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Editorial

The purposes of the MCCC Fellowship Group Newsletter are:

- To provide a platform for sharing information among fellowship groups
- To enhance the bonding of brotherhood/sisterhood in Christ
- To share experiences in caring, outreach, and discipleship
- To magnify the power of joint prayers for our church and people in illness and need

Please share this newsletter with the members of your fellowship group. Fellowship group leaders, please share the newsletter at your next gathering. There is also a Chinese version of this newsletter. You are welcome to print it if you desire. Previous issues of the newsletter are also available on the MCCC website <http://www.mccc.org/fellowship.html>.

If you have any suggestions about the Newsletter or need any further information from the contributors, please contact Kam Lam (林慶淦) at 1-732-591-0988. The MCCC Fellowship Ministry thanks Brother Joe Cheung (張惠冬) and Sister Huei-Hsiu (Julia) Pang (龐慧修) for the English and Chinese translation. We especially thanks Uncle Chu-Yeh Chang (章楚業伯伯) for writing the article while he was not fully recovered yet from jet-lag.

Help Needed

- Pine Fellowship needs help transporting the elderly to their Bible Study. If you can help, please contact Chu-Yeh Chang (章楚業) via phone at 732-671-1751 or via E-mail at margaret@mccc.org. Additionally, from time to time the elderly need help verbally translating letters or documents from English to Chinese. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.
- If anyone is familiar with Microsoft Access and is willing to give a helping hand to a small project of the MCCC Library, please contact Chih-Cheng (Henk) Chu (朱志成) at 732-972-1954 or Elder Ron Lo (羅榮長老) at 732-888-7955.

Cantonese Fellowship (Anny Wong 陸耀珠)

During the past three months, we were very excited to participate in various workshops given by Pastor Tsang. We learned the most effective and proper guidelines for visitation and caring for others. We were also trained in personal evangelism. We practiced on each other and passed all the quizzes. We should diligently review what we have learned and be more confident and ready in spreading God's word. We are very grateful to learn from Pastor Tsang, who has more than 35 years experience in sharing God's love.

We had a gathering at Kam Wong's house at the summer's end and played games, enjoyed potluck and spent good fellowship time together. Please see some of the pictures below:



Former Old Bridge Fellowship (Kam Lam 林慶淦)

The Old Bridge Fellowship has seen its membership decrease due to changes in the participating families, so we have combined our Friday meetings with the Young Adult Mandarin Fellowship since May of this year.

In September, former members Chieh-Jen & Hsing-Yu (俞介人、張幸玉夫婦) came to New Jersey for a family visit. We took the opportunity to invite other members to have a get-together dinner. We had far-away visitors Xi & Xiao-Ming Shen (沈熙、王小敏夫婦) and Ming-Ho & Evelyn Lee (李明和、王玉蓉夫婦) from Pennsylvania, and sister Li-Wei Li (李麗偉) from North

Jersey. After dinner sister Ping-Yu (曹平玉) shared the pictures her took and reflected “... Tonight's (10/4/2008) meeting will be remembered with excitement and sweetness, fond memories include observing the spiritual growth of Chieh-Jen & Hsing-Yu, great songs led by Liang-Huei (良惠), sharing of church life by brothers and sisters who come from afar, and great dishes prepared by the different families. I thank our hostess Pamela (小萍) who opened up her home and gather us together in God's love ...”

May God bless every family in the Fellowship with peace and joy!



Pine Fellowship (Chu-Yeh Chang 章楚業)

After the long summer holidays starting on June 19 our Fellowship meetings resumed on September 4. We stayed home for 77 days studying “100 Lessons on Equipping a 21st Century Christian.” This book was a gift from Brother Liu (劉致誠弟兄) after his participation at Chinese Missions Conference in Philadelphia. The topics include: apologetics, service, missions, exposition, missions ethics, church history, marriage & family, philosophy & reason, technology & genetics, environment & health, finances & giving, abortion & homosexuality, and human cloning. They comprise the work of well-known pastors, scholars, and subject matter experts. This exciting book contains great explanations of truth, and is recommended to other Fellowships.

Pastor Chang has been invited to talk on Ecclesiastes beginning in September. This 20th book of the Old Testament on wisdom provides guidelines for the Christian life, and uses teaching, reasoning and warning to get the reader to honor God according to His will.

Pastor Chang said he had never taught extensively on Ecclesiastes, so he would conduct the lessons in detail and hopes the listener can benefit from the experience and teaching of the words of this sage.

The Pine Fellowship stresses the cultivation of leadership abilities and training of the body. We all do a set of exercises (八段錦) at the meeting, and sister Wen (溫秋媛姊妹) gives group dance lessons after our meetings. We dance happily and healthily to great music.

Our most note-worthy event is the “Love Feast” which features dishes from all families. The dishes look, smell, and taste great; and they are healthy. We welcome our brothers and sisters to join us.

