



OIKOS MEMBERS AT THE CHURCH CAMP 2008

A Family of God

Initially consisting of 4 families spun off from the December 2007 membership class, the small group Oikos expanded to 8 families after last year's church camp. Children and family revolve around the life of this small group. God has indeed blessed members with a great sense of joy as they serve the Lord together, be accountable for one another's spiritual growth, and bring Christian parenting into their daily lives.

Revived out of church camp!

How was Oikos formed?

At the church camp last year, wives of the Boaz discussion group formed strong bonds of friendship. After the camp, the members felt God's calling to stay connected, and the desire to grow together as a family of God. So the group started meeting in the home of co-leader Mike Yang. The group was named "Ah Soo 133", but it sounded a little "ah beng", so it was renamed as "Oikos"!

What happens during meetings?

Meetings begin with a time of worship to help members focus on God's presence in their midst. After which, the adults and children break out into their own sessions. Children will continue with their games and internet time with supervision from the older teens. It is certainly a blessing to have such a well-controlled bunch! Family is our main focus hence attending small group meetings with our kids is something we strive for! Since most of the families are new to small group life, we are currently doing a bible study on "Connecting with God's Family" - a Purpose-Driven group resource. The sessions help us to develop our relationship with God and with one another.

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AN `OIKOS` IS THE
ANCIENT GREEK
EQUIVALENT OF A
HOUSEHOLD, HOUSE,
OR FAMILY.

Joy is our greatest blessing

How has God blessed the group?

There is always a sense of JOY after each meeting. God impressed upon our hearts the joy of fellowship amongst the people of God, the Joy of believing in the Hope of God's unfailing Love for us. It is a joy to see spouses, whom we have not met at church, join us for meetings. The children are also showing more excitement as they attend Children's Ministry or Youth Ministry as they are 'more connected' now.



YOUNG OIKOSIANS AT CNY GATHERING

"WE PRAY THAT THEY WILL COME TO THE LORD AND DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO THE RISEN SAVIOUR! WE TRUST GOD IS ALREADY AT WORK! AMEN!"

What is the group's greatest need right now and how are you addressing it?

As the relationships among the "Oikos" grow deeper, we pray that each of us will grow closer to God and walk the faith more strongly. In the footsteps of Jesus Christ: "I come not to be served but to serve..." We also pray for the honest sharing to continue, which is apparent even though the group is young (not in terms of members' age!).

What is the hope of each Oikosian?

We hope to carry each other's burden as a family and learn from one another as we face daily work struggles, people issues and strive to be 'model' parents to our growing children. We would like to spur each other on by reminding each other to put God's word into action and eventually be accountable to each other through prayer support and encouragement.

ABOUT SMALL GROUP CONNECT...

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