

MENTORING FOR CHRIST-CENTERED HOMES

Thanksgiving 2023 Newsletter

As you take a pause to celebrate this Thanksgiving with family and friends what are you grateful for? As I reflected on this one thought that came to mind is found in Psalm 66: 16: *Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.* When do you enjoy gathering people together? Most often it's for a joyous event like birthdays, wedding, and Thanksgiving. On these occasions our celebration revolves around people but here the psalmist invites people to listen to him recounting what the Lord has done for him. This invitation was followed by a qualifier, e.g. what God did for him was out of answer to his prayer when he declared, *God has surely listened and has heard my prayer* (19). So just as we invite you to pray for us, we want to invite you to join us in praising the Lord for what He has done through MCCH on the second half of 2023. He is the only one who can bring lasting fruits that glorifies Him! *Johnny & Sun Koo*



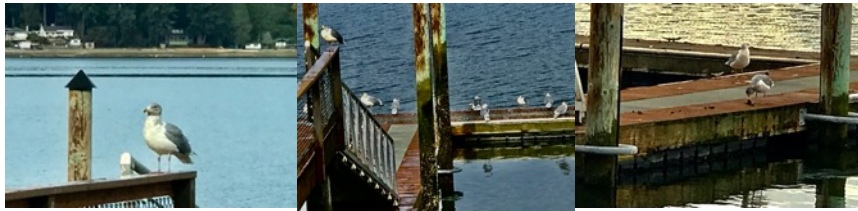
A Time of Rest

In October we took a week off for a time of silence, stillness, and solitude to ask for God's direction for our lives and MCCH in 2024.

As we did our devotion... God directed us to His Word saying, *In the last days your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

As we pray a young man sent us an encouraging text indicating that he wants to support our idea of gathering young careers to share their visions with one another.

As I (Sun Koo) was bird watching from inside the cabin



I asked, why did a seagull kept staring at me? This prompted me to step out of the cabin to take a closer look. There I found the seagulls were tiered

according to a chain of command as captain, lieutenant, and a bunch of privates. They were a well-organized team each taking turns to fish, eat, and watch for predators.

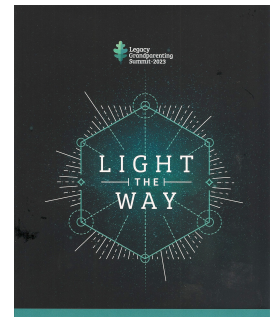
From this encounter God appears to be calling out MCCH teams with varied giftings to follow His vision and passion to serve one another in 2024.

Two weeks following our time of rest, we met with the college and career age children of couples we mentored to our home. After reading from Acts 2:17 where God says, *your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams* each got to share a cause or vision that they believe in and are passionate about. As we did this we were amazed to see how the Lord has put in our hearts a desire to make our lives count in reaching our community and the world with the hope of Christ!

Legacy Grandparenting Summit

In November we participated in a nationwide gathering of grandparents through simulcast. Here are some of our takeaways from this summit.

- The theme Light the Way reminded us that we and our grandchildren are living in a morally confused culture.
- In response, we rededicated ourselves to be intentional in sharing our faith with our grandchildren and leaving a legacy of hope for future generations.



Stephen Ministers' Retreat

For months before the retreat Johnny has been preparing for the spiritual warfare training to be conducted at the Stephen Ministry caregivers. On the week before the retreat, he along with another brother were involved in a ministry to restore a brother who has fallen into sin. This encounter convicted Johnny to emphasize in his training the need to submit daily to God and to resist the devil and to be spiritually cleansed (James 4:7, 8). This should be complemented by a daily habit of putting on God's armor (Ephesians 6:13-18).



As a result of prayers, many caregivers off loaded the heavy burdens that have been carrying. How did they do this? They were vulnerable in sharing their own struggles. In response, they readily helped carry each other's burden through empathetic listening and praying. All glory to God!

"Youth in Spiritual Warfare" Resource by Anita Chang

青少年的得勝禱告 感謝主! 聖靈感動我開始預備「青少年屬靈爭戰」的教材。更感恩的是神也開始興起環境帶領需要配搭的人來連繫我。雖然知道是神的心意, 剛開始時也不是很清楚要如何組織, 如何收集教材的資料。感謝主, 當我開始約談主日學老師時, 越是interview 越是明白不是我要問什麼, 而是聆聽他們所面臨的困難和掙扎。在約談中我們互換信息, 把他們面臨的挑戰加上我對屬靈爭戰的裝備加在一起, 我們都非常明白是聖靈在我們中間帶領, 有很多的感動和收獲。一次又一次跟不同負責青少年的老師們約談後心裡有很多的感觸。知道撒但正在努力不懈的摧毀我們的下一代。我們做家長的不是沒有警覺就是根本沒有屬靈爭戰的裝備。目前能看到很多教會都有注意到青少年目前面臨的挑戰、父母婚姻問題帶來的傷害和學校扭曲真理的教導。但可惜的是, 沒有很多關於「青少年屬靈爭戰」的資源。這也是天父感動我的負擔。請大家為我代禱, 求神為我興起環境預備更多學校的老師、教會負責青少年的同工、基督徒的家長、有關自閉症和同性戀的機構、兒童心理醫生...與我連繫。讓「青少年屬靈爭戰」能夠越來越完備, 成就神的心意。讓我們一起努力的把這些問題用得勝禱告的原則一起禱告, 把我們的下一代在撒但的手中奪回, 並祝福我們的下一代成為神手中揀選使用的利器。求神賜智慧、求神完全的掌管、順服聖靈的帶領!

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