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The most significant project during the quarter was the completion of the 7-day intensive course as part of the fulfillment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> module of the Christian Family Life Educators' training in Sri Manjung, Malaysia. There were five pastors who came from the Chinese Methodist Churches in the district. We focused on listening and sensitivity training. The course aimed at sharpening skills in facilitating group interactions and spousal relationships. It was a great joy to see signs of progressive change and growth during the 7 days. Participants went away with satisfaction and conviction in strengthening their own spousal relationships and revitalizing their cell group leaders for the challenge of building up a strong Christian family life ministry in their churches. Evidently equipping pastors and family life educators is a most practical step towards achieving our vision of integrating Christian beliefs with family lives.



**Leaders' Motivation Seminar at Kepong CMC**

The experience in Sri Manjung has boosted my confidence to move forward and I have a deep sense of urgency to equip more workers. We hope we will be able to train many more interested pastors and suitable lay people through our courses in order to implement the family life ministry in the local churches.

The next first module of the intensive Mandarin course of Family Life Educators' Training will be conducted from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of June at Oasis Family Life Education Centre. Please visit our website for the latest news and more details and for your convenience, registration may be submitted on-line.

Promoting the "Family Altar" was our main concern in the quarter. We spoke in church services and conducted seminars on family altars and parenting adolescents on 10 occasions, reaching out to more than 1,500 people. We are happy to note that 586 copies of the book "Family Altar" have been taken by the church members. We received feedback from some who have launched their family altar and persevered in maintaining it, that they have experienced God's blessings and cohesiveness in their families. The book helps them bridge the intergeneration gap at home. Consequently we are in great need of training more family life educators to coach families in launching and sustaining family altars as a means of enhancing Christian family wellness.



**The 6<sup>th</sup> Lay Counsellors cum Group Facilitators Training Class graduated on 11/4/06 at TPCMC**

We would like to thank participants of our last self-awareness course who testified about the blessings they received from the course through the publication of the Special Issue for Self-awareness Course. It was aimed at encouraging others to sign up for the courses which will be organized during the next half of the year. We would also like to acknowledge the kind assistance and service of Ms Gan Peh Boon who initiated the publishing of the Special Issue. If you are keen to receive a copy, please visit our website or call the centre. We will be glad to send it to you.

Our partnering church, Ang Mo Kio Chinese Methodist Church's family life ministry committee had been active during the quarter, organizing parenting talks for young parents and forming family watch groups. It was also involved in promoting family altars through

family church camps to help families set up their family altars. The church has begun providing free counselling services with the help of Oasis Family Life Education Centre to the community on every second and fourth Monday of each month. Those who are in need of the service may call Ms. Dorcas Cher at 93872117 for appointments.

We thank God for enabling me to have a much deeper understanding of the character of Christ after I did a study on and delivered a series of messages on 'Following the Example of Christ' during the 6 Friday revival meetings in Lent at St. Andrew's Cathedral (Mandarin). The insights into the character of Christ are of great value to the training of family life educators.

Though 3 of the 11 projects that we prayed for during the quarter have been postponed, we have been blessed with 11 additional events to our schedule, especially 3 of them which have widened the perspective of our ministry. They were :

i) Leadership enrichment gathering on 4<sup>th</sup> of March to about 70 church and cell group leaders at Kepong Chinese Methodist Church in K.L. The church leaders were inspired to consider establishing family altars and evangelize pre-Christian family members through cell groups of their church. I received deeper insight into the important role that a pastor can play in the family life ministry, on how to facilitate cell groups to equip parents to set up family altars.

ii) Radio programme on 'The impact of dysfunctional families on children' through an invitation to me to be interviewed on FM 93.8 on 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. The feedback and responses from the public were encouraging. The News-radio has plans to air more such educational talks in their programme "The Living Room" in the future.

iii) Parenting talk at Bukit View Primary School on 25<sup>th</sup> of March where about 50 parents attended. I had a good interaction with parents in the session. The school has invited me back to lead another talk in July at a combined schools' function. Schools have now become a new opening for us to reach out to non-Christian parents.



**Reaching out to parents through school**

On the whole we had a very exciting and fruitful ministry during the quarter. Praise the Lord!

*Francis Ngoi, Director.*

**We seek your prayer support for our ministry and the following schedule for the new quarter:**

7/5	Preaching at Ang Mo Kio CMC	18/6	Preaching at Telok Ayer CMC(Eng)
14/5	Preaching at Toa Payoh MC (Eng)	24/6	Marriage Enrichment programme at People's Presbyterian Church
18/5	Graduation of 21 <sup>st</sup> Marriage Preparation Class	25/6	Preaching at Bethesda Pasir Ris Church
20/5	Promoting family altar at Foochow MC	2/7	Preaching at Ang Mo Kio CMC
21/5	Preaching at Queenstown CMC	6-27/7	Group facilitators Training on every Thursday night @Living Hope church
28-31/5	Speaking at Ang Mo Kio CMC Church Service and Camp @ Malaysia	8/7	Marriage Enrichment Programme at Tong Chai Presbyterian Church
2-9/6	Intensive training for workshop leaders in Qin Hai China as preparation for future training of the family life educators course	23/7	Family Life Education Talk at Ang Mo Kio CMC
10-16/6	Wedding Anniversary trip to Beijing and Shanghai	29-31/7	Marriage Enrichment Programme at Wesley Christian Church, Jakarta