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Full-time serving children ministry during Summer Retreat

I had the opportunity to serve children ministry through Susanna Kuo's invitation. It was a special and amazing experience. Natasha had a co-workers' meeting one week before the retreat, and I met many co-workers who were once in children Sunday school, like Joseph, Dennis, Jasper, Joanna, Joana, Diane, and Katie.

Natasha delegated the co-workers responsibilities well, and she demonstrated story telling to children. I learn more about child education through her. She reminded us that we were not to be baby-sitters, but to teach the children about God's love and His mighty power. Even though Natasha had an accident and her grandmother was hospitalized before the retreat, she still hang on to her duties and served with all her might. The children were very impressed with her story telling, and they realized that God was continuing to work in their lives to be special treasures.

We had review meetings after each session to share things that can be improved and to pray as a group. We also see many co-workers in their 40s & 50s taking care of the 2-6 year olds. Through out the retreat we saw the uniqueness of each child and how they learned to take care of each other. I am very thankful for the learning ability of our new generation, for they are the new group of soldiers of Christ. May God continue to bless their lives and souls, to grow mature in Christ.

Graduation Banquet Approach:

Invite present/ex-members of small group/fellowships to return. Guide those without participating in small groups to choose one either by location, interest, age, or free will. Additional groups can be formed depending on needs.

Pastoral Office will provide materials and trainings twice a month, starting from May. There will also be pre-studies. Group leaders can decide the contents or format of the remaining meetings. Pre-studies are scheduled for 5/2, 5/16, 6/6, 6/27 at room 208 from 1:45 pm to 2:45 pm.

This year, our church has been very "fruitful" of babies. First, David and Amy Chio's new born son is already 2 months old. Second, Charles & Teresa Wang's first son is due around 6/25. Finally, Tim and Linda Chen,

Charley & Susan Kuo, Jack & Candy Tarng, are also having their second child around October and November. Wow... The party begins....

Babies grow so fast! Many things they wear are too small within a few months. We want to take this chance to save some money and be good environmentalists, so if you have anything that a 1~2 year old might use, or anything in the following list, please consider donating them to the parents of the new born. Please contact 聖慧. Tel: 714-534-5531



JOY FOOT- YOUR FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

Dr. Jack Tarng opened up a chiropractic clinic on March 20th. There

Loving Exhortation

were many people from church that attended the opening ceremony. Jack got his MA from UCLA, and his PHD from LACC. After 10 years of experience, he made a big step and opened his own clinic. He often says "no pain doesn't equal no sickness, no sickness doesn't equal health. If you want to be healthy, go for regular checkups even if you are not sick."

JOY FOOT IS LOCATED AT :

17524 E. Colima Road, Rowland Heights, CA 91748

Colima is between Fullerton Rd. and Azusa Ave. It's in the Michael's plaza, and behind Hollywood Videos, and next to the furniture store. If you have any questions, please contact Jack at (626)810-8280. If you are around the area, feel free to drop by and have a chit-chat and have a cup of

May 1, 2004 Cell Group Training

water.

On 2/28, in our cell groups, fellowships, I realized there are many hidden treasures and energy in the Bible concerning us. For example: caring for others, sincere love for each other, kindness, acceptance, forgiveness, repentance, prayer, encouragement, building each other up, not puff up in pride, not criticizing, not hating, don't get angry, don't lie, don't envy, and so on.

As I reflect up these precious words, I can deeply feel the love of God for his children. God wants us to walk in Christ's love for one another. God's deep love for us is the reason he doesn't give up on disciplining us. If we don't care for each other, God will often remind us and exhort us until

SPIRITUAL CLASSROOM

we say "Lord, I'm willing!"

Praise the Lord because He gave us the Holy Spirit and pour out his love upon us, allowing us to have the strength to obey his "loving exhortation".

Continuing from the 2/28 workshop, 3/13 breakfast, 5/1 we once again have an entire church co-worker workshop. We had about 60 people participating. Under Pastor Chen's encouragement, we divided into 6 discussion groups, discussing various topics regarding new friends. Everyone turned in their "new friend progress report". We further discussed our worship, missions, and caring groups. After lunch, we had an elder/deacon's meeting, and we were very happy to see Dr. Hwang back with us from the Hwa-Lian Mennonite Hospital. In this meeting, he reported how the medical mission is progressing. Praise the Lord for using us!

Thanks to Deacon Susan Kao, whom prepared wonderful snacks, Tzong-Tzu, and soup. It really made the day relaxing and warm.

Last September, my husband and I moved to Anaheim, and decided to make EFCOC our spiritual home. I've decided to join the Sunday school taught by Grace Ou-Young since the brothers and sisters from Canon fellowship are going. The topic was "Application of Spiritual Life". This class was really encouraging since Grace mentioned that in this day and age, people are seeking quick fixes and shallow satisfactions. This is a

Choir News

Spiritual issue, because what we need today is not a lot of powerful Christians, but those who are willing to obey and respond to God's calling. During this quarter, I've only missed once, and have learned a lot during every class. And I also discovered that it is easier for us as a group to apply spiritual principles in life than when I am alone. Praise God that our church has such wonderful Sunday School classes, and gifted teachers so our spiritual life can grow into maturity.

Easter Miracle in EFCOC

JOY IN THE FAMILY

4/11 Easter Joint worship with Taiwanese, Mandarin, and English

villa Park small group

groups was in process when the air conditioning went off, couldn't be fixed. Elder Chou who is in charge of worship was very worried. He went to fine pastor Lin. Pastor Lin was amazed that Elder

Chou was asking him to pray for air conditioner with him. They prayed earnestly with hands on the air conditioner. While they were praying, they heard the machine started to roar. When they returned to worship with us, they felt the cooling air blowing accompanied with the love of God. His presence is so real with the whole congregation of EFCOC.

After the Easter resurrection, the choir took a week off. The Senior Fellowship offered the choir worship, beautiful dance, and praises from the heart. In addition, they wore their red ties to bring a pleasant atmosphere.

There were 2 missionaries that came back to visit for a pleasant surprise. One of them is Mrs. Huang that works with Dr. Huang in the Hua-Lien Mennoite Hospital. Another one, Mr. & Mrs. Liu, is the couple that went to France as missionaries. Everyone was overjoyed! We had a Pot



PASTOR'S WORD

luck at Jack & Connie's house to express our gratitude.

Villa Park small group was formed this February when Jack & Jennifer bravely accepted the responsibility of small group leaders. With the participation of Tom, Melissa, Marco, Huiling, George & Suzie, Villa Park

small group meets regularly every Saturday night at 7:30 pm. Tom would lead the study on book of Mark, and the members were thirsty for the word of God, established firmly on God's truth.

The caring and intercession for each other was great, especially for Suzie's health. Suzie's sister, Vivian, came to take care of Suzie from Japan. She prepared an abundant Japanese dinner for the whole group. Seeing Suzie's expression of firm faith in the midst of suffering, the peace and joy from the bottom of her heart, and the loving care of all members, Vivian was moved by the Holy Spirit to accept the Lord during the small group meeting, and she was baptized on 3/14. When we are willing to offering ourselves for the Lord's works, the Holy Spirit will work through us, and many people will be saved & be blessed.

Dear brothers and sisters, peace be with you!

Time flies by fast, and we are approaching the middle of this year. I tremble before the Lord everyday, contemplating on the future of our church and asking God to guide our way in my prayers.

In January we had a whole church gift survey. 145 members participated, and the feedbacks were great. Many brothers and sisters are willing to serve with their ability, and their names have been given to elders of all departments. Most have already begun their ministry to our church with their God given gifts. If you are yet to begin your service, we encourage you to talk to one of the elders and/or pastors to share your goals and hope. We pray that all of our gifts can be used fully to build up God's church, attaining the higher level of true maturity.

In February we had the small group dynamic seminar to help us understand the function of all members in small groups. Only through individuals' active participation can bring out the wonderful small group dynamics to communicate fully and to expand outwardly. Please remember that your participation is the key to the growth and success of your small group. Our goal is that every brother or sister will participate in one small group and help his/her friends find the same by the end of this year.

In March we had the co-workers breakfast meeting to update the small group situation and to identify the needs. The conclusion was to have

The Passion of Christ Remembrance Night

the pastoral office provide small group bible study materials and training. This had been done starting May 2nd, and it will continue. We look forward to see the maturing of co-workers' skills in leading bible studies and sharing in our small groups.

Every time we have a special meeting, there are many tasks that need to be done. I am very thankful that there are brothers and sisters that do these tasks faithfully and quietly. I want to give my respect to them. It is an honor to be able to serve God, and I pray that God will bless you and honor all the things you've done for Him out of love.

In the recent month, there were many families that faced the hurt of loved ones passing away. There are also many families that are in the midst of battling sicknesses. We pray that God will give them strength and comfort. May God's grace pour down in this time of hardship.

On June 11th to the 19th, I will bring my whole back to Taiwan to celebrate my Father's 90th birthday. I will have an opportunity to serve in Tai-Chung, and visit 花蓮門諾醫院 and Dr. Hwang and his wife. Pray remember me into your prayers.

If you were there on April 9th, I am sure you were touched by the "Old Rugged Cross" Musical. The choir prepared for nearly 4 months.

5/9 MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The English fellowship also led us in beautiful worship. We were delighted to have 2 doctors read Mark 15:21-47.

The dance, lighting, stage design, background, professional level voices and costume design, brought us back to the old Bible times. There was about one hour of musical capturing the passion and crucifixion of Jesus.

Many people were touched by this musical. Even the myself was deeply touched when Jesus carried his cross up to the stage. I believe our love towards our brothers and sisters should be like the sacrificial love that Jesus showed us.

Many people were encouraged by the musical and gave a warm applause when it all ended. The choir did not NG, did not mess up, and used all their energy and focus to bring to us this memorable moment.

Pastor Chen's sermon reminded us to think upon the meaning of the cross. Lastly, it brought the anticipation of the congrega-

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June, July, August Church Calendar

tion to the Easter resurrection 3 days later.

During Mother's Day Worship Service, the children choir dressed in red shirt and kahki pants sang two songs, "You are my all in all" and "Mommy Loves Me" and presented balloons for all the mothers. That week was also the National Teacher Appreciation Week, and we showed our deep appreciation for Sheila, Sunday School, and AWANA teachers who dedicated their times and love for the children.

Rev. Kuoliang Lin talked on "The Brightness of Motherly Love" and Salome's faith and love in Jesus. He also reminded us to support Logos Evangelical Seminary through prayers and financial donations.

All members and friends of EFCOC attended the picnic from 10 am to 3 pm on 5/22/04 at Craig Regional Park in Fullerton. The activities include BBQ, picnic, walk in the park, sand volleyball, and basketball. Special thanks to Deacon Charley Kuo, Couples Fellowship, and Spring Rain

Fellowship for their hard work in putting this picnic together. We really enjoyed a day of fun and relaxation.

6/6 Children's Sunday, Infant Dedication
6/11 English evangelical meeting
6/12 Graduation Ceremony for Logos Seminary School
6/13 Pulpit Exchange Sunday for EFCUSSW

Taiwanese/Mandarin Group
EFCOC → EFCSD → EFCPH
→ EFCIR → EFCCE → EFCOC
English Group
EFCOC → EFCCE → GBC

New Songs Night

