

# Oasis news 2023

2023 was another good year for our ministry. We thank God for enabling us to bless many families through our physical seminars, training courses, counseling, preaching, online counseling and teaching throughout the year.



**Educator Training for Manjung pastors** 

God also opened a new avenue for us to extend our ministry through working with the Global Reachout. We signed a MOU with the organization for a 3-year project to work on a Disciple Training Programme entitled "Glorious Beauty of Home". We had video recording of 12 messages (in Mandarin) on the "Profound Mysteries of

Marriage" as our first programme in the series at the Studio of the Global Reachout in August.



At Global Reachout with sister Loh & pastor Xue

The project has greatly deepened my understanding of Marriage. I suspect that the LGBT movement and the unnatural sexual relationships could be due to the ignorance of the profound mystery of marriage. If it is the Lord's will, we will continue working on the theme in greater detail and develop it into an additional course for our family wellness course series.



Our online students invited us to conduct a 3-day Marriage Enrichment Course at St John's Church, Tokyo

#### Online teaching with Chong Hua Baptist Seminary

My assistant, Pastor Abel Xue, though busy with online courses for his D min degree in Family Education at Malaysia Bible Seminary, has been doing a good job with me in coordinating our teaching courses with Chong Hua Baptist Seminary during the last three semesters. So far, I have taught the 'Basic Skills and Concepts of Pastoral Care and Counseling', 'Counseling with Group Dynamics' and the 'Belief and Practice of family'. Pastor Abel Xue has taught the 'Biblical Perspective of Family Life', 'Theory of Christian Counseling' and 'Nurture of Spiritual Life'.

There were about 60 seminarians doing their Master of Art in Pastoral Care or Bachelor in Christian Counseling who attended our courses. We thank God that their feedback was very positive and encouraging.

## New 3-year course for Family Life Worker

In October and November, we received two batches of students from China when we resumed our intensive physical course for the Family Life Educator training after the Covid-19 break. They completed the first level of our new 3--year training programme for family ministry workers. We are glad that they could maintain their full attention throughout the course daily from 8.30am to 10 pm for the 6 days' training in listening and course facilitating skills.



1st batch of students from Fuzhou & Pingtan



2<sup>nd</sup> batch of students from North East China

They have to continue their second level of training through the directed studies once a week with the guidebook for 93 sessions on their own initiative as follows: 1) Study the 'Basic Beliefs of the Family Life Ministry' with members who had attended the basic training. 2) Invite 3 couples to attend a Marriage Enrichment Camp conducted by our Centre, in order to learn how to conduct the Camp and do the follow up of the camp participants under his care. 3) Training of

volunteers: After completion of the follow-up of the 3 couples, train them or other new recruits (at least 6) to be his ministry team members for the promotion of the family life ministry.

Students who have fulfilled the requirements for the second level of training may come back to our Centre for Family Therapist training. We hope that we will be able to launch our Family Therapist Training course at the beginning of 2026.

### **Oasis Manjung Centre**

It is a miracle for me to be able to come back to where I was working as a medical dispenser more than half a century ago. At that time, it was the favoured place for those needing medical attention. We hope that it will become a well-liked place where dysfunctional marriages and families can find help by God's grace and where ordinary lay people who love the Lord may be equipped for the ministry of feeding the lambs and tending the sheep of the Lord in their respective homes.



Parenting Talk @ Oasis Manjung Centre for young parents & pre-school teachers



3rd Marriage Enrichment Camp of Oasis Manjung



Volunteers gather for course study @ Manjung Centre



3 days Marriage course for China couples

Our Singapore and Sitiawan Centres have been developing a voluntary task force through our weekly group-directed study programmes for the extension of our ministry. We hope more young retirees will take up the challenge of making the rest of their lives fruitful by equipping themselves for the ministry. This may help them stay fresh and green for the rest of their lives (Psalm 92:14).



Marriage & Self-Awareness camp organized by Oasis Singapore group for families from China



Karen gathering with Oasis Educators @ Pingtan







Visitors from SG cell grp



Francis with pastors who were sent out by Chin Hock MC @ its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service on 30 Apr



Speaker for Ayer Tawar Church camp @ Penang

	Highlights for 2023
	Trigringitts 101 2025
Dec 22	Seminar for Malaysia Christian Teachers Fellowship @ Sitiawan on Moulding Healthy Character through Family and School Educations.
Feb	2 Seminars for students of Sitiawan Nan Hwa High School on Knowing Your Personality Traits and Potential.
Mar	Intensive Basic Family Life Educator Course for the Methodist pastors of Manjung District.
May	Spoke at Sunday Service for Affirmation of Marriage Vows for couples at Bahao Methodist Church.
May	Publishing of 'Family Therapy Handbook'
Jun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Marriage Enrichment camp of Oasis Manjung Centre.
Jul	Speaker at the Marriage Enrichment Course at St John's Church in Tokyo.
Aug	12 sessions of video recording at studio of Global Reachout in Singapore on the 'Profound Mystery of Marriage'
Sep.	Marriage Enrichment Camp in Singapore.
Oct	1 <sup>st</sup> batch of the 3-year Family Life Educator Course.
Nov	2 <sup>nd</sup> batch of the 3-year Family Life Educator Course.
Nov	Parenting Seminar at the Manjung Oasis Centre.
Feb Nov	14 pulpit engagements with Manjung Methodist Churches and 3 engagements in Singapore

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Income	<u>5,</u>	
1. B/f from 2022	\$2,676.83	
2. Support from famil	\$62,833.00	
<ol><li>Conducting Course engagements</li></ol>	\$11,832.06	
4. From SG Govt	\$936.00	
5. Support for Sitiawa	5. Support for Sitiawan ministry	
	Total:	\$95,431.93
<u>Expenditure</u>		
1. Staff costs & office	\$76,667.47	
2. Sitiawan course act	tivities &	\$17,154.04
centre maintenance	Total:	\$93,821.51
	Balance c/f:	\$1,610.42



## **Acknowledgement & Future Plans**

We would like to acknowledge God's blessing and leading upon our ministry and express our gratitude for the participation of the Methodist churches and their members in the Manjung District throughout the year. We pray that our collaboration may become a blessing to the community and the extension of God's Kingdom in Sitiawan. We also want to thank our faithful supporters from Singapore. We covet the continual prayer support of our partners for the development of our ministry.

If it is the Lord's we will ultimately develop an institute to specifically train full time workers to be Sunday School cum Family Life workers and develop some relevant programmes to counter the influence of unnatural sexual activities.

