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Reach Out to the communities
and the world

Reach Across to touch the lives
of others

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Chinese Church Camp Meeting "More Love to Thee"

Matthew Yuen



The 2016 Chinese camp meeting led by Loma Linda Chinese Church on July 22 to 24 in the School of Business on the campus of La Sierra University has completed. All who attended the meetings were happily enriched spiritually. About 450 people attended the morning worship service.

One small change that took place was that Dr. G. T. Ng was not able to be with us as originally planned. Dr. John Jones, Associate Professor of Religion of La Sierra University, had graciously accepted our invitation to replace Dr. G. T. Ng as our keynote speaker. Dr. Jones did an OUTSTANDING JOB! His spiritual messages on Hebrews about Hope and Assurance in Christ Alone were so touching, so inspiring and elevating!

On Sabbath the hall was packed with a sea of happy faces. Sabbath morning featured mission reports from numerous Chinese churches. In the Sabbath afternoon featured a glorious combined churches concert conducted by Marie Char. On Sunday morning, there were many faces lighted up during testimony time. Those who shared their personal testimony their experiences were very inspiring. It is amazing to see how God leads us all in a special and unique way to bring us to a deeper knowledge of Himself.

The messages presented, the music performed, the discussions, personal stories, throughout the camp meeting made this year a very special one. Our Father blessed us exceedingly abundantly above all that we could even imagine.

Praise God for His work and a big thank you to everyone who made the camp possible!





Spiritual Message 屬靈信息 (一) 滿
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 "We Have This Hope -
 With Full Assurance"
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HEALTH EXPO

Carrie Lam

On Easter Sunday March 27, 2016, the Loma Linda Chinese Church held its third annual Health Expo at Clark's Nutrition Parking Lot. The mission of the expo was to use the NEWSTART program to educate the community about their own health and to raise funds to help AG Hospital and Lifestyle Center in India build a new hospital. NEWSTART is an acronym that describes 8 vital factors to good health: Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest, and Trust in God.

Volunteers helped measure blood pressure, body fat percent, lung capacity, exercise capacity, gave massages, and calculated health age. A new addition this year was the addition of a mental health screening and counseling, dental education and raffles for fundraising. We had over 45 volunteers from Finish the Work Ministries and Loma Linda University who helped over 90 community members that day. We definitely made a difference in the lives of our community members and were able to invite them to our CREATION Health Seminar series the following week.

CREATION Health Seminar

Alexandra Lopez

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, “Follow Me.” {MH 143.3}

The Health Expo was followed with the CREATION Health seminars held at the Loma Linda Chinese Church. It consisted of eight classes over a period of 3 weeks where participants learned the value of health creation through: Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal relationships, Outlook, and Nutrition (CREATION). Participants were provided with healthy food samplings, presentations, and small group discussions to learn about health and its connection with spiritual well-being. Although attendance had started low in the beginning, God worked through the situation as the attendance grew from 1 person on orientation night to 14 people by the end of the health presentations.

According to the Spirit of Prophecy, “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people.” Through health ministry, we can meet the needs of the community by reflecting Christ through our words and actions. When used as an entering wedge, health ministry becomes a powerful tool to exemplify the caring character of Christ and to truly live and share the gospel. As the saying goes, “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” Meeting the needs of the community through the Health Expo planted seeds for building relationships through the health seminars.

Next year’s Loma Linda Health Expo will be another collaborative effort to be held in the beginning of the year. The plan is to let the community know, “NEW YEAR, NEW START!” There will be various assessments from blood pressure and blood glucose check, body fat measurement, cardiovascular fitness test, dental education, counseling, free massages, and more! Volunteers are always welcome to help share the good news of the gospel!

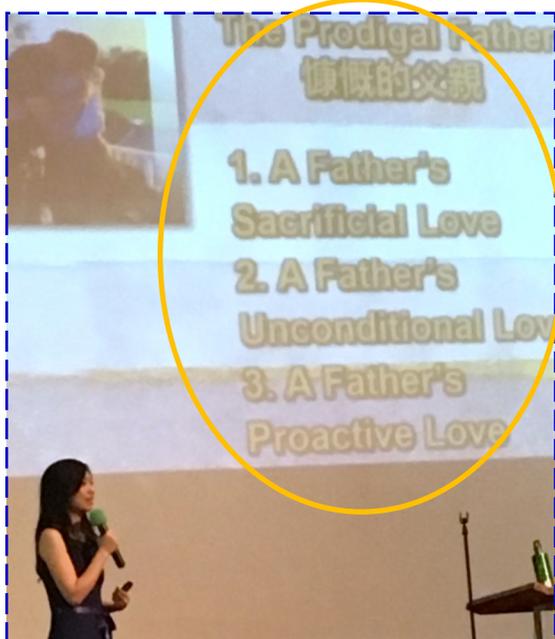


Mother's Day program

On May 7th, the Youth and Young Adults led out the church worship service. Their praise team and the children's choir praised God for His infinite love in giving us our mothers. The congregation held hands in blessing all the mothers and each was given a small token of appreciation.

Dr. Tom Luttrell shared his experience on how the society views women and mothers, and he explored the meaning of Mother's Day. Dr. Luttrell's message led us to understand that the greatest Mother is our Creator.

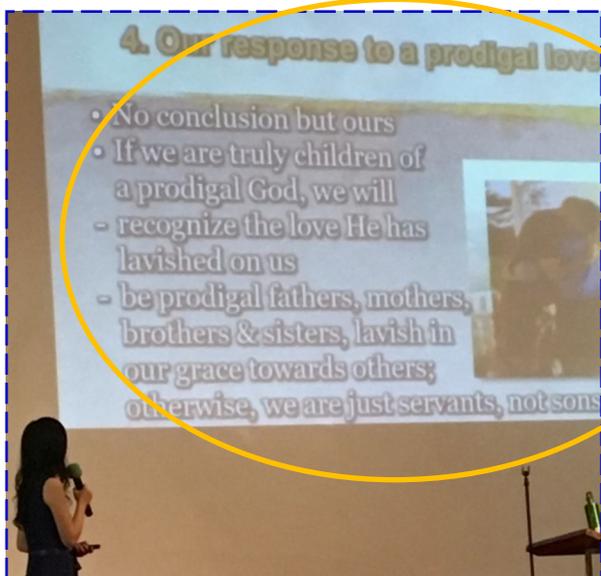
Mothers, what would be the meaning of Mother's Day to each of you? May you all find pride in being a mother!



Father's Day program

On June 18th, we celebrated Father's Day during worship service. The church senior choir offered special music, followed by prayers and blessings to all the fathers in the congregation with a small token of recognition and appreciation.

Elder Hannah Luttrell preached about the prodigal's son. The merciful and matchless love of God to us is depicted through this familiar parable. She invigorated us to love others just as God loved us.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2016

We celebrated Graduation during Mother's and Father's days Sabbath worships on May 7th and June 18th respectively. Our church blessed and recognized all the graduates. We also paid tribute to all the parents of the graduates for their undying love and support in bringing up these fine citizens.



On FIRE!

Connie Ung

On an ordinary Friday morning, I went to work as usual. The next thing I knew, my neighbor called me and said, "Your house is on fire!" It scared me so much that I left my office right away to check on my house. I recalled that I was reheating some marinated eggs for the San Diego Fellowship potluck and that I had totally forgotten about them. After some minutes, she called again and told me that the fire was extinguished and that they had turned off the stove. Thank God!

When I arrived home, I expected to see a lot of fire trucks with firemen and neighbors gathered around. No! I opened my garage door, dared not drive in, as I was afraid of smoke coming out. No! I entered the door, and my poor dog was waiting there. I held him and walked slowly into the living room, expecting water on the floor. No! I walked further into the kitchen, expecting smoke or burnt flame on the wall. No! It looked like nothing happened. Thank God for His protection!

I asked my neighbor how she found out the incident. She said when she pulled the trash cans outside, she heard my smoke detector ringing, my dog barking terribly, smelled something burnt, and saw some smoke coming out of my kitchen window. She knocked at my door expecting I was inside, but there was no answer. She then called 9-1-1 and the firefighters came. They climbed through my side window and turned the stove off. They took the pot with burnt eggs out the back door. Opened my windows and doors for a while and left after closing them. Thanks to the firefighters who handled the case so wisely without breaking my door or window.

It was not a coincidence. If my neighbor walked out earlier, she would have not seen anything. She would not have heard the noises coming from inside my house. If someone on the street had seen the flame or smoke, it would have been too late, leading to at least some damage to my house and my poor dog.

"Thanksgiving to my gracious and kind God whose grace is more than sufficient for me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

"The angel of the LORD encampedth round about ME that fear Him, and delivereth ME." (Psalms 34:7)

All I can do is to ask the Holy Spirit to keep my heart "on fire" to repay God's love and grace. Amen!