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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

Graduation Banquet

lives and souls, to grow mature in Christ.

This year's Grad Banquet took place at Atrium Hotel in Irvine. It was truly a wonderful time to see families together in celebration of the graduates. There were about 30 graduates ranging from elementary school to college. Music, skit, food and many touching moments filled the night. Love was in the air when the parents and friends congratulated the graduates with words of encouragement. The media center will make DVD's of that night to share with the rest of the church family.

8 / 6 - 9 FAMILY RETREAT



And most of all, thank you all for buying the all EFC retreat T-shirt to support the grad banquet.

This year's family retreat took place at Prayer Garden from 8/6-9. Tim Wu was the speaker for the youth while Pr. James Zo was the speaker for the parents. Not only was the message great for both generations, there were also many activities designed to improve parent children relationships. There were a panel discussions, movie time, and group activities for the whole family. Tim talked to the youth about the driving force in our

Send Off party for Jane Peng

lives and Pr. Zo talked about raising second generation Asian Americans.

6/25 afternoon 1:30pm Dr. & Mrs. Jack Targ led the Send Off party for Jane Peng, she graduated from Logos Theological Seminary & was on her way to serve in EFC Toronto. Jane Peng had served in various fellowships in our church, knowing people from young to old, who had much praises to say about her. We all appreciate Jane's dedication to serve the Lord full-time with character: helping her family, caring in fellowships, and making good friends with many. It is our loss to let her go. Yet in view of God's greater purpose for her and the Kingdom, we all give her encouragements and blessings. Mrs. Daniel Lin led the congregation in blessing Jane.

Dr. Jack displayed series of photos of Jane in action. Many present were able to relate to the photos and find precious moments with Jane. These are all remind-



Canaan Cell group Moon Festival celebration

ers of the fellowship we have in Christ & the proof that we are a family of God.

June 24th, Saturday afternoon, Canaan cell group had a Moon Festival celebration with new and old friends. They handmade their own rice-balls, and it smelled wonderful!

There were games after the meal and they introduced themselves. Married couples had to say three good qualities about their spouse, which was a fun and encouraging time.

The host brought up the discussion about the origin of the Moon Festival. They talked about Romans 5:7, where we remembered Christ's death and salvation on the cross. They also praised and worshipped God. Special guest Dr. Chen brought a very special message about faith, change of hearts, pressures of life and God's blessings. Everyone had a good discussion. One very special thing was that Canaan cell group's leader, Jane, sang a song "I Bless You Today" as a good-bye to her group. Her group members were very emotional as they have to let Jane go to her place of calling. At the end, Pastor Lin



their babies. Dr. and Mrs. Yen not only provide medical care, they also offer the best present—the gospel of Jesus Christ. Although it is only a short stay for most of them, it is not too short for Dr. and Mrs. Yen to spread the gospel to them. Mrs. Yen once said, "For some of these friends, this is the only chance in their lives to be in the church. It does not matter, we just have to do whatever we can to expose them to the gospel." We see the result of their hard work. These women and their husbands decide to Invite Jesus into their hearts and even get baptized before they return to their homelands.

Recently, one of these women who accepted the Lord in our church went to hospital to give birth. She asked her husband to put "Christian" in the column of "religion" when they were filling the admission form. Some of these mothers dedicate their babies in our church before they leave this country. There are other brothers and sisters also participate in this ministry. They provide transportation and help them through the weekdays. These assistants really showed them the love of God.

There are some difficult times, too. Some pregnant patients decided to change the doctor when Dr. Yen invited them to go to church. He did not become frustrated because of their rejection. He continues to post the "thank you" cards all over his office. They are from oversea after his patients had gone home. From these note, we can see Jesus' love had reached them. We



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laid hands on her and prayed that God will direct her paths, and to be used by God her whole life.

Have you noticed we have more new pregnant ladies coming to church on Sunday or other special occasions? They are from Taiwan and China. Most of them are Dr. Yen's patients. They came to USA to deliver

