

Mentoring for Christ-centered Homes (MCCH)
2019 Christ's Resurrection Celebration Newsletter

MCCH 2019 Easter Newsletter As we celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection let us be reminded that He is seated at the right hand of God reigning!

After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:19).



With this thought in mind we would like to invite you to join us in celebrating how He is actively involved in the lives of people that we serve at Mentoring for Christ-centered Homes (MCCH)!

Since last year the Lord gave Dick and Donna Andrews and us the passion to see Christians drawing closer to His heart through biblical rest. As a result the Lord called church leaders from nine churches from across the state of Washington to join our Biblical Rest retreat.

For this reason we would share stories of how the Lord has used biblical rest to draw people closer to Himself!

Johnny and Sun Koo

God is very faithful and amazing in His gentle yet persistent guidance during my trip to Urbana 2018.

He used many brothers and sisters to encourage me to go but I went, not with a joyful heart but with a trembling heart. I was afraid because I thought, "God might want to change my life plans." That's what happened.

On the second day of Urbana, during prayer time, Psalm 32:8-9 struck me.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

9 Do not be like the horse or the mule which have no understanding

but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

I saw I was making my own mission plan and ignoring the One who promised to teach and instruct me.

I immediately burst into tears and prayed for forgiveness. God broke my pride and showed me my fears and that I was not trusting Him to guide me. I told God, "I surrender everything to You. Please show me examples of people who follow You without a long term mission plan." God answered my request in a miraculous way!

The last day of Urbana I sat by a couple - she was Asian like me and her husband was Caucasian. We talked and I found out that her name is also, Jessica, our parents are from Hong Kong and we both live in Seattle. We both are pursuing double Master's degrees, a seminary degree plus a counseling degree! She feels called to mission but doesn't have a plan. I was amazed by her faith that God is faithful and will reveal His plan to her in the right time! Then she told me that she and her husband are in different stages of mission calling but they pray together every morning and evening. They are united spiritually as they both draw close to God together. She is a real-life example of a Jessica having the exact same background, education, and life pursuit as me but married and following God without a long term plan. If she can do it, I can do it too!

God is loving and shows us His way even when we have little faith. Pray and surrender everything to Him and He will guide you every step of your way! **Jessica**



The Biblical Rest

retreat at Johnny

and Sun Koo's

home was a very

meaningful time

together. We were

challenged to stop and quiet ourselves before the

Lord and encouraged to integrate this practice

into our everyday lives. The 24 hours together

included: Loving hospitality, inspiring teachings

on Biblical Rest, and fellowship in an

atmosphere of openness to the Lord. As the only

non-Chinese speaker in the group, it was humbling to be a part of this refreshing atmosphere

with sincere believers who know the cost of following Christ. **Arlene**

1. How did the Biblical Rest retreat helped you to change your view of rest?

I related to what Dick shared about some people taking pride in being busy because I do that - I say I'm "so busy" and there's pride in it. Kevin and I have been working on biblical rest since 2016 and it's interesting how many pride issues it brings up for me. Pride is ugly but rest is a beautiful thing.

2. How will you integrate this principle or concept into your life?

We focus on biblical rest-we have decided daily and weekly quiet times with the Lord, and we are learning to set boundaries, seek what God wants us to focus our time on, and in the past year or so, we no longer say "We are so busy" because we are no longer filling our schedules with frivolous and pointless things-"busy work". **Kevin and Jie**



神做工有时。在我们婚姻的前六年，神奇地带领我们不断看到祂所设计的婚姻的美好。在我们自己的婚姻得到建造的同时，我们也鼓励和影响周围的弟兄姐妹建立以基督为中心的婚姻和家庭。现在，我们的婚姻进入了第七年，在享受神所赐予的安息的同时，我们也看到祂在引导我们进入新的人生季节。

记得从年初开始，我们常常有一种追寻的感觉，有时会处在困惑中。通过对路加福音11和18章中教导祷告的学习，我们意识到，神要我们通过祷告去追寻祂为我们设计的人生蓝图。神在我们每个人身上都有计划，当我们按照祂的命定生活时，我们的生命会更丰盛，更有意义。



神是一位慈父，祂满有怜悯地聆听我们的需要。神是一位法官，我们来到天国的法庭，请求祂撤去一切拦阻我们命定的罪行、过犯和世代罪孽。神也是一位朋友，我们为家，所在地区，及教会的状况和需要代求。特别是目前世界在加速变化，媒体、教育和娱乐充斥着世俗化并有目的的为大众洗脑。我们需要圣灵带领我们去分辨，并不断悔改、回转、寻求神的面，谦卑在祂面前，用祷告参与祂的国度在地上的建立，祂的旨意在地上的运行。

我们很兴奋地期待MCCH举办的以祷告为主题的聚会。希望通过这次聚会，能在我们这个地区兴起更多的祷告勇士，为教会的复兴努力。

Belle and Eugene

Please share with us your personal updates and prayer requests.

A blessed celebration of Christ's resurrection to you!

Johnny and Sun Koo To

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