

Mentoring for Christ-centered Homes (MCCH) 2016 Thanksgiving Newsletter

During this Thanksgiving season we would like to thank the Lord for His answers to prayer.

Prayers that Changes Lives

October 24, 2016 after Sun Koo presented the gospel of salvation to our two year old twin grandsons, Alex turned immediately to Andrew and said, “ Now if Jesus is in our hearts then we can say, ‘Go away dragons (demonic spirits)!’” This respond reminds us of I John 4:4: *the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.* How soon can a child be taught God’s eternal plan for salvation and Satan’s strategy? It all starts with prayer!



Alexander & Andrew

After Doug and Avril Vavrosky came the second year of “ MCCH Memorial Weekend Connection” seminar on spiritual warfare, our prayer life has been greatly impacted. We are aware of the need to resist Satan’s



Doug & Avril have been OMF missionaries to the Chinese for 35 years

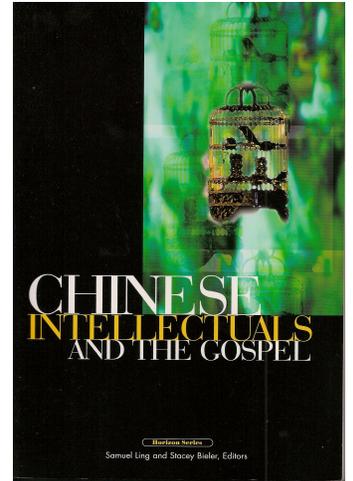
stronghold in our lives in the form of sinful or unhealthy habits that take our focus away from Christ. As we rely on God’s power to oppose Satan’s scheme to steal, kill and destroy. We have been able to more fully experience the abundant life given to us by Christ (John 10:10). Consequently, we are more equipped in helping people to face their life challenges holistically.

Prayer Request for MCCH’s future Seminar: We are planning to sponsor a prayer seminar that can move us closer to God and to follow His heart passion.

Prayer that Birth a Vision for PRC Ministry

Dr. Samuel Ling was ECC Seattle's guest speaker in 1990 cast the vision for a wave of opportunity with Chinese intellectuals. In His book *Chinese Intellectuals and the Gospel*, he mentions about the need for indigenous PRC (People's Republic of China) Ministries. We at *Sky Bridge Fellowship* of Seattle, was formed in 2012 for the purpose of providing this ministry. Note: *Sky Bridge Fellowship* is a partnership of Anglo and Chinese churches and ministry organizations that are reaching and discipling Mainland Chinese temporary visitors and preparing them for their return to China or relocation elsewhere as Christ's messengers.

Prayer Request for Sky Bridge Fellowship (SBF): We need to identify a person who shares SBF's vision and seeks to mobilize churches in greater Seattle to come alongside us, which consist of student workers, mission leaders and pastors.



Prayer that Moves Ministry from Shore to Shore

2016 summer we met a couple at a returnees' church conference, where MCCH team has been ministering at the past 3 years in Asia. A few years ago the husband, a lawyer came to Seattle as a scholar for a year of study at the University of Washington. They are now serving at the returnee church back home. This couple's life transformation in Christ reinforces our vision for campus and returnee ministry. Also, their story reminded us to thank the Lord for the faithfulness of Eugene and Belle, MCCH mentors. Over the years they have developed a close relationship with mentees through many prayers and counseling using social media as well as by living overseas with them. Another mentor couple is Yuanjing and Haibo, after experiencing the blessing of mentoring they have been mentoring their children and others at their church and churches overseas. What a humbling and growing experience for all of us to see that prayer not only moves ministry from shore to shore but God uses prayer to change us first.

Prayer Request for Ministry in Asia: God will confirm our MCCH involvement in providing resources and counsel.

Prayer for MCCH Strategic Plan to Provide Life Stage Mentoring

This plan is more attainable with our move to a new home located at **4026 1st Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98105**. As a result of this move we are more accessible to university and college students as well as churches in Seattle. Being centrally located facilitates MCCH in fulfilling its vision's to partner with churches to mentor in the seven family life



stages, e.g. from singles all the way to retirees. Besides sharing our rental house as a place for mentoring our home has become a place for group

ECC SKC Pearl Fellowship meeting, such as the *Pearl Fellowship*, a Chinese international student fellowship and *Women of Faith*, a women mentor development group. Thus, we are able to offer hospitality and friendship as part of living incarnationally in a very culturally diverse community that is 15 blocks west of University of Washington in Seattle.

Prayer Request for MCCH Ministry: MCCH will build up male leadership to lead and to disciple their family and will equip women called to pray and to mentor others.

Please share with us your personal updates and prayer requests.

A blessed Thanksgiving to you!

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