



The Story of Ecclesia Beyond Sugarland

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The Ecclesia Beyond Houston

On May 10, 2020, at the height of the global pandemic, Pastor Peter and several staff members began online worship services, to strengthen the brothers and sisters who were unable to meet in person. Due to the need for pastoral care of those attending, the need for a church was evident, and the online Ecclesia Beyond was born. The vision of the church was "Networking Churches and Churches Networking." As the pandemic waned and through God's leading, the co-workers of the church began online and in person services on February 1, 2022, in Houston Chinatown. Since its establishment, the church has grown from a solitary Saturday worship service to become a full-fledged church.

The Beginning of the Ecclesia Beyond Sugarland

In January 2023, the church saw the density of the Chinese population in Sugarland and vicinity and the need for planting a church there, centered on preaching the gospel and impacting the culture of the city and community. The Houston church began the first Ecclesia Beyond Sugarland Worship Service on February 12, 2023 at a restaurant – the Juicy Seafood Buffet; on December 2023, sister Sue Tan was called to serve as the church planter.

Clarity of the Call to Plant a Church

Minister Sue came to faith in Christ in 2003 while attending law school in the United States. After becoming a believer, the Lord spoke to her through an altar call of a pastor who said, "If you do not want to be a lawyer or a judge, someone else would do it. But if you do not go preach the kingdom of God, who would do it?" The following year, she returned to the city where she had lived before coming to the States, preaching the Gospel and planting a house church there. For that, she experienced what it was like, transitioning from being an attorney to being a prisoner. She spent 30 days in prison, but that encounter allowed her to experience God's presence and protection, which incidentally affirmed her calling from the Lord. Minister Sue was led by the Lord to Houston in early 2023, and at the end of that year, the Houston church commissioned her to lead the church plant in Sugarland.



The Leading of the Lord

1. **The Kingdom Connection:** Through raising funds for the church planting ministry, we made connections with other like-minded churches and those contacts caused us to firmly believe that church planting is a ministry of the kingdom. We visited churches to share our vision so that they can have a part in the good things that God is doing and building up His Body.
2. **Involvement of Coworkers:** God has prepared sisters who love souls and have the ability to serve this small church together as coworkers.
3. **Serving Together in the Lord:** In addition to the pulpit ministry, we also connected with Christian organizations to lead the training of "The World Needs Fathers" and "Peace Messengers" to help believers build families with a biblical foundation and a culture of harmony.
4. **Music Evangelism:** During Christmas, the church used praise music and personal evangelism to share the Gospel with their neighbors.
5. **Saturation Prayer:** Houston is a great city. We pray for it and are grateful to God for the many churches and people in it; grateful for its orderly operation; and, praying for the many people in this city who have broken lives and who do not yet know Christ.

Vision, Mission, and Need

Vision:

The vision of Ecclesia Beyond Church in Sugarland is to become a hub for a network of churches that preaches the transformational gospel, lives out the testimony of Christ, impacts the city, and multiplies churches.



Mission:

1. **Equip believers** to become messengers of peace and lead people to be reconciled with God.
2. **Make disciples** to live out the gospel in the family, workplace and community.
3. **Cultivate leaders** to establish churches in the city and community.

Needs:

The Tabernacle and the Temple were never built by just one person. Moses and David shared the vision with the people; the Holy Spirit stirred their hearts; and, all of them willingly gave to build God's dwelling place together.



Likewise today, as we build God's dwelling place in southwestern Houston at a place called Sugarland, we also need the support of the whole body.

Ecclesia Beyond Sugarland needs the prayer, financial, and moral support of churches to send disciples of Christ to preach the Gospel of the kingdom!

We meet every Sunday for worship and fellowship at 4645 Highway 6, Sugarland, Texas at 10:30 am through 12:00 Noon. Remember us in your prayers.



糖城彼岸植堂故事

譚秀紅傳道

休士頓彼岸教會

2020 年在全球疫情氾濫期間，為堅固在各地沒法實體聚會的弟兄姊妹，彼得牧師和幾位同工在 2020 年 5 月 10 日開始了網路崇拜。隨後，因著牧養的需要，成立了彼岸網路教會。教會的異像是「網路教會，教會網絡」。隨著疫情的消退，在休士頓的同工們於 2022 年 2 月 1 日在神的帶領和感動下，在中國城開始了休士頓彼岸教會，自成立以來，教會從單一的週六崇拜已經發展到有著完整體系的教會。



糖城彼岸的開始

2023 年 1 月，教會看見糖城和附近密集的華人人口，在那裏需要建立以福音為中心，影響城市和社區文化的植堂教會。教會在 2023 年 2 月 12 日在 Juicy Seafood Buffet 開始了糖城彼岸主日崇拜。2023 年 12 月，譚秀紅傳道正式擔任糖城彼岸植堂人。

有清楚呼召的植堂人

譚傳道在 2003 年于美國就讀法學院時信主。信主後聽到牧師在台上的呼召：「你不去做律師做法官有人去做，你不去傳神的國誰去傳？」於是，她在掙扎中回應了神的呼召。

隔年，她回到自己生活的城市，在那裡傳揚福音，建立家庭教會。譚傳道親歷了「律師變囚徒」的歷練，在監牢裡度過了 30 天神同在與守護的經歷，使她更持定上帝對她的呼召。譚傳道在 2023 年初來到休士頓，在 2023 年底，中國城彼岸教會差派她帶領糖城彼岸植堂。

主親手引領

- 1、**國度連結**：深信這是國度的事奉，我們藉著植堂募款與眾教會連結。我們拜訪各個教會分享植堂異象，使眾教會在美善的事上有份。
- 2、**同工加入**：神預備了熱心愛靈魂且有行動力的姊妹加入同工，一起服事這個小小的教會。
- 3、**主內配搭**：除了教會講台的宣講，我們也連接主內機構帶領【世界需要父親】及【和平使者】的培訓，幫助信徒建立符合聖經的家庭並建立使 人和睦的文化。
- 4、**音樂佈道**：在聖誕節，這教會以音樂讚美及個人佈道的方式向鄰舍傳福音。
- 5、**繞城禱告**：休斯頓是一座大城，我們為這城中的教會與百姓感恩，和這城有序運轉來感恩，我們也為這城許多心靈破碎，沒有福音的人禱告。

異象、使命、與需要

異象：

糖城彼岸的異像是成為教會網絡的一個樞紐，這教會傳揚改變人心的福音，活出基督的見證，影響整座城市，並不斷栽植倍增的教會。



使命：

- 1、**裝備信徒**，成為和平使者領人與神和好
- 2、**建立門徒**，在家庭職場和社會活出福音
- 3、**栽培領袖**，在城市並社區開拓建立教會



需要：

從會幕到聖殿從來都不是一個人建立的，無論是摩西還是大衛，都是將異象分享給百姓，聖靈激動百姓的心，眾人甘心樂意奉獻，一同建造神的居所。今天我們在休士頓的西南糖城建造神的居所，同樣也需要眾肢體一同支持建造。

支持，並差派門徒來傳講天國的福音！我們每周日

糖城彼岸教會需要眾教會的禱告、奉獻和早上 10 時 30 分至中午 12 時在德克薩斯

州糖城 Highway 6, 4645 號聚會，進行敬拜和團契。請多為我們代禱！