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The Second Mile

Thousands of copies of "The Second Mile" brochure were published and a copy also posted on our website since last November as our invitation to interested parties to attend our Family Life Educators Training Course. This is because we are focusing the ministry to prepare more Family Life Educators to promote Christian family wellness programmes. The enthusiastic response from Fuzhou and Fuqing in China has prompted us to consider adopting China as our mission field.



2nd Batch of Family Life Educators Course at Fuqing Lay Training Centre.

According to some reliable sources, 4,000 marriages are breaking up daily in China. Many pastors and church workers are encountering family crises as well. Church workers are longing to be equipped for the Family Life ministry knowing that there are about 70 million Christians in China. Many young professionals and young graduates are skeptical about getting married while others are keen to know more about building stable marriages and families in modern society. Our family wellness programmes have a great appeal to them. Several participants of our Family Life Educators Course testified that the course has provided timely, relevant and practical insights that have met their needs.



Lay Training Centre at Fuqing

Oasisflec in Fuzhou



2nd Batch of Family Life Educators Course in Fuzhou

In order to ensure that what the Lord has begun in Fuzhou will bear fruit in due season, a small group of course participants are exploring possibilities of establishing an independent coordinating office in Fuzhou. This is to facilitate following up with the course participants and to monitor the development of the ministry there. It may be a first step towards establishing a long term training base in Fuzhou and Fuqing. Certainly, we need to provide consistent supervision and support for trained Family Life Educators and to continue to provide training for those who may come from the various provinces of China, to serve as Family Life Educators



Students of 3rd Module of 2nd batch in Fuzhou

Christian Counseling Course

We thank God for Dr. Spencer Lee, Dr. Victor Tai and Rev. Sam Kunna who have shared their knowledge and experiences with our Christian counseling training class faithfully. 12 students have completed their level I & II courses and they are continuing to pursue their Diploma course. We encourage the interested parties to register for the course. They can join the class at the beginning of any module for the course is conducted in cyclical order. We have 17 students in our present class conducted at GMC on Thursday night.

Overview of the activities

Date	Course /Venue/ Module	Participants	Remarks
2007, Aug 7-23	Family Life Educators Training Module 1(1 st batch) in Fuzhou	40 students	7 of them were selected to continue with Module 2 and 3
2007, Sep 24-30	Family Life Educators Training Module II at Lay Training Ctr, Fuqing	7 students	Functioning now as a Family Life Working Committee in Fuqing
2007, Oct. 1-5	Family Life Educators Training Module I (2 nd batch) in Fuzhou	60 students	A participant affirmed her faith in Christ at the end of the course
2007, Dec. 30 - Jan 6	Family Life Educators Training Module 1 (3 rd batch) in Fuzhou	50 students	The families of a pastor and 2 lay persons were healed.
2008, Jan. 7-11	Family Life Educators Training Module II in Fuzhou	7 students	4 counseling cases were conducted with positive results
Jan. 22-24	Family Life Educators Training Module I at Queenstown Meth Church	4 pastors & 3 layman from CAC	Only the first part of the course was completed
Feb.18-24	Family Life Educators Training Module III at Lay Training Ctr. Fuqing	7 students	All are now working as interns in their respective churches and functioning as a coordinating Committee in Fuqing
Feb.25-29	Family Life Educators Training Module 1(2 nd batch) at Lay Training Center, Fuqing	52 Students	16 were selected for module 2 training
Mar.1-8	Family Life Educators Training Module II at Lay Training Ctr, Fuqing	7 students	A pastor was appointed to function as a coordinator in Pingtang Island
Mar. 9-18	Family Life Educators Training Module II & III in Fuzhou	14 students	An assistant trainer was put to work
Mar. 20-23	Holy Week Revival meetings at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Jakarta	300 -800 worshippers	'Mission of Family Life Education' seminar was conducted on Saturday
April. 12- June 21	Family Life Educators Training Module I at Oasis FLEC.	9 +12*	*Those who have not completed the course in other occasions will join on 24 th May.
May I	Presentation on Insights from Jewish Family Life Education at ACS (I)		CAC May Day Retreat
May 2-7	Marriage Enrichment in Fuzhou "Rekindle Your Flame Course"	70 couples	with the support of 14 family life educators (intents)
May 21- June 28	Family Life Education Series at Tai Seng Church, Singapore.		Every Wednesday night
May 26-30	Family Life Educators Training Module I in Manjung District, M'sia		3 rd Batch Family Life Educators Training conducted in West Malaysia.
June 3-5	Church Family Camp at Pangkor Island.		Malaysia Bendong Chinese Methodist Church

Sourcing for a potential new director of Oasisflec in Singapore

Our management committee strongly felt that we should identify soon, a man or a woman who has the passion for the vision of Oasisflec, and train him/her to take over the directorship before the end of 2009. If it is the Lord's will, we shall identify a suitable candidate for the ministry before the end of 2008.

Prayer support

Any prayers and donations, for the development of the Training mission in China as well as the ministry at our home base will be greatly appreciated. March's balance sheet shows that we are in deficit for about \$20,000/-. (Cheque to be made payable to 'The Methodist Church in Singapore'.)



Dr. Victor Tai and the Christian Counseling class