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We relentlessly continue to encouraging church members to establish family altar in their homes as a means of honouring God's name at home and to inculcate the love of Christ among family members, hoping that it will ultimately lead to an integration of faith with family life, experiencing God's presence and blessing in their home.



**Picture with the Xining Church's pastors after the Sunday Service**

We are glad to note that the Family Life Education Committee in Ang Mo Kio Chinese Methodist Church, our partnering church, managed to organise a very successful church camp on family life with more than 200 participants with the aim to motivate members to launch their family altar with their family members. 60 copies of Family Altar were given to families who were present as whole families. We recognise that it takes more than just constant preaching to launch the family altar as a means to keep the fire burning. We have to walk the extra mile by coaching families individually in establishing and maintaining them. Although it might be a tedious and slow process, we believe that it is a worthwhile effort. The Family Life Committee is following it up with a strategy to form family clusters, enabling those involve to

share their experiences monthly as means of encouraging one another.

During the quarter we also reached out to churches like Toa Payoh English Methodist Church, some interested adults in Paya Lebar Chinese Methodist Church, Queenstown Chinese Methodist Church, English Service of Telok Ayer Chinese Church, Bethesda Pasir Ris Mission, Tong Chai Presbyterian Church and even churches in China with the message of establishing family altar as a means of acculturating a Christian Family Lifestyle. For now, I can only regard this effort as testing the grounds. It is hard for us to estimate how many seeds fell on good soil. To prevent us from being like a man beating the air I would like to reiterate that church leadership must consider forming a dedicated family life committee or equipping someone to team up with us in coaching members individually to integrate their faith with their family lives.

As a means to benefit interested parties on how the family altar could bless the family we have made available some CD discs (Mandarin) of a testimony given by a member of Queenstown Chinese Methodist Church. Interested parties please feel free to email or call us for a complimentary copy from our center.



**An Overflowed Congregation at the Xining Church which baptized 11,957 people from 1981-2004**

God has been graciously opening the door through our CAC president, Rev. Khoo making known the presence of Oasisflec to Qin Hai, China during this quarter. We were given four full days to conduct an intensive course on Lay Pastoral Care of Family in Crisis to seventy plus lay workers of Qin Hai Christian church with a membership numbering over 3,000. We were invited to preach Sunday messages as well. According to the pastor in charge the participants

had been talking about what they had learnt for weeks after showing a very encouraging, and positive response.



**Marriage Enrichment Programme for Toong Chai Presbyterian Church**

Interaction in Qin Hai and some church leaders in Beijing led us to understand the crying need for churches there to be equipped for the family life ministry. It was reported in Newspaper that the Marriage breakup rate in Beijing is 1 in every 2 marriages. Attending a seminar in Beijing by a marriage counselor we realized that the emphasis was more on traditional Chinese values rather than Biblical applications. We therefore infer that there is great potential for us in extending this ministry

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Aug.4-6 and 12	Marriage Enrichment at Wesley Christian Church, Jakarta.
Aug. 7	Women Prayer Convention at Bandung.
Aug.8-11	Group facilitators and Pastoral Care Training Course at Bandung.
Aug. 9 and 11 Evening	EQ Development through Spousal Relationship at Shen Dao Church and Grace Church at Bandung.
Aug.17	Graduating Session of Family Life Edu Course at Living Hope M. C.
Aug. 19	Workshop Sessions on Family Devotion at Word Alive Conference in Bedok Methodist Church.
Aug. 20	Preaching at Toong Chai Presby. Church
Aug. 21-23	Church Camp at Pangkor Island for Sepang Chinese Methodist Church.
Aug. 26-27	23 <sup>rd</sup> Marriage Preparation Class
Aug. 27	Preaching at Bethany Emmanuel Church.
Sep. 2	Ladies Fellowship at St. Andrew Cathedral.
Sep. 3	Parenting Course at AMKCMC

to the churches in various provinces of China.

The Family Life Education is a relevant and acceptable means of strengthening the churches in China. May I therefore appeal to those interested in China missions to join us in the equipping process. The first semester of intensive Family Life Educators Training Course will commence from 4 to 8 September 2006. More details about the course are available on our website.

We like to gratefully acknowledge and thank God and those who have prayed and made contribution towards our needs during 2005/2006 financial year. Praise the Lord! The year closed on 31<sup>st</sup> July without any deficits. His faithful providence and gracious leading for our ministry during the past 55 months have evidently affirmed that God is at the helm. We believe and pray that He will make rich in every way of those who have been encouraging us through their love gifts and prayer support. Pray with us that our budget for the next financial year's expenses, at \$139,000 will be provided through cheerful and generous givers whom God has moved. And pray also for the following schedule of events in our next quarters.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Sep. 4-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Family Life Educator Course at Oasis Family Life Education Centre
Sep.9-10	23 <sup>rd</sup> Marriage Preparation Class
Sep, 13-Oct. 11	Weekly teaching sessions on Spiritual Leadership at Caleb Discipleship Center
Sep. 17	Preaching at Presby. Life Church
Sep. 24	Preaching at Barker Road Methodist Church (Mandarin)
Oct. 1	Preaching at Toong Chai Presby. Church
Oct. 7	Family Altar Workshop at Glory Presby. Church.
Oct. 8	Preaching at Toong Chai Presby. Church
Oct. 15	Preaching at Chin Hock M.C in Sitiawan
Oct.16-21	Family Life Educators 3 <sup>rd</sup> Module at Sri Manjung District
Oct. 22	Preaching at Sitiawan Methodist Church
Oct.23-25	Marriage Enrichment Programme at Sitiawan