



Moving with God's Amazing Grace –10 years venture in China

God has been leading us amazingly in promoting our Family Wellness programmes as well as training the Family Life educators in China since March 2007. We began our ministry in Fuqing & Fuzhou then moved south to Hainan, gradually moving northwards and finally reaching North Western China, Akesu, Xinjiang in August 2016. Hundreds of church pastors and full-time workers have undergone the training and thousands of lay people in China have been blessed by our programmes during our 10-year ventures there. Many of them affirmed that our programmes have been most comprehensive, practical and heart-stirring. It helped them to formulate the direction of their family lives, thus enriching their marriages, affirming the gender identity and functions in their homes, and cultivating Christian love through the parenting process. These were made possible when they integrated what they had learnt from our books and programmes with the consistent interactions and support rendered to one another in the Covenant Family group meetings.



Marriage Enrichment Camp at Xinjiang 'Great Grassland'



Association for Family Life Educators

As a means of consolidating our works in China, we held a three-day Family Life Educators conference at the Lay Training Centre in Pingtan Island from 10-12 May 2016.



1st Educator's Conference /Association for Family Life Educator



Regional representatives



Executive Committee

We began the conference with the launch of the final textbook of our Family Wellness course, *Courting Couple*. We then gave lectures based on the book. This would then enable our interns to teach the full series of the Family Wellness courses in their respective churches more confidently. We also had representatives from the various regions of China sharing their experiences in promoting the Family Wellness programmes.

The Association of Family Life Educators was constituted at the end of the conference. More than a hundred of our interns applied for memberships. We expect the number to increase to 150 by the end of the December. Only those who have completed the full Family Life Educator course are eligible to apply for membership. The association enhances the identity and disciplines of our interns to work in various respective churches or communities in China. We have members from Hainan, Fuqing, Fuzhou, Pingtan, Hangzhou, Yuhuan Shaoxing, Wenzhou, Shandong, Changsha, Yongzhou, Yueyang, Dalian, Guilin, Hunan, Shenyang, and Akesu.

Process of moving forward – Train Trainers in Sitiawan Centre

Being equipped with the Sitiawan training centre in Malaysia as well as the resources for the full series of the Family Wellness programmes, and the Educators Association, we are now ready to embark on a programme of awarding those dedicated interns certification to work as certified Family Life Educators in their respective churches and homes.



Sitiawan Centre



Family Wellness Series (Chinese & Eng)

The intern who is able to bring six of his/her former colleagues from the theological school which they attended or interested pastors to our training centre for a two-week intensive Family Life Educator course will be given a full sponsorship of food and lodging as well as 2,000 Yuan allowance. However, he/she will have to give seven course lectures and conduct Group Facilitators training sessions under our supervision. Successful candidates will be awarded with a certificate and a golden badge for identification as licensed Family Life Educators. If they are able to follow up their six students and act as their mentors until they complete the process of being certified as Family Life Educators, they will be authorised to be trainers of Family Life educators in China. If the Lord wills, this will serve as a mechanism to continue multiplying our workers in China. In the meantime, this will assure that the good work which the Lord has begun will be continued till it is finally accomplished on the day of the Lord.

Recruitment

We are looking for a young, Chinese speaking, theologically-trained church worker or a fresh graduate from a theological seminary who is called for a family life ministry to join us as a trainee for the future developments of Oasisflec. Interested parties may submit their resume to oasisflec@gmail.com.

Programmes in China & Malaysia



Shenyang - Marriage camp



Yuhuan - Marriage camp



Shaoxing - Marriage camp



Fuqing - marriage camp



Dalian - Educator Course I



Hangzhou - Educator Course I



Fuqing - Educator Course



Wenzhou - Educator Course I



Batam – Church Camp



Malaysia CAC – Educator Course



5th Sitiawan Educator Course II



6th Sitiawan Educator Course II



7th Sitiawan Educator Course II



8th Sitiawan Educator Course II

Programmes by our Interns in China



Keqiao - Marriage Camp



Dalian- Grp Leader Trg



Wenzhou – Grp Leader Trg



Huzhou - Marriage Camp



Fuzhou – Family Life Course



Hebei - Marriage Camp



Shenyang – Marriage Camp



Pingtian - Family Life Course

Summary of Main Activities in 2016

1	Trip to China	6 trips (98 days)
2	Trip to Malaysia	7 trips (91 days)
3	Marriage Enrichment Camps	6 (China)
4	Educator course (1)	6 (China & Malaysia)
5	Educator course (2)	4 (Malaysia)
6	Family Life Seminar/ Camps	12 (China & Malaysia)
7	Pulpit Ministry	24 times (Singapore & Malaysia)
8	Marriage Solemnization	13 couples (Singapore)

Our New Challenge – Researching of the root cause of Homosexuality

Ever since I came to know of the concept of Oedipus Complex from the father of Psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud, and together with scriptures from Malachi 2:15 and 4:5-6, I have been convicted and inspired that good functional marriages and stable parenting of interdependent partners at home are vital factors for healthy emotional development of children, especially in their struggles with their Oedipus Complex. According to Sigmund Freud, children of ages 3-6 years old may have sexual feelings. They may be erotically and emotionally attached to the opposite-sex parent.

This insight has led me to hypothesise that if a child is deprived of the affections and attention that he/she craves from the opposite-sex parent, the child may be suppressed in his/her unconscious mind and, resentments, frustrations and anger may develop and be directed towards the opposite-sex parent in his/her unconscious mind. When he/she grows up to be an adolescent and, finally an adult, he/she may have unconscious reaction of resentment and anger towards the opposite sex but feeling secure and enjoying the companionship of the same-sex partner. To prove the truth of this hypothesis, I may need at least 20 years and the partnership of hundreds of Family Life Educators to explore and gather relevant facts and evidences for the possibility of deeper research and studies.

I was amazed to read a summary of the book, *My Genes Made Me Do It*—a scientific look at sexual orientation, published in USA in 1999 from the website. Those researchers with expertise in the study of genes and same sex attraction claimed, “Your genes did not make you do it.” This is the conclusion of more than 20 years of scientific research into homosexuality. It drew on more than 10,000 scientific papers and publications from all sides of the debate. This information has encouraged me to go with the teaching of the Scripture more seriously. I can boldly infer that same-sex attraction may be a curse caused by the dysfunctional family systems and divorced parents. It is a warning for the fulfillment of God smiting the land with a curse. For the Scripture says, “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the (.....continue on next page)

Income/ Expenditure (Dec'15 to Nov'16)

Income :

1. Balance B/F	\$185.81
2. Donation (General fund)	\$56,890.02
3. China Mission support	\$38,516.00
4. Preaching, Counselling & course fee	<u>\$46,126.00</u>
	\$141,717.83

Expenditure:

1. Singapore (staff & office)	\$77,778.69
2. Sitiawan (staff & training exp)	\$33,767.90
3. China (staff & air tickets)	<u>\$30,029.80</u>
	\$141,576.39

Balance C/F \$141.44

all the young couples who have attended our Family Wellness programmes with the Covenant Family Groups at least for the next 20 years. We hope that, at the end of our project, we will be able to prove our hypothesis right, that is, godly fatherhood and motherhood with clear gender identity and functional models for their children will bring forth godly offspring and be safe from the influence of homosexuality. Also that the church today may be awakened to turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers by focusing the shepherding ministry on appropriating family life ministry. This may certainly be a more effective preventive measure for the enlargement of the influence of homosexual movement in today's world than blindly or foolishly opposing the activities of the homosexual community.

I therefore appeal for interested parties to partner in undertaking such a project in the future venture of Oasisflec. All those who are truly concerned about the problems of homosexuality in today's world and would like to do something meaningful to prevent our future generation from the curse which may be caused by dysfunctional or divorced parents, please respond to our sincere appeal for partnership by getting involved in our project. They can do so either by participating in our Family Wellness programmes or being trained as Covenant Group Facilitators or even as Family Life Educators. Interested parties may register online through www.oasisflec.org.sg and specify the programmes that they are interested in. We will then provide them with further details.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Sufficient fund to sponsor our interns who bring students to Sitiawan for the Family Life Educator Course, as well as some poor students from rural area.*
- 2. Good response to our appeal for participation in the research project on homosexuality.*
- 3. Recruitment of a godly and dedicated candidate who is able to meet the needs for the future development of Oasisflec .*
- 4. God's blessing and guidance be upon us and our work team as well as those who partner with us that we may prosper in all that we do especially for the development of the ministry.*

(..... from previous page) heart of the fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse.”(Mal.4:5-6) The church should be awakened to do something pragmatic in order to stop the multiplications and influences of gays and lesbians in our community today.

If churches are concerned about the unacceptability of same-sex marriage and oppose any authority to legalise such marriages, why not come on board and support our mission of teaching young couples of God's original order of family structure, thus enriching their marriages and helping parents to integrate our beliefs with their parenting process through the Covenant Family Groups? For your information, our programmes have indeed turned many dysfunctional families and marriages around. We have been inspired and encouraged to persevere even though churches seemingly have very little regards for our mission.

We therefore, are training as many Family Life Educators as possible to partner with us for a research project which the Lord prompted me to undertake, that is, to follow up

Acknowledgement

We would like to thank God for all our prayer supporters, volunteers and donors. Their partnership has enabled us to bless many through the centre's programmes and activities. May God's grace abound to them in all things and at all times, so that they may continue to do good work.

