



## September 2011 Newsletter

### ***MCCH Partnership with OMF Diaspora Ministry***

There is a growing trend of returnees to Asia, hence OMF has designated a ministry to the returnees, called Diaspora Ministry. By God's providence, our mentors, Dick and Donna Andrews, OMF Northwest Regional directors introduced us to the Diaspora Ministries (DM) which led to MCCH-OMF DM partnership since 2010. We are excited about the prospect of strengthening DM workers' marriages and families through mentoring and seeing them replicate and mentor those who return to their home countries and empower them to reach their own people.

### ***A Step Further with DM this Summer***

David and Lynn Sorterberg, the director of OMF Diaspora Ministry, visited Seattle with their children from July 17 to 26. We arranged five meetings with various church leaders and mentees in hope to introduce the Diaspora Ministry to the Chinese churches in the Greater Seattle area. David and Lynn shared a growing mission trend

carried out by believers who are returning to their home countries and how OMF is equipping these returnees for reentry and carry out the Great Commission back home. Several churches leaders, such as ECCC, Lake East, ECC and ECC-SKC, who also recognized the same need for equipping returnees, responded with great enthusiasm. We are amazed how God put like-minded people together to spark wonderful discussion for potential partnership. In addition to sharing the vision, several families were also blessed by the Sorterberg's experiences and sharing on home schooling. We thank the Lord for the seeds of partnership planted in these churches and families, as well as seeing how MCCH alongside with OMF Diaspora



Homeschooling Parents



Mission Leaders from Greater Seattle Chinese Churches



Lynn & David Sorterberg's  
Diaspora Ministries Presentation

### ***A Returnee's Story***

Aida Gicana worked for Sun Koo's parents as a domestic helper in the Philippines in the 70s. It was God's plan for her family to know Him (Romans 10:14). Her spiritual growth was strengthened through the living testimony and Christlikeness of her employer, Mr. and Mrs. Mong Ciong Lin. In 1987, Aida and her sisters immigrated to Canada and served in a Filipino/Canadian Baptist church faithfully.

In 1994, Aida returned to Philippine and shared testimony at a 3-night evangelistic meeting. She drew a crowd of 300 people to listen to the gospel even though she only has elementary level of education. In thanksgiving to the Lord for her 60 years of life, she is partnering with 25 pastors in Philippine to organize a 2-whole day evangelistic outreach at her hometown, Iloilo, which will take place this December 2011. As a returnee, Aida is reaching her people faithfully in the power of God.

### ***Upcoming Event and Prayer Request***

OMF International Diaspora Ministries (DM) invited Johnny and Sun Koo to attend their first international conference this October 21-28 in London. Please pray for:

1. The mentoring workshop we will be conducting in the conference, in hope to strengthen DM members' marriage and families. May the Lord reveal His mentoring vision to DM members.
2. Connecting with DM members working with Chinese, Japanese and Thai around the world to prepare us to serve them on the OMF care team beginning January 2012.
3. Health of Johnny's mother who will travel to California to be cared for by other family members during our absence.