

**Sermon Title:**

*He Came to That Which Was His Own*

**Scripture Passage:**

*John 1*

Announcements

Sunday School

Join us for Sunday school today from 11-11:45am.

Note: the adult class is cancelled for today for an Emmanuel fellowship planning meeting.

December 18<sup>th</sup>

Baptismal Service

This year's Christmas baptism will take place following English Sunday school at 12:30pm in the main sanctuary. Come and support those getting baptized.

Christmas Celebration

December 25<sup>th</sup>

This year's Christmas Celebration will be on Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10am. Join us in celebrating the coming of Jesus Christ.



Missionary news:

Order of Service

- Welcome and prayer
- Worship with music
- Congregational prayer
- Offering
- Scripture Reading
- Sermon
- Announcements

Doug and Carol Woon



Current Priorities

They would also enjoy hosting prayer teams as well as short-term teams of 3-6 people who are willing to plan curriculum and lead English day camps/Vacation Bible School ministries for children ages 3-11.

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How to give to missions:

If you would like to donate to the work of our missionaries, give to the Global Advance Fund at:

<https://www.cmacan.org/give/>



## Offering

Feel free to give to what we are all doing here at WCAC. You can fill an envelope and place it in the offering bag. Instructions for online giving can be found at [wcac.ca](http://wcac.ca) on the English main page. The offering box will also still be available on the Lobby wall.

## Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from any board meeting are available upon request to members. Just ask an elder or pastor.

## Helpful Links:

### Alliance beliefs:

[Beliefs | The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada \(cmaacan.org\)](#)

### Give to Missions:

[Global Advance Fund | The Alliance Canada \(cmaacan.org\)](#)

### Christian schools:

[Maranatha Christian Academy | Windsor, ON](#)

[FIRST LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - Virtual Open House \(flca.ca\)](#)

### Rightnow Media:

20,000 videos on Bible Study, kids shows and leadership workshops/teaching. Click the link below and sign up for your free account.  
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/account/invite/wcac>

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## Bio

Doug is from Stoney Creek, Ontario, and Carol is from Oakville, Ontario. They met at Heritage Park Alliance Church in Windsor, Ontario, where Doug was serving as assistant pastor. After getting married, they studied for a year in Wheaton, Illinois. They served at Stoney Creek Alliance Church shortly before leaving for Tokyo, Japan. Together, they have three daughters: Heather, Laura, and Megan.

Doug was raised in a Christian home. He was challenged in his faith by participating in an evangelism training program at the age of 15. Serving in his home church and a recommendation by a youth pastor caused him to consider ministry at the end of high school.

Carol was raised in a Christian home but didn't meet Christ in a personal way until she was working in the emergency department of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Being exposed to illness and death in children caused her to question the meaning of life, leading her to ask God, "If you do indeed exist, please reveal yourself to me."

God's answer came shortly afterwards as she was a camp nurse at a Christian Athlete Hockey Camp, where she heard the testimonies of Christian hockey players and watched their relationships with their families. They obviously had the love, joy, and peace that she felt was missing from her life and asked for God's forgiveness.

Hearing the statistic that 90% of the world's Christian workers work with 10% of the world's population caused Doug to be open to overseas service. During Bible college and in home service, Doug had the opportunity to minister to Asians and to observe ministry to Asians. This work, among other ministry opportunities, put a burden on his heart for Asia, with 60% of the world's population.

Doug and Carol arrived in Japan in 1987, and after two years of full-time language study, they moved to Hiroshima and worked with an already existing Alliance Church for two years. After their first home assignment, they were involved in traditional church planting in small Alliance churches in the outskirts of Tokyo.

Six years of ministry in the field office as leaders followed, and then in 2007 they moved to the Tokyo Bay area to be involved in fostering a growing network of congregations. They now serve as team leaders for the Canadian team and team developers for Japan and Taiwan.

In their area of Tokyo called Shiohama, Doug and Carol are involved in teaching English and the Bible to children, moms, and to singles to create, contribute, and to reach out to their community. They also meet with believers and seekers to study the Bible and spur them toward faith and maturity, and ultimately toward joining in the ministry of reaching others.

What Doug loves most about being an IW is studying the Bible with people who are being exposed to its truths for the first time, and to have his understanding of it deepened by questions he'd never be able to think of, having been raised in the church. What Doug finds most discouraging is to see how long it takes for a person to come to a commitment, so in a sense, the discipling process starts long before the person comes to faith.

What Carol loves most about being an IW is working with young moms and children in her neighbourhood. They are so open and interested in many aspects of her language and culture, including her faith. What she finds most challenging is helping these moms to realize that Christ's love, forgiveness, peace, and joy are also available to them. The Japanese language continues to be a challenge.

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