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We thank God for His faithful guidance and providence throughout the year. Through God's blessings, the writing of course materials, the conducting of Marriage Enrichment camps and other family wellness courses, speaking engagements in various pulpits and counseling ministry have been fruitful.

I'm pleased to say that our two new Chinese books, *Self-awareness* and *Marriage Enrichment*, published in April and September respectively, have been very useful tools to our Family Life educators in conducting their courses. Two of our Family Life educators in Pingtan and Fuzhou conducted the Self-awareness course for Fuzhou University students. All the pre-believers in their classes came to know the Lord at the end of the course and others commented that this course is indeed relevant to all students in their university. Four of the workshop leaders expressed interest to be trained and to work full time to promote the course in their campus.



(New Text books)



Certified Educators at Fuzhou

New co-worker in China: A church elder in Hangzhou had successfully organized two Marriage Enrichment camps within the year. She was touched at seeing many unbelieving husbands receive Jesus as their personal savior and the Lord of their marriages, and others tearfully recommit their lives to rebuild their marriages at the end of each camp.



Marriage Enrichment Camp, Hangzhou

In October this year, she resigned from her full-time church ministry in order to devote herself to work as our full-time staff in China. She will follow up the campers by forming and supervising the covenant family groups to ensure that they will integrate what they have learnt into their marriages and family lives. She will also recruit suitable candidates for the Family Life Educators Training Course. We pray that God will use her mightily to monitor the development of our ministry there.

The feedback from our parenting course at a Watchman Nee's house church moved the church leader to declare that there should be no denominational boundaries for family life education and he would like to send candidates to join our Family Life Educators Training Course.

In May 2013, we conducted a full-day Family Life Education seminar for the workers of a factory. In September of the same year, the owner of the factory shared with us that the Lord had spoken to him through III John 5-8, to support our ministry in China. He then indicated that he would like to dedicate a big room above his newly purchased coffee house for us to conduct our courses and to store the course materials. These heartening experiences seemed to confirm that God is opening a new way for Oasis to do something more than what we have been doing in China.



Marriage Enrichment Camp, Fujian Pingnan

Though much time was spent in writing the two books, we have also been traveling quite extensively (China, Malaysia, Indonesia and Myanmar) to conduct the family wellness programs. The more we traveled, the greater the challenges we encountered for our mission, especially in

China. Though China has risen to be a wealthy and powerful nation in the world, her family life, which is the foundation of a nation's well-being, is eroding.



Lashio Seminary, Myanmar



Lay Trg Sch, Lijiang, Yunnan

According to a reliable source, the divorce rate has risen drastically since 1980. In 1980, there were 341,000 marriage breakups. This number has more than doubled after 10 years, to 800,000 in 1990, and in 2000, it had risen to 1,210,000. In 2009 there were 1,713,000 divorces and today in average there are about 10,000 marriages breaking up daily.



3 marriages were saved through the camp in Quanzhou

Objectives of Oasis Family Life Ministry: There is a Chinese saying that “a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Though our ministry is smaller than a mustard seed, it is the most appropriate step towards helping China become a blessed nation for the world in our future generation. Through the last 10 years of research and work, we have built our programs on the following objectives which may be relevant to the well-being of a nation as well as for the advancement of God's Kingdom. We hope that you will support our missions as the Lord moves you.

- i. Leading pre-believers to Christ and to experience the abundant life given by the Lord.
- ii. Enriching families of the new generation as a means of strengthening the foundation of the nation and the church.
- iii. Enabling Christians to serve the Lord and to grow spiritually.
- iv. Integrating basic Christian beliefs into family lives as a means of preparing them to go on to maturity.

- v. Empowering the family covenant groups to resolve spousal conflicts of the group members.
- vi. Lighting up the family altar as a symbol of Christian family life and bearing witness to Christ.
- vii. Inculcating a clear gender identity and godliness as well as Christian love through a Christ-centred family life.



Pingnan Church Covenant Grp



Hangzhou lay training Centre

Our Dream: If it is the Lord's will, we shall be fully equipped with textbooks and facilities to train more educators and trainers to expand our ministry in China by June 2014. It has been our dream of training 300 young Family Life educators to conduct “Self-awareness” camps for students from various universities as a means of evangelizing to them and building the foundation for their marriage. They will then follow them up with other courses in the family wellness series. Our ultimate goal is to help them to be Christian fathers who can fulfill their priestly roles at home.

We were encouraged by some feedback commenting that our ministry is practical to both Christians and pre-believers. And it is also sustainable. We pray that this feedback will be actualized extensively in the years to come as we believe that with God all things are possible. Please pray with us.



Rededication of marriages at Closing Service of Camps

Financial Statement 2013

b/f from 2012	\$7,250.68
Individual Donation	\$50,774.00
Teaching, Counseling Service	\$46,288.92
	\$104,313.60 (Income)
Staff allowance	\$55,384.60
Office expenses	\$28,913.64
Mission expenses	\$19,947.60
	\$104,245.84 (Expenditure)
c/f to 2014	: \$67.76



Businessmen who shepherd the biggest church in Wuhan



Principal & staff of Lishio Seminary/ Orphanage



Pastors' Seminar in Malaysia



Christian Counseling Class, S'pore

General Activities: We would like to thank those who have given us opportunities to preach in their pulpits for 37 times during the year. We were privileged to conduct pre-marital briefing for 23 couples before we solemnized them in 2013. If we are not traveling, we are normally based in JB from Monday to Thursday noon for writing and some counseling ministry. Thereafter from Thursday noon till Sunday, we are involved with the local ministry, mostly in counseling, teaching, preaching and other social activities. We can be reached through our local phone or sms to Francis Ngoi at +6590700336.

Finally, it is our pleasure to highlight some of our activities as an acknowledgment of God's grace and blessings upon what we have been doing.

*We would also like to thank those who have been praying and supporting our ministry as voluntary helpers and in their love gifts. May the grace of our Lord be with you. My family and I would like to wish you and your household **Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!***

Francis & Karen Ngoi



Highlight of our activities

Date	Event	Venue	Participant
7 Jan	Seminar on Challenges of Shepherding ministry in 21 st Century	Seri Manjung District Malaysia	Pastoral staff from the district
12 Jan	Launched a series of monthly talks on Christian Marriage till September	Queenstown Chinese Methodist Church	Young Adult Fellowship
4-6 Apr	Marriage Enrichment Camp	Fujian, Quanzhou	Fuzhou Covenant Grp
7 Apr	Launching the Chinese "Self- awareness" book by Rev Chen Li Fu, Chairman of Lianhui of Fujian Province	Fuzhou	Family Wellness work-Com.
22-26 Apr	Intensive Course on Family Life Education	Shanghai Pastoral staff training Centre	Lay pastors of house churches
1-4 May	Marriage Enrichment Camp	Hangzhou	En You Fellowship
24-26 May	Marriage Enrichment Camp	Palm tree Resort, Sepang, Malaysia	Pioneer Methodist Church
16-22 Jun	Teaching on Family Life Ministry	Lashio Theological Seminary, Myanmar	Students from minority tribes
24-25 Jun	Intensive course on Christian Marriage	Ministry training Centre, Lijiang, Yunnan	Lay ministry staff from minority tribes
14-17 Aug	Marriage Enrichment Camp	Resort in Pingnan Fujian	Pingnan 3-Self-Church,
21-23 Aug	Parenting Course for Sunday school teachers	Lay training centre in Fuyang, Hangzhou	Watchman Nee's house Church
14 Sep	Launching of Chinese "Marriage Enrichment" book	Queenstown CMC	YA Fellowship
18-21 Sept	Marriage Enrichment Camp	En Men Church in Fuyang, Hangzhou	Caleb Fellowship
24-27 Sep	Marriage Enrichment Camp	Wuhan City, Zhong Shang house church	58 couples
1 Oct	Seminar on Family Life	Wuhan City Zhong Shang house church	church members
14 Oct	Followed up our ministry	Pandamaram Methodist Church	Mr. Xue's Covenant Family Group
16 Oct	Seminar on Prevention of Infidelity and followed up our ministry	Taiping Chinese Methodist Church	Church members and their friends

Sexual immorality

Sex is God's special gift to humankind, not only for procreation but also for enhancing the spiritual and physical intimacy of a married couple. That is why Jesus said, "What God has joined together, let man not separate....Anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman, commits adultery." (Matt. 19:6&9). In other words, adultery breaks the spiritual bond of a couple. Thus Jesus regarded it as the only reason for divorce. A man may be registered as a legal husband to a woman but they become one only after they have consummation. This shows that sexual intimacy is the key to joining a man and a woman. On the contrary, if one party commits adultery, the marriage and family system of the person breaks down spiritually and physically. The party who breaks it has to be accountable to God, "for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." (Heb.13:4)

If a person divorces his/her spouse legally but neither one of them has sexual relation with another person, the marriage cannot be regarded as broken. The spiritual bond between the divorced couple still exists. They should seek help for reconciliation. If any one of them gets married to another person or has sexual relation with another person, then he/she has committed adultery. The spiritual bond of the marriage is then broken.

In view of this, adultery truly is sinning against the person's own body as it hurts his/her spouse who is one flesh with him/her. For the Scripture says, "All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body." (1Cor.6:18). Our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it is bought at a price. Moreover, once a man and a woman are joined in their marriage, they become one body and both are members of the body of Christ. Breaking a marriage therefore is also hurting the body of Christ. Then what should those who have already sinned against their own bodies and hurt the body of Christ do? The best option is for them to repent and sin no more before the judgment day of the Lord.

The Scripture says, "Since there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband." (1Cor.7:2) According to the Professor of Sociology in University of Chicago, Dr Edward Lauman's research, 18% of married women and 24% of married men in the United States today have extramarital affairs. Dr. Helen Fisher, an American anthropologist and human behavior researcher discovered

that among those who have committed adultery, 34% women and 56% men claimed that they have normal marriages. That is to say, many marriages today have been broken spiritually without the person's knowledge. To remedy such marriages, the guilty parties have to renounce their relationship with the other persons, then confess to their spouses and seek forgiveness for an appropriate reconciliation. Otherwise, their brokenness may hinder their prayers and they will not be able to be the joint heir of the grace of life even though they have not been divorced.

However, prevention is better than cure. It is imperative for the married couples to enrich their marital bond through consistent communication with each other and to seek to resolve their conflicts constructively. The process that leads to infidelity always begins innocently enough with the sharing of one's stress or unresolved spousal conflicts with colleagues or friends who are of the opposite sex. The attentive ears of the party concerned may be a draw for them to become soul mates and this may ultimately land the parties concerned in adulterous acts.

Therefore, it is of great advantage for couples to join a covenant family group which meets regularly as a means of helping one another resolve their conflicts as well as to enhance spousal communications. Couples will certainly have better sexual intimacy once they are able to communicate well with each other and resolve their conflicts effectively.

Forming covenant family groups for our course participants is our main goal for all the courses conducted by Oasis Family Life Enrichment Center. In fact it is a buffer for the influence of sexual immorality.



We wish all couples may fulfil their vows and flourish in love hand in hand and heart to heart throughout their marital journey.