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**Oasis Family Life Enrichment Centre**

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## Oasis News 2022

### Our Life in Sitiawan

Thank God for leading us faithfully through a smooth transition of the ministry in Sitiawan during the year. We began our ministry on the first day of 2022 by holding a seminar on the Blueprint of a Blessed Marriage at our newly launched Family Training and Therapy Centre in Manjung Methodist Centre. The seminar hall and the training rooms were well suited for us to conduct 3 batches of Family Life Educator Training for the local people. The response was encouraging. We even had a Chinese Muslim attend our course and she gave wonderful feedback about the course. She has been sharing some of our practical beliefs that she learnt with her Muslim friends.

In May and October, we conducted two successful Marriage Enrichment Camps at Bei King Hotel near our centre. In June to September, we conducted a church leaders' retreat for Pasir Pinji Methodist Church from Ipoh and cell group retreat cum Sitiawan one day tour for 3 CG from Singapore.



Retreats for Pasir Pinji MC & 3 cell groups fr Singapore



Oasis Manjung 1st batch of FLE level 1 course

We have also dealt with 30 plus counselling cases at our Centre. People are increasingly seeking help online, especially those from other towns in Malaysia and countries like China, Singapore, Indonesia, and Japan.

### Online course/ Partnership with Seminary

Even though I was about 600 km away from my co-worker brother Abel Xue who has been helping us in Singapore, we could still work as if we were at the same office. We conducted 10 online family Life Educator Training and Self-awareness courses during the year for students who came from different regions in China as well as Singapore and even Japan. We worked very well as a team in conducting our online courses as we needed two trainers for every course to lead the group sessions especially in the training of listening skills. No course fee was charged but we appreciated those who voluntarily gave offerings through our QR code at the end of the course.



Signing ceremony of OasisFLEC & Zhong Hua Baptist Theological Seminary

God has seemingly extended our ministry, we were invited by the Zhong Hua Baptist Theological Seminary in Taiwan ([www.cbtsedu.org](http://www.cbtsedu.org)), a branch of the Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary to sign an agreement online on 13 June 2022 on a partnership in the teaching of students studying for their Master degree in Pastoral Care. In other words, our Family Life Educator Training Course is recognized as part of the academic work of the seminary. Degree holders who have completed the three levels of the Family Life Educator Training Course at our centre may be awarded a Master degree in Pastoral Care by the seminary if they complete the rest of the required courses at the seminary.

Obviously, brother Abel Xue joined us at the right time to help extend our ministry. He has been actively coordinating the development of our teaching course for the students of Zhong Hua Baptist Theological Seminary and our own Family Life Educator Courses. We have done very well with the first batch of 40 seminarians who attended the online course.



Bro Abel Xue & Wife Lin Xia



Bro Xue & the Singapore Oasis prayer & study group

### Our Volunteer Team in Sitiawan

We are glad to note that 14 of the course participants have committed to continuing with the 2- year 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Educator Training course. We have been meeting fortnightly on Saturday from 9 am to 5pm. We hope that they will become a committed team of volunteers for the development of our centre in Sitiawan.



### Oasisflec SG AC (Dec 21-Nov 22)

#### Income

1. b/f from 2021	\$371.50
2. Support from family & friends	\$66,186.00
3. book sales	\$5,720.00
4. Fr online course participants	\$12,959.50
5. Specific offering for Sitiawan	\$10,000.00
6. Income from Sitiawan ministry	<u>\$17,059.00</u>
	<b>\$112,296.00</b>

#### Expenditure

1. Staff cost & admin expenses	\$74,628.17
2. China expenses/publication	\$7,932.00
3. Expenses for Sitiawan ministry	<u>\$27,059.00</u>
	<b>\$109,619.17</b>
Balance c/f:	<b>\$2,676.83</b>

### Supports to Oasisflec's Ministry



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Singapore Bank Account

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Oasis Manjung 2nd batch of FLE level 1 course

## Oasis Marriage Enrichment Camp- A Gateway to Blessed Marriage

We had 2 successful Marriage Enrichment Camps in May and October at Bei King Hotel in Sitiawan which had comfortable accommodation and delicious typical Fuzhou meals. The programs included teaching sessions, small group workshops, affirmation of Marriage Covenant, Candlelit dinner, confession of love, enlightening games and romantic snap-shot. The camps not only enriched the marriages but also enhanced the therapeutic process of the couples who had earlier come to our centre for counselling sessions.



May 2022 Camp



October 2022 Camp



## **Feedback from Marriage Enrichment Camp: by sister Yu Mei Hua**

As a married couple of different nationalities, we experienced frequent conflicts for 13 years which came to a breaking point. We thank God for getting to know Rev Francis Ngoi. He enabled us to develop a conviction of launching a God-blessed marriage after we had gone through the Marriage Enrichment camp which was conducted in May at Bei King Hotel in Sitiawan.



The personality analysis enabled us to realize how ignorant we were of the uniqueness of each of us. The most significant benefit I gained from the camp was re-discovering my own self. I realised that I am a uniquely useful person to my husband. I have learnt to appreciate my strengths and weaknesses. I was taught how to make full use of my strengths and manage my weaknesses in our marital relationship. We also learned how to empower and complement each other so that the man can function as a husband and the woman as a wife in the family.

Formerly, my husband was affected by the values and traditions of his family of origin. He thought that the woman should stay at home and fulfil the role of a housewife and as long as the man could provide sufficiently to meet the needs of the family, that should be regarded as a blessed marriage and family.

Though my husband did not understand my emotional needs in the past years, he began to be more sensitive and tried to meet my needs after the camp. He has been more conscious of putting effort to improving himself. He is willing to listen and appreciate my strengths so that I can make full use of them in my position as his teammate.

His changes have empowered me to work positively in our relationship through complementing each other in our family life and work. I feel that I am no longer engaged like a bird but am able to help him freely in the administration of our clinic. I have found more joy and fulfilment in my function as his helpmate. I have also found much more satisfaction in my work now. He has also been willing to let go and trust me.

In the mean-time, I have learnt to make adjustments in myself. I could accept that his passive character is given by God. I just need to slow down in order to keep pace with him. I appreciate his patient and attentive nature as it may be a blessing to the patients he attends to.

Due to our opposite individual nature as a couple, we truly had difficulties in being parents to our children and in fulfilling our roles at the workplace. However, we have now developed a common vision of nurturing godly offspring for the future generation. We can work better as a team and our marital relationship has improved. Our children have also become more loving.

We thank God for the camp that has brought so much blessing upon us. I think every couple should have a way to attend the marriage enrichment camp. It will bless them and their children as well. It is indeed a gateway to a blessed marriage.

## **Why do we need a Faith Based Family Life Ministry?**

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? .....You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bow! Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matt.5:13-16)

### **The true God is found through man's daily living**

Though humankind has multiplied from a fallen nature of Adam and Eve, God never gives up His love for us. In His eternal blueprint of His creation, He aimed to glorify Himself through all His creations. Thus, He has been working continuously through His act of salvation with certainty that ultimately humankind would come back to Him as His perfect children.

That was why, at the moment Adam and Eve were cheated by Satan and fell from God's glory, He declared to Satan: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (Gen.3:15)

In order to fulfil God's plan of salvation, He called Abram, about 4,000 years ago. Through Abram and his descendants, especially Moses and the Israelites experienced the wonderful and mighty acts of God, His leading and His discipline in their daily living. Progressively, they came to know that God is the creator of heaven and earth and all that are in them.

Two thousand years ago, "When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'" (Gal.4:4-6) This is how God fulfilled His plan of crushing the head of Satan with the offspring of the woman, who was wounded and died on the cross for the redemption of those who were condemned under the law.

This Gospel has been progressively preached to the whole world through the leading of the Holy Spirit. Regretfully, we have not manifested the effect of being the salt and light of the world. We need to explore how we should live out the commands of our Lord Jesus at each season of our life so that we may be able to fulfil the Great Commission of our Lord in due time.

Thank God that He is the beginner and finisher of all things. Today we are dwelling at the age of cyber-physical systems. We may spread the Gospel easily to

the ends of the earth through cyber-physical systems. Unfortunately, we are not able to be united in faith. We are also far from being able to build up the identity of being the people of the Kingdom of God. It is therefore difficult for us to manifest the effect of being the salt and the light of the world.

However, the Holy Spirit has been awakening the church to integrating our faith into our daily living. That is why the market place mission has become a movement in today's church. We can demonstrate the truth of God in the way we manage our enterprises and attitude towards our work. Though Jesus was crucified and buried. He was raised with his physical body and ascended into heaven. The Spirit of the Son is living within our individual heart. It empowers us to function within His redeemed bodies. We may then glorify our Heavenly Father through our activities at the market place and daily living at home.

### **The Four Commands of Jesus Christ**

It has been my conviction that the church will be able to be the salt and the light of the world and fulfil the Great commission of Christ more effectively when the four different commands of Christ found in the four Gospels could be taught and executed consciously and sequentially.

#### **1) Preach the Gospel with signs and wonders**

According to St Mark, Jesus appeared to the Eleven after His resurrection and said "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. "Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it. " ( Mk.16:15-20)

Obviously, the authenticity of the Gospel has been proven by the early church with signs and wonders. That was why the church could survive even though she went through the fire of persecution for more than 300 years. Even today the Gospel has been preached with signs and wonders, especially when it is preached in the new territories.

#### **2) Obey all that Christ has commanded**

According to St. Matthew, Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always to the very end of the age." (Matt 28: 19-20)

That led to the institutionalization of the church, and canonization and translation of the Bible into more than 704 languages today so that the Gospel can be taught in the language of the people in order that they

can understand. But how could the church ensure that the believers could do what they have learnt?

### **3) Be a witness of the resurrected body of Christ**

According to St Luke, Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection and said, "Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see, a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scripture. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins shall be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." (Lk.24:37-49)

In other words, Jesus wanted His disciples to testify that His resurrected body could still eat and function like anyone of us. That was why St. Paul advocated that all believers are members of the body of Christ. For he said, "count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Rom.6:11) "So in Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us if a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." (Rom.12:5-8).

In other words, we are not only responsible for telling the world that Jesus was raised from the dead. We must also demonstrate that He is alive in our bodies and that all believers are working and relating to one another as different parts of the body of Christ.

### **4) Enable believers to grow towards maturity**

According to St John the resurrected Jesus appeared to His disciples and confirmed that He was resurrected with the flesh and body and said to them, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (Jn.20:21) In other words, Jesus commissioned His disciples to continue the mission of giving life to those who believe in Him and enable them to grow to full maturity. It is because He has said, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (Jn.10:10)

That was why He told Peter that if he truly loved the Lord, he should feed His lambs, tend His sheep and even feed them. In other words, His disciples had to feed the lambs and tend the sheep and feed the sheep which has special need or became too sick or too old to help themselves. That was to make sure that those who believe in Christ must be nurtured till they enter into full maturity.

Thus, Christians in the early church were cautioned not to stay stagnant and remain at the infant stage. "Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. Therefore, let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptism, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment." (Heb.5:13 -6: 2)

### **Re-orientate the system of our inner dynamics**

Therefore, I advocate that the Great Commission of Christ can only be fulfilled when all believers are taught of how the dynamics of their inner being should function in line with the image of God. Unfortunately, ever since it was popularized by the western world, Sigmund Freud's theory of the psycho dynamics has more or less distorted the understanding of a healthy functional inner being of a person. People are taught that gratification of the individual self which is monitored by the flesh (principle of pleasure) is the key to keeping the health of inner dynamics of individual person. That has led to women's liberation and sexual liberation movements which have caused gender identity disorder, same sex marriage, divorce, fear of marriage and many other issues pertaining to the individual and family life in today's world.

In the light of the four commands of our Lord, I was inspired to establish a Faith Based Family Life Ministry as a means of grace to ratify such belief caused by the humanistic thinkers and hope that it would help believers to grow towards maturity through God's blue print of marriage and the family life cycle and regard the structure and function of marriage as a microcosm of the body of Christ.

Those who are saved in Christ should therefore, appropriate the function of their inner dynamics in the light of what the Apostle Paul has said, "When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the spirit of the son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, Abba, Father" (Gal.4:4-6) It is so that we can confidently claim that a believer's healthy inner being is empowered by the Spirit of the Son of God and not by the self or the flesh taught by the humanistic thinkers. We believe that we are given the Spirit of the Son with the faith and conscience playing a leading role in the system of our inner dynamics. That is why the Apostle Paul said, "The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." (1Tim.1:5) This is key to our faith-based family life ministry.

## Growing as a member of the body of Christ

Moreover, we believe that no one can grow towards maturity without being involved as a member of the body of Christ. This is because his involvement keeps his inner dynamics working through the process of loving one another as members of the body. That is why the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." (Gen.2:18) Therefore marriage is the basic sub-system of the body of Christ which is always referred to as the microcosm of the body of Christ. When a husband loves his wife as a member of the sub-system of the body, he actually imparts the grace to his wife to strengthen the faith of her inner being. Thus, she is strengthened in her faith and encouraged to love herself. Consequently, she is able to make herself loving and kind to her husband. She would then respect and appreciate her husband as a response of her conscience. This give and take between the two becomes a process of strengthening the inner being of each of them. Progressively it leads them to grow into maturity. That is why Christ commanded us to follow His example and love one another as He loved us sacrificially. If the man and woman of every couple

who are Disciples of Christ could love each other sacrificially, the body of Christ would certainly be built up without much teaching as each couple would be example to their children from generation to generation.

And we must know that the health of a marriage can only be built up by the healthy and functional system of the husband and wife's inner dynamics. Healthy and functional marriage would build up a functional family, and functional families would form functional support groups, and groups would build up the church as a body of Christ. Finally, all believers would be united in faith, and form a global body of Christ.

We therefore designed our family wellness courses including, Self-Awareness, Courting Couple, Marriage Enrichment, Parenting and even the Family therapy courses with a strong focus on building up the Spirit led system of a believer's inner dynamics which comprise the Spirit of the Son, the soul and the flesh. The believer may then manifest the effect of being the salt and the light of the world and respond to the Great Commission, that it may be fulfilled in due time.

## Welcome to Sitiawan!



## Words of Thanks

One year may end as in the twinkling of an eye, but God's grace is enormous. In particular, he has moved so many beloved brothers and sisters to partner with us in the ministry, so that we do not fall short of hands or finance. This assures us that God has begun and will accomplish His good work in the end. We sincerely thank God and those who have been partnering with us. We pray that God may reward the partnership with His abounding grace and blessings.



Merry  
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