

MENTORING FOR CHRIST-CENTERED HOMES

Thanksgiving 2021 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We at MCCH would like to thank the Lord for a fruitful year! When we talk about fruitfulness what comes to mind? One key teaching on fruitfulness is found in John 15:4: *Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me* (Jesus Christ). As the world into the second year of the pandemic we observe many are evaluating their inner life. To abide in Christ one staff shared that he reminds himself to focus his mind on things above (Col. 3:2). For us using Lectio Divina in our morning devotion helps us to listen to God and to respond to Him in prayer. As we do this the Holy Spirit alerts us to take captive negative thoughts and hurtful or discouraging words from the Enemy and make them obedient to Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

Would you now join MCCH staff in thanking the Lord for what He has done this year? Can we ask you to partner with us in praying for 2022 plans that fulfills MCCH's theme?

Johnny and Sun Koo To



MCCH Board social gathering summer



Johnny & Sun Koo To



Allen & Andrea Tu

MCCH 2021 HIGHLIGHTS-What Staff are grateful to God for

Allen Tu

1. Seven inter-church brothers consistently join the *Mandarin Tabernacle Prayer* group.
2. Three Mandarin speaking brothers are committed to facilitate *Authentic Warrior* groups.

Carol Yeh

She saw God at work at:

- CCF (Mandarin bible study group) attendees' (20-30) dramatic changes which includes they are seeking after the Lord and like to do their homework. This reveals their desire to become Christ's disciples.
- Personally challenged to follow Christ as Carol sees students following her.



Carol Yeh



MCCH Staff
summer outing

Anita Chang

What God did through my ministry this year exceeded my expectations. This includes bringing many to attend *the Praying for Victorious Spiritual Warfare* class I conducted. As a result, I was encouraged to hear students sharing how they experienced changes in their family and circumstances. Seeing this gives me the assurance that God has called me to this ministry.

Sun Koo To

The Sisters' Tabernacle Prayer (TP) group has added a new group in Taiwan this 2021. Here's a line chat that God calls Sisters that are not eloquent as our TP facilitator of Taiwan and prayer warriors.

將感謝讚美歸給愛我到底的阿爸父神，謝謝台灣會幕小組 姊妹，主裏家人們的鼓勵支持。

我，張姊妹 是家裏面排行最小的，家庭的文化不容許我表達意見，時間久了，就更不會有流暢性的表達能力。

感謝父神，醫治、建立、恢復我在祂裡面受造的美好心意。

我，杜師母也是家中最小，全家我話最多，超無法停止。爸爸用閩南語形容姍顧的話多得像狗毛一樣。年輕時通通用光了言論。現在沒有創意性的話題，更沒有流暢性的表達能力。但有一顆心和姊妹們禱告。謝謝大家接納我，和你們在一起很開心。

張姊妹回應：師母的話是好酒沉甕底，師母的表達超幽默的，我一邊看一邊笑，回應一下師母，師母保養有術，用耶穌牌的美容聖品，看不出來您所說的年齡歲。

Why are you doing, what you are doing?

Sunday, November 21, 2021, at 2:00 a.m. . I woke up eagerly to hear from the Lord.

Why are you doing, what you are doing? This question made me pause and ponder. My call to 2022 is to serve God by facilitating the Sisters Tabernacle Prayer. God gave me the excitement of seeing how using **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** principles base on God's Word to dig deeper into our emotional lives. As sisters pray for emotional healings is it possible that the wounded healers can become MCCH coaches in God's Kingdom?

Now I know that is why I am doing what I am doing!

Johnny To

Major Valuable Lessons Learned

1. **Tabernacle Prayer** has ushered the brothers' group and the sisters' group into God's presence. Mutual trust and care were cultivated which came as a result of an inter-church and inter-generational setting.

Feedback: The review material on *Spiritual Victory in Marriage* is very well prepared and clearly teaches the key areas/points. Very helpful for people to apply to their own marriage and after they have learned it to help others deal with their marital issues. *Joseph Wu*

2. Beginning to see God's raising men to be spiritual leaders of their home as they participate at **Tabernacle Prayer** and **Authentic Warriors**.

3. The Lord use the **5 Building Blocks for 7 Family Stages** seminar series help couples



Tabernacle Prayer Brothers & Their Wives

see the need to build their marriage on the five building blocks to stabilize their marriage through the seven stages. It also created the need for peer group support as well as mentoring from couples that are further along in the family stages.

MCCH 2022 THEME AND PLANS

The theme we felt the Lord has led us to choose is **Christ-centered Homes and Churches Revitalized**. To help us fulfill this theme here are our proposed group mentoring series for partnership with churches.

A. MCCH 100, 200 and 300¹ level Training and Mentoring Groups (English & Mandarin)

100 Prayer and the Inner Life-how the Lord's call to prayer can shape one's spirituality

Biblical Rest Retreat-restoring your soul by restoring Sabbath.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Victorious Spiritual Warfare

200 Building Christ-centered Homes in the Seven Family Stages

Praying for Spiritual Victory at Home

300 Christ-centered Homes and Revitalized Churches -how the Lord can revitalize families to renew His church.

B. Others

1. Parents and Children's Dialogue on Vital Issues (the family and Cultural Tsunami)
-biblical justice vs. Critical Race Theory, Gender Identity & Addiction

2. Licensed Marriage and Family & Mental Health Therapist Forum
(singles, married couples, parents and families)

Tribute to Mentor Boyd Booze

On November 17 I was saddened to learn that my mentor Boyd went into the presence of the Lord surrounded by his family. In 1997 at a pastor's prayer retreat I met Boyd who was serving as a church consultant. I thank God for starting our friendship with prayer then extended into home maintenance, church consultation and mentoring. At first, I was hesitant to consult him on church related issues until he assured me that no consultation fee will be charged for this service! Another thing I am grateful for Boyd is his ability to discern people and situation. When asked where he got this, he said it is God's gift and it comes from knowing His Word through studying, memorizing, and meditating that equips him to know His mind.

I am very grateful to Boyd for the many ways that he was there for me in life's highs and lows. One incident that stood out was when I ask God to confirm my plans to transition from pastoring to mentoring in 2006. When I mentioned this to Boyd without hesitation, he reveals that he knew this since the time he met me! Yet, he didn't divulge this to me but chose to let the Lord reveal it to me. After I recovered from the shock of hearing this, I began to admire his humility and wisdom as my mentor. In 2008 he invited me to join him on staff at Center for Leadership Development.

During this season he trained me systematically for servant-leadership until it was the Lord's timing for me to launch MCCH in 2016. Yes, grief for his absence will linger but I am certain that his life and mentoring will have a lifelong impact on me for God's glory and kingdom!



¹ MCCH 100-Christ-centered Disciple, MCCH 200- Christ-centered Family, MCCH 300-Christ-centered Church

At the start of this newsletter, we thank the Lord for a fruitful as we abide in Him. When MCCCH staff prayed and planned for next year we ask ourselves how receptive we are to God's pruning for greater fruitfulness (John 15:2). Our mentor Dick Andrews exhorted us with these words. *Pruning is cutting away what is hindering growth. His pruning is done out of love. Remember that the Lord wants to keep MCCCH focus on transforming lives to Christ's lordship. He will reward us according to our work (Rev. 22). This means being prepared and praying attentively because He is coming soon.* Thank you for your love, care, prayers, participation and offering for MCCCH this year!

A blessed Thanksgiving to you!

We invite you to connect with us for updates and prayer.

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