

## Oasis Family Life Enrichment Centre Quarterly News (Jan to March 2014)

We have established a new milestone when 31 participants from various provinces attended our Family Life Educators' Training in Hangzhou at the beginning of the year. Our full-time worker, Elder Nee Heqin, has been faithfully following up on the development of the students to ensure that they completed their assignments before they attended the advance level of training in Singapore. Thank God that 12 of them came to Singapore on 31<sup>st</sup> March for a 10-day intensive training held in JB at a hostel provided by Singapore Chin Lian Bible Seminary. Nine of them were full-time pastors and preachers from various churches including one from inner Mongolia. They did well in the course and were greatly motivated to work with us for the extension of our ministry in China.



Principal of Chin Lian B S & students of Educators' Course in JB

Elder Nee will also assist in our newly registered center, 'Hangzhou Eden Garden Wellness Consultancy'. It is our dream to see it become a center for publishing and distributing our course materials and coordinating the network of the family ministry of various places in China. We thank God that a brother in Singapore is sponsoring her monthly salary. We pray that God will bless this brother abundantly. We also pray that more such brothers or sisters in Christ would come forth to help in the printing of our materials and sponsoring the expenses of pastors who will be invited to attend our marriage enrichment camps and the Educators' course.



Participants of Family Life Educators' Retreat

We also conducted a 3-day Family Life Educators' Retreat in Pingtan Island from 26-28 February to enhance the teaching skills of those who had been promoting our family wellness courses. We formed two work teams in Pingtan and Fuzhou respectively to promote the ministry among churches at their vicinities. We intend to form more such work teams among those who had been trained in the past years. The work teams also resolved to help Sunday School superintendents who wish to evangelize and integrate the Christian faith with the lives of the parents' of their Sunday School children through conducting Marriage Enrichment Camps and training of Covenant Family Group leaders. We hope our ministry will work hand in hand with the Sunday School to enhance the shepherding ministry of the church.

### Elder Nee's Testimony

I was born in a Christian family in Hangzhou. I was called to serve as a full time church worker (preacher) 26 years ago. Three years ago, I perceived that many problems in the church had to do with family life. I recognized that a healthy church began from healthy families. Unfortunately the church leaders seemingly felt that church and family were not related. Nevertheless, I initiated and organized a teaching camp for the singles in the church with the help of some fellow workers and it impacted many participants. Many youths were able to affirm their identities and self-worth and it changed their perspective of their lives and they found the meaning of loving God, others and self through getting involved with the church. The church life then became more vibrant as there were more young people participating in the church ministry.

We had subsequently organized two Marriage Enrichment camps and a Parenting Camp in which Rev. Francis Ngoi, the Director of the Oasis Family Enrichment Center from Singapore was the speaker. The series of family wellness programmes together with activities by the trained group leaders, have been fascinating and effective. Many dysfunctional families were restored and marriages were enriched. Getting involved in the church had become a matter of family affair rather than an individual commitment. This has been a powerful testimony to draw the attention of church leaders and workers towards such an important ministry which God has raised for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.