, showing Rev. Dr. Chapman administering the baptism for my father at EFCC Elim Church. I had long forgotten this moment. This photo is so deeply precious to me, as it brings back a flood of cherished memories.

Rev. Dr. Chapman: Thank you for all that you have lovingly given to my family. I will never forget your kindness, and you will forever be dearly remembered in my heart.

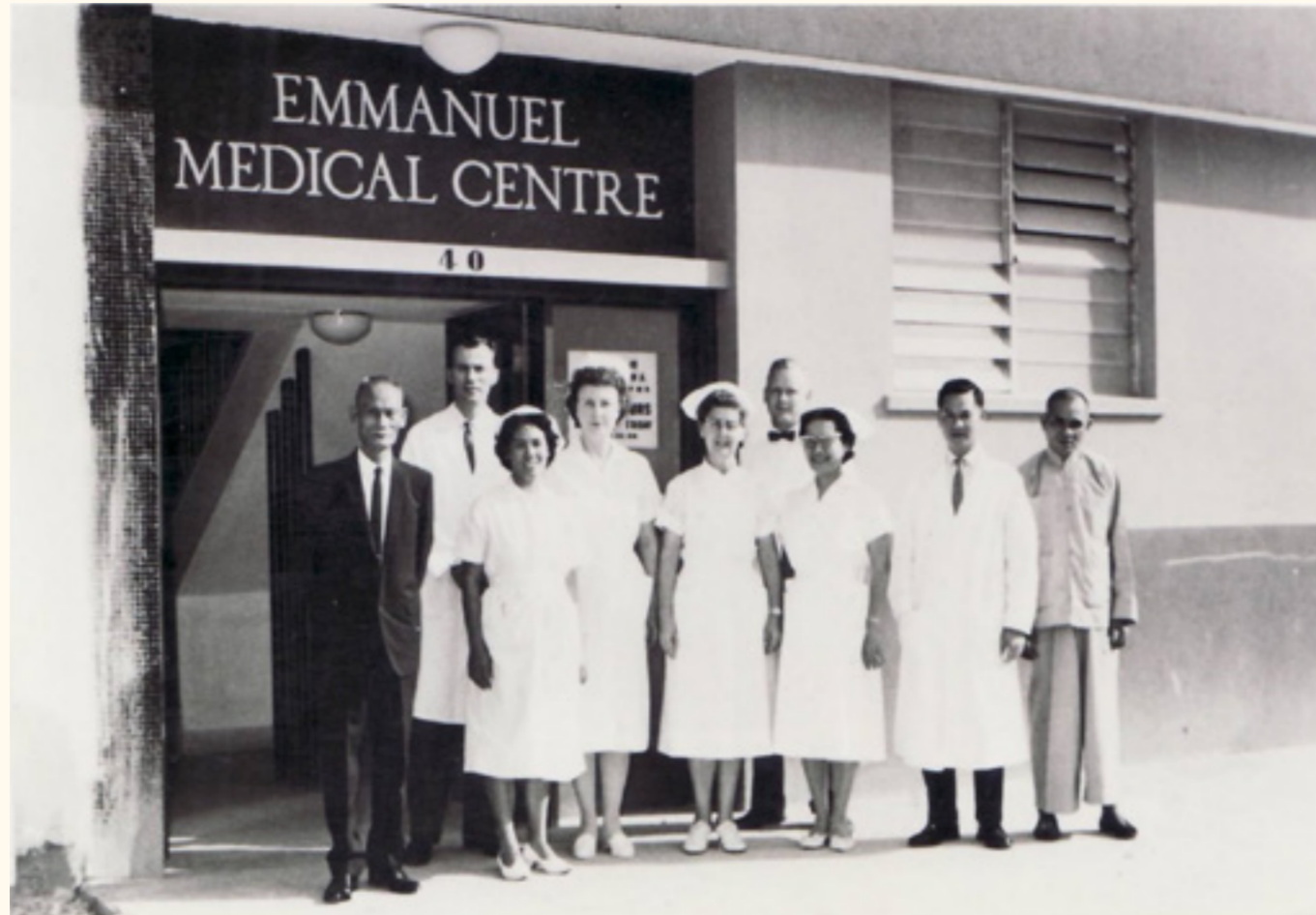


Ms. Loretta HUNG

Member, EFCC Elim Church

In fond remembrance of Rev. Dr. Chapman's teachings and presence at EFCC Elim Church, leaving behind endless memories...

From the hymns sung during Holy Communion to his teachings from the Bible, he provided us with rich guidance, inspiration, and a living example. Rev. Dr. Chapman accompanied us to truly see and experience that God is love—a radiant embodiment of proclaiming God's love to the world.



Mr. CHAN Chung Pak Johnson

Member, EFCC Grace Church
Born at Evangel Hospital

Even while I was still in my mother's womb, Rev. Dr. Chapman provided my mother with attentive prenatal check-ups. Later, he personally delivered me, welcoming me into this world. During my infancy, my mother also took me to Dr. Addington on numerous occasions for medical consultations.

In January 1965, my mother was admitted to Emmanuel Medical Centre. Rev. Dr. Chapman assisted with the delivery. After the birth, my mother experienced severe postpartum hemorrhage. We are forever grateful that Rev. Dr. Chapman spent an entire hour without pause massaging her uterus to stop the bleeding. This was a lifesaving grace for which my mother remained deeply grateful throughout her whole life.

In 1975, when my mother developed high blood pressure, she sought Rev. Dr. Chapman's care. Besides prescribing appropriate medication, Rev. Dr. Chapman also cared about my mother's inner life and spiritual needs. He encouraged her to attend the Sunday worship services at EFCC Grace

Church. Because of this, I attended my very first Evangel Children's summer camp. After that, I grew up in the EFCC Grace Church.

Later, when Rev. Dr. Chapman invited my mother to attend the Sunday worship service at EFCC Grace Church, he added, "I'll be waiting for you at the entrance of the Hau Wong Road Church. Don't miss it!" My mother felt, "If such a caring doctor is inviting me, I really shouldn't refuse..." And that is how it happened — through Rev. Dr. Chapman's kindness, compassion, and care, he warmly encouraged my mother to attend EFCC Grace Church's Sunday worship.

I deeply miss and greatly admire Rev. Dr. Chapman. Through his medical expertise, he served many patients with God's love in a tangible way. As so many patients felt Rev. Dr. Chapman's genuine love, they ultimately came to discover the even greater love of Jesus Christ shining through him.



Enduring Legacy



Faithful Service of Rev. Dr. Chapman

Rev. CHU Cheuk Chi Andy
Chairman of Chaplaincy Advisory Committee, Evangel Hospital

When I read and hear about the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman, my heart is filled with deep gratitude and praise. Through his testimony and selfless service, he has been a rich blessing to me and to so many others.

In the early 1960s, Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman and Rev. Dr. Gordon Addington came to Hong Kong as medical missionaries. They initially served in a clinic attached to EFCC Grace Church. As the demand at the clinic grew, they saw the need to establish a larger, fully equipped hospital.

Rev. Dr. Chapman and Rev. Dr. Addington began with prayer, asking God to provide the necessary funds and resources. Praise God that Evangel Hospital was established in 1965 with a very clear mission: to proclaim the Gospel, to provide affordable medical care for the community, and to offer holistic care for patients' body, mind, and spirit. This mission continues to this day, thanks to the wonderful foundation laid by its founders through God's grace.

Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman led by example, faithfully serving the Lord. Former Medical Superintendent of Evangel Hospital, Dr. Hung Hing Ming, recalled that in those days, the hospital held morning prayer meetings every

day, where he often heard Rev. Dr. Chapman prays sincerely for patients and colleagues alike. During morning rounds, Rev. Dr. Chapman would warmly hold patients' hands and talk with them. He did not merely treat illnesses—he built meaningful relationships and shared the Lord's love. As Dr. Hung recalled, God granted Rev. Dr. Chapman special grace and wisdom, so that even difficult cases experienced miraculous healing under his care. Rev. Dr. Chapman was deeply loved and respected by his patients, who often remarked that they could see Jesus in him. What a beautiful testimony!

Rev. Dr. Chapman was approachable and courteous, reflecting the gentleness and humility of Jesus Christ. His life inspired other doctors, so that the spirit of holistic care truly became an integral part of Evangel Hospital's culture. On one occasion, I heard Dr. Hung share from the depth of his heart about the early missionary doctors who were filled with zeal to proclaim the Gospel, expressing his hope that this missionary passion would be passed down. Hearing Dr. Hung's reflection touched me deeply, and it is my heartfelt prayer that this missionary spirit will continue to be carried on in the hospital.

I thank God for allowing me to serve on the Hospital Chaplaincy Committee. I am delighted to see the hospital actively proclaiming the Gospel to both patients and staff.

The current Hospital Superintendent, Dr. Chui Siu Hang, carries forward this core mission by actively promoting holistic care. Through God's grace, the hospital's vision to serve the community continues to move forward. In the early years, children from low-income families could receive outpatient care for just 20 Hong Kong dollars. Later, partnerships with foundations were established—even ahead of government funding—to offer free cataract surgery for elderly CSSA recipients. Today, Evangel Hospital's fees remain significantly more affordable and accessible than most private hospitals, faithfully continuing its calling to serve the community.

Through Rev. Dr. Chapman's faithful service in those days, the testimony of his life produced beautiful fruit through God's grace. Today, with hearts full of reluctance to say goodbye to Rev. Dr. Chapman's passing, we firmly believe that he has received the eternal reward granted by God—and that in the future, we will gather with him in the Lord.



Rev. Dr. Chapman, our beloved compassionate doctor and pastor!

Mr. SO Chun Ho
Former Chairman of Evangelical Free Church of China

The Dr. Chapman I came to know was a deeply kind and approachable elder. Whenever he is remembered, his gentle, loving face, warm and gracious speech, and welcoming presence remain vividly before my eyes.

Looking back, he courageously left his home in the United States, driven by a mission to heal and preach, and dedicated his professional expertise to helping found Evangel Hospital. From then on, he served faithfully guiding the hospital's development and practicing medicine. Patients treated by him often shared that during every consultation, Dr. Chapman was

extraordinarily thorough, warm, and attentive, fully displaying the heart of a loving father.

I once heard someone remark with a smile that Dr. Chapman looked like Jesus. Yes, indeed—he truly did! In truth, every Christian is called to be like Jesus: gentle, humble, loving, and selfless. Dr. Chapman's life truly embodied Jesus' example. Throughout his life, he devoted himself to proclaiming the Gospel and healing the sick. Leaving his homeland in his youth, he and his wife put down deep roots in Hong Kong, making Evangel Hospital his ministry field to practice holistic healing, while also serving alongside Mrs. Chapman in the church. He gave

his utmost for the Lord, faithfully step by step, until his retirement when he returned home. His beautiful footsteps continue to be passed down at Evangel Hospital today, serving as a beacon of light for the Kowloon City community.

Now, Dr. Chapman rests from his labours and has returned to the Lord. He has fought the good fight, and I firmly believe that a crown of righteousness is laid up for him in Heaven, with his name forever inscribed among God's faithful servants.

We will forever cherish and remember our beloved Dr. Chapman!

In Deep Gratitude for Dr. Robert Chapman's Selfless Service

Rev. LEUNG Chi Ying
Honorary General Secretary,
The Association of Hong Kong Hospital
Christian Chaplaincy Ministry

I am profoundly grateful to Rev. Dr. Chapman, deeply mindful that we today are enjoying the fruits built through the labor and dedication of those who came before us.

Over thirty years ago, both of my children were born at Evangel Hospital. I am deeply thankful to Rev. Dr. Chapman, the missionary team, and the entire medical staff for establishing Evangel Hospital out of such great, selfless love, bringing lasting blessings to countless families.

My own journey as a patient at Evangel Hospital took place while I was studying at Evangel Seminary. I suffered from pericarditis at the time, and I still vividly remember how the hospital chaplain's bedside prayer filled me with profound peace. The nurses kindly guided me through what to expect regarding my condition, becoming a defining chapter in my life of committed testimony. The grace shown to me over forty years ago deeply moved me, inspiring me throughout my own twenty years of hospital service to prioritize spiritual care and to explore how

best to provide compassionate support after breaking bad news.

It was all built upon the creativity and steadfast commitment of Evangel Hospital—with deep gratitude for Rev. Dr. Chapman's selfless dedication. My peers from Evangel Seminary have already shared their moving, first-hand testimonies of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman, which deeply touched my heart. I simply wish to leave this small tribute of gratitude here. Rev. Dr. Chapman, what a true blessing to have had a pioneer like you!



In Loving Memory of Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman: Carrying Forward the Missionary Spirit

In loving memory of our hospital's beloved co-founder and first Medical Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman, who went home to be with the Lord on June 22. We give heartfelt thanks for his faithful testimony of life, which laid a firm foundation for Evangel Hospital. A devoted servant of the Lord, a compassionate healer, and a gentle pastor—Rev. Dr. Chapman will be forever remembered and dearly missed!

In the 1960s, Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman, alongside co-founder Rev. Dr. Gordon Addington embraced the daunting call of medical evangelism, founded Evangel Hospital in 1965. Rev. Dr. Chapman was humble and warm, treating patients, families, and staff with a Christlike gentleness. Though a man of few words, he exuded a genuine warmth that made everyone feel at ease and able to open up – a sentiment

echoed by all who knew him. During our 60th-anniversary Thanksgiving Service last year, many returning colleagues remembered him as a spiritual mentor who spent his life witnessing to God's power.

As a hospital chaplain, I offer my deepest gratitude for Rev. Dr. Chapman's service. Thank you, Rev. Dr. Chapman, for dedicating your life to God's call, journeying from America to Hong Kong to proclaim God's goodness through healthcare. Through your family's journey of faith, countless households have been blessed.

Recently, I visited a resident in Tai Po who was affected by the Wang Fuk Court incident. He recalled living in Kowloon City over fifty years ago when medical resources were scarce and his family struggled on a meager income. When his wife was about to give birth, they turned to Evangel Hospital. You

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delivered their baby, held the newborn in your arms, and offered them words of comfort—a memory deeply etched in his heart.

Today, that eldest son is over fifty years old, and their younger son was also born at Evangel Hospital. Sharing this memory with tears in his eyes, this father, now in his seventies, testified how your genuine care led his entire family into the church to know the Lord Jesus!

His story recalls Scripture: “And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’ ” (Romans 10:15).

May the Lord comfort all who mourn and grant us grace to carry forward Rev. Dr. Chapman's missionary spirit to advance the Gospel together!

In Loving Memory of Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman: A Missionary Who Loved God and Loved People

To our beloved Rev. Dr. Chapman,

We express our heartfelt gratitude for your obedience to God's call, giving the precious years of your youth to serve Hong Kong through medical ministry and spread the love of God.

Vision and Faith-Led Pioneering

We thank God for sending two wise and visionary missionaries, Rev. Dr. Chapman and Rev. Dr. Addington to serve and care for the people of Hong Kong in the early 1960s. Seeing the immense needs of this land, you petitioned the mission board and the government to establish Evangel Hospital, providing comprehensive medical care for all.

Holistic Care: Living Out the Heart of Christ

Rev. Dr. Chapman, you not only exercised medical excellence to heal physical bodies, but also listened attentively to patients' psychological, social, and spiritual needs with God's love—offering true holistic care. To everyone who walked through the doors of Evangel Hospital, you were more than a foreign doctor who resembled Jesus in appearance; you were a true disciple who embodied the heart of Christ, serving every level of society with humility and gentleness, touching lives with your own.

A Faithful Servant: Leading the Team and Shepherd the Flock

Beyond treating patients, you served as Evangel Hospital's first superintendent from 1965 to 1967, leading the healthcare staff in united service. Amidst demanding medical and managerial duties, you committed yourself to church ministry, serving as advisory pastor at EFCC Elim Church to shepherd brothers and sisters. You proclaimed God's truth from the pulpit and stepped into believers' homes to build deep relationships, leading countless souls to Christ. You and Mrs. Chapman also cared deeply for young couples, setting a fine example through word and deed.

Carrying Forward the Mission, Pressing On in Faith

In closing, we reflect on Rev. Dr. Chapman's encouraging words to the staff in Evangel Hospital's 50th Golden Jubilee Commemorative Publication:

“In everything you do, walk closely with God, receive His Word, and pray to Him to seek His will. Let Him guide you, glorifying God and witnessing for Him in all things. Make it your goal that all who enter and leave Evangel Hospital will honor His name! Pray that God will work wonders!”

We praise God for giving us Rev. Dr. Chapman—a missionary who deeply loved the people of Hong Kong and Evangel Hospital. May the Lord grant us faith to trust in His abundant supply, and courage to carry on Rev. Dr. Chapman's missionary spirit of loving God, loving people, and serving diligently. Taking up this spiritual legacy, may we press forward in faith, honoring the mission of Evangel Hospital!

Tribute to Our Respected Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman

Ms. WONG LEE Ka Yee

E-Angel, Volunteer member, Evangel Hospital

Thank you, Rev. Dr. Chapman! Right from the moment I was born, I must have been held in your arms, wasn't I?

Long ago, my mother told me, “When you were born at Evangel Hospital, you even received a gift!” (Because the hospital had just opened back then.) She added with a smile, “They gave us diapers!” (Which were very practical in those days.)

Once, my mother mentioned that when she was in labor with a high fever, the doctor actually told her to take a shower. According to traditional belief, she shouldn't have bathed, yet she followed the doctor's advice anyway. My mother recalled, “I thought to myself, the doctor is a foreigner, so their medical ways might be different from ours.” Finally, I was born naturally on May 1, 1965, and both mother and daughter were safe and sound. My younger brothers, Ka-wing and Ka-fai, were also born at Evangel Hospital in 1966 and 1969 respectively.

My father originally named me Ka-yi (家兒)—with my vaccination card from Evangel Hospital as the only proof! However, when he went to register my birth, the clerk mistakenly wrote “儀” (yee) instead. Not wanting to cause a fuss, my father simply accepted it. And so, even my name on the vaccination card was eventually updated.

In 2014, Emmanuel Chinese Church published its 50th Anniversary Commemorative Volume. My father, who was ill at the time, listened closely as I read aloud the history of Emmanuel Medical Mission to him. When I reached the line: “Attending Doctor: Rev. Dr. Chapman (Western missionary),” my father suddenly became very excited and exclaimed, “That's the Rev. Dr. Chapman who delivered you!” He recalled, “Back then, while Evangel Hospital was still under construction, they operated out of Emmanuel Medical Mission, and Rev. Dr. Chapman performed prenatal check-ups for all the registered expectant mothers—including your mother!”

I am deeply grateful to Rev. Dr. Chapman, the missionary team, and all the medical staff who served with great, selfless love to establish Evangel Hospital, bringing abundant blessings to countless families. My family and relatives have received immense support here—whether through outpatient care, health check-ups, physiotherapy, or hospital stays. Superintendent Dr Chui, along with the doctors, nurses, and

staff across all departments, have always been exceptionally warm and kind. Especially during my mother's later years, the physiotherapists and their assistants walked alongside her with the loving warmth of family. Their holistic care touched not only her physical well-being but also her heart and soul, leaving our family profoundly moved!

Within this, the ministry of the Chaplaincy Department has brought us comfort and encouragement from Christ. In 2023, the chaplain gave me the opportunity to join the training for volunteers—the “E-Angel.” I am thankful to have had the chance to take part in gatherings, learn visitation, and carol singing, etc. Last year, during the 60th anniversary thanksgiving service, the hospital even played a video sharing by Rev. Dr. Chapman, which moved me greatly! In my heart, there is endless gratitude!

To our highly esteemed Rev. Dr. Chapman and everyone at Evangel Hospital:

Your hands that serve, your hands that pray, have laid us directly into the loving hands of our Lord Jesus, bringing us lifelong blessings!

The gift I received was far more than those infancy “diapers”! The seeds of the Gospel you sowed have made us children in the household of the eternal God—a true “Ka” (Family) and “Yee” (Child). In 2010, when my parents (Mr. Lee Muk Po and Mrs. Lee Chan Sung Chun) were in their seventies, they joyfully accepted Christ and were baptized into the Lord together. Now, both of them have returned to their heavenly home.

As I remember and give thanks for Rev. Dr. Chapman, I believe my parents are now in the paradise of Christ Jesus, surely offering their own heartfelt thanks to our dearly beloved Rev. Dr. Chapman as well.

How vast and boundless is the grace of the Lord!

With deep respect and gratitude,
Wong Lee Ka Yee

In Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman



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I began working at Evangel Hospital in 1982, and I am grateful that I was able to work with two missionaries at that time, Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman and former Superintendent Dr. John Neir. Rev. Dr. Chapman carried himself with grace, and true gentility, yet he spoke fluent Cantonese with warmth and refinement that was a distinct delight to listen to. When I first started work, I was a laboratory trainee and did not have many opportunities to encounter Rev. Dr. Chapman, only meeting him at fellowship gatherings or other meetings, so I did not form a very deep impression. But his life had a profound impact on the hospital and on colleagues.

The missionaries established Evangel Hospital with the vision of holistic care, hoping that through medical care and the Gospel, people might find healing in

body, mind, and spirit. Although due to changes in the social environment, the daily prayer meetings and the weekly evangelistic meetings of former days did not continue to be held, we keep a weekly prayer meeting to remember the needs of the patients and the hospital. Staff evangelistic meetings are also held from time to time, and most importantly, the chaplains maintain regular contact with and visit patients. We often hear stories of patients coming to faith in the Lord and receiving peace.

Rev. Dr. Chapman's life has had a profound impact on countless people. Last year, during our hospital's 60th Anniversary, many former colleagues returned for Thanksgiving Service. Among them were five who had worked alongside Rev. Dr. Chapman later went on to become missionaries, proclaiming

the Gospel of Christ around the world. Rev. Dr. Chapman was a true-life mentor to many, inspiring others to bear witness to the power of Christ in various walks of life.

I give thanks to Rev. Dr. Chapman's faithful dedication and life testimony, which laid a solid foundation for Evangel Hospital. I am deeply grateful to have grown within a hospital founded by missionaries, witnessing God's abundant provision and grace—a journey that has become a vital cornerstone of my own spiritual growth. In a video recorded a few years ago, Rev. Dr. Chapman encouraged us to rely on Christ, carry forward the mission of whole-person healing, and bear witness to Him. His words serve as timely encouragement, inspiring us to press onward with courage amidst today's challenging and difficult circumstances.

A Benevolent Healer, A Good Shepherd, A Lasting Exemplar— In Loving Memory of Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman, Founder of Evangel Hospital

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When I learned that Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman had rested in the Lord's bosom on 22 June 2026, and that Evangel Hospital would be organising a memorial service for him and producing a commemorative booklet, my heart was stirred within me, and I felt that this was something the Lord wanted me to accomplish well.

The first time I heard the name of Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman was when I had completed a diploma course at seminary and was deciding the direction of my next step of work. When I discovered that Evangel Hospital had been founded by two missionaries who crossed vast oceans to Hong Kong with a heart for medical missions, a quiet and profound stir began to grow within me toward this place. I thank God for leading me to join Evangel Hospital, where participating in the 60th Anniversary celebrations and writing articles on our history allowed me to know Rev. Dr. Chapman's story even more deeply. Although I did not have the privilege of personally experiencing his spiritual leadership back then, reviewing past photographs, listening to colleagues' stories, and watching archival footage made his gentle, approachable nature vividly clear. Above all, I was deeply moved by his love for God, his complete trust and faithfulness amid trials, and the overflowing love and grace he extended to everyone through Christ.

My deepest impression came from watching a video message he shared at our 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service, 25 years after his retirement. With an expression and tone both resolute and gentle, he urged colleagues never to lose sight of the hospital's founding vision. He shared:
“Involve God in all you are and all you do. Spend time with him regularly. For if you don't, Evangel Hospital will drift from its direction and become just another well meaning medical facility in Hong Kong.”

Having been away from Hong Kong for so many years, Rev. Dr. Chapman still possessed such a clear, insightful grasp of our local ministry, distilling it into a reminder so simple yet filled with wisdom—a testament that truly commands my deepest respect.

By the Lord's grace, preparing this commemorative booklet gave me the privilege of reading through every tribute and memorial essay written for Rev. Dr. Chapman. In doing so, I noticed something remarkable: everyone who ever knew Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman shared a uniquely moving story with them. They not only received their personal care and service, but held them in the highest esteem—whether through professional guidance, spiritual direction, pre-marital counseling, compassionate prayer in difficult seasons, or loving support during times of illness... the examples are simply too numerous to count.

In his thirty-plus years as a missionary in Hong Kong, Rev. Dr. Chapman did not merely build a hospital; as a physician, pastor, and life mentor, he built up and blessed countless lives. Even more importantly, these spiritual fruits remain abundantly fruitful today, never withering nor fading with his passing. As Jesus said:
“Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit... Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.” (Matthew 7:17, 20). A tree that bears such good fruit is truly a breathtaking sight in God's garden!

Although Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman are no longer with us, as Scripture reminds us:

“Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.’” (Revelation 14:13)

I thank Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman for bearing such a beautiful testimony for the Lord, demonstrating through his life what it means to be a good and faithful servant of God. Having surrendered earthly comfort and recognition to serve the Lord and care for others all his days, I am confident he has now received his eternal reward in heaven.

May his legacy forever rest in our hearts, inspiring each of us to follow in his footsteps—to honor God and love others!

In Gratitude to Our Beloved Spiritual Pioneer: Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman



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Rev. Dr. Robert Chapman and I were not exceptionally close, yet his life has profoundly shaped mine.

Back then, Mrs. Chapman was the choir director at Evangel Seminary, and their daughter, Jane, was my roommate and dear friend at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in the United States. Because of these bonds, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman took special care of me. They often invited me to join them at City Hall to attend performances by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. During concerts, if audience members applauded during a pause where silence was meant to be kept, Rev. Dr. Chapman would very earnestly remind those nearby to respect the composer's intent rather than clap out of turn. His deep reverence for music taught me to approach my own ministry with absolute seriousness—never in a slipshod manner.

Sometimes we would dine together before the concert. Over dinner, Rev. Dr. Chapman would share his management convictions for Evangel Hospital and recount many stories of experiencing God's hand. These conversations deeply influenced my wholehearted commitment at Evangel Seminary and taught me the habit of watching for God's work.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank Rev. Dr. Chapman for his wonderful example in both word and deed. I will never forget his profound love for Hong Kong. Rev. Dr. Chapman, thank you—you will forever be dearly remembered.



I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord,
the righteous Judge,
will award to me on that day—and not only to me,
but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

(2 Timothy 4:7-8)

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