



Thanksgiving 2011 MCCH Newsletter

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OMF Diaspora Ministries (DM) Conference

By God's grace and provision, we were able to attend OMF's first International Diaspora Ministry Conference in London. There were over fifty five DM workers from OMF Chinese, Japanese and Thai team. The conference empowered the DM workers to grow in unity through vision and mission sharing. Everyone was excited about OMF's vision and mission in the Diaspora (returnee) Ministry while discussing the strategies for each of the Key Result Areas while trusting God to bring in the results.

At the conference, we conducted one workshop focusing on a Christ-centered marriage. DM couples learned how God uses marriage struggles to reveal one's self-centeredness and the need for Christ-centeredness.

Through teaching of biblical principles and case studies discussion many couples were convinced of the importance of mentoring in building a Christ-centered homes. The workshop was full of laughter and encouragement as we shared stories of how the Lord used mentoring to transform lives, marriages and families. We were also greatly blessed by the friendship of several OMF missionaries who were called out of retirement by God to reach out and serve overseas East



Mentoring for Christ-centered Home workshop

Asians. In developing friendship with DM workers, it paves the way for us to serve them on the Member Care team beginning January 2012.



OMF DM First International Field Conference Attendees



DM Speakers' Story: David & Rosemary walk their talk. We came to this conclusion after being stirred by our speakers to grow intimate with Christ. They attended our workshop which we

assigned husbands the daunting task of asking their wives how they can increase their respect for them.

David & Rosemary interacted light-heartedly and a twinkle in their eyes! Later, we learned from the preface to the book, *Mentoring for God's Kingdom* David wrote on one occasion early in our missionary career, Rosemary and I faced serious problems. We longed for someone to help us evaluate our own attitudes and reactions in this situation. Sadly there was no one within 500 miles. We thanked God for the growth we see in this couple by His grace and re-committed ourselves to mentoring for Christ-centered home because only He could use marital struggles to transform our lives and marriage.

To measure mentee's growth as **transforming family leader** MCCH conducts interviews with mentees.

Effendi was asked this question: *What can a husband do to increase the respect of his wife for him?*

In Dec. 23, 2010 he answered, "Love my wife that would mean a lot of practical acts of service."

His response on Nov. 20, 2011: "I think to my wife to earn her respect is first and foremost to fear the Lord. I am now leading my family out of the fear of the Lord and modeling Christlikeness. Another aspect to earn her respect is to take leadership in the family. Even though I often failed to do this but I know I need to take up this foundational role of praying as I take initiative to lead."

How many couples like **David and Rosemary** would long for mentors to walk alongside and help them to evaluate in good times and in bad times. As Hudson Taylor said that only **strong families** makes **strong mission** and we would like to add **strong churches** as well. Amen?

2012: Pray for Johnny and Sun Koo's involvement in OMF Member Care Team and in the OMF Diaspora Ministry Team.