

2008 Newsletter from Sun Koo and Johnny

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Sun Koo & Mark at Johnny's May 10 Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) commencement service

I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. (Psalm 89:1b)

ence. As a result, people have sense the Spirit's anointing on my preaching, mentoring and counseling. I believe this can be attributed to an increased confidence gained from further seminary training. Third, my studies have prepared me for life-long learning and ministry.

What are your plans after graduation?

In the course of my studies the Lord confirmed His call on Sun Koo and I to mentor parents with a desire to disciple their children to become servant-leaders in His kingdom. This calling is a convergence of our 24 years of ministry experience to children and youth and their parents.

To respond to God's call, I stepped down as pastor in 2006 to launch **Mentoring for Christ-centered Home (MCCH)** in 2007. To learn more about this ministry please go to www.mentoring4christ.net

With this background I hope you can better understand why Sun Koo and I have started a **ministry to help churches equip families to make the home a place of spiritual leadership development.** I pray our ministry will grow in Christ-centeredness through God's transforming grace.



Small group 3 journeyed with us in experiencing God's transformation through brokenness

Praise Items

1. God have used mentors Boyd & Virginia, Conrad & Judi, & Dick & Donna to model faithfulness to Christ and to provide Christ-centered friendship, prayer and counsel.

2. The one year mentoring of seven couples at pilot church (ECC SKC) has resulted in closer walk with Christ, growth in marital relationships & loyalty to church.

3. Faithful brothers and sisters has supported us through friendship, prayers, counsel, encouragement and gifts.

4. Professors promised to support MCCH ministry with their counsel and expertise.



God-sent coaches (left to right), Dr. Jerry Wofford, dissertation adviser & Dr. John Reed, D.Min director

Prayer Requests

1. Prayer supporters to wrestle in prayer for us to stand firm in God's will & to grow mature spiritually, emotionally & relationally (Col. 4:12).

2. God's wisdom to develop and improve mentoring curriculum:

1st year: Christ-centered discipleship & disciple's emotional health.

2nd year: Transforming family leadership for parents & men and women's ministry leaders.

3rd year: Transforming spiritual leadership for churches to equip parents to disciple their children to become servant-leaders in God's kingdom.

3. Form a network with Christian Marriage and Family therapists to minister to Asian families.

4. God open doors for MCCH to partner with churches locally and globally to equip families in making the home a spiritual leadership development center.



Brothers and sisters in Dallas shared about their growth through the Word, trials and witnessing

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God's Faithfulness Experienced

Let me share questions that I (Johnny) was asked after I completed my Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) studies.

How do you feel now that you completed your studies?

Relief! Being a part-time student and pastor for the past five years has been challenging.

How has your studies contributed to your own spiritual and ministry growth?

First, character development. Godly professors showed me what it meant to know God personally and love Him authentically. They did this by sharing their weaknesses and brokenness with students. I observed how God's grace transformed them into humble servants who find validation in the character of God. By following their example, it has allowed me to break free from my fear of inadequacy and fear of failing to meet people's expectations. Firsthand experience of God's grace has created a greater intimacy with the Lord and revitalized my joy in serving Him. Second, my studies have renewed my joy of learning. Being in the pastorate for twenty years when I started my D.Min. studies I have come to view my D.Min. studies as a retooling experi-



Thanks to Johnny's mom and ECC SKC Elders for their prayers and counsel