



From the Editor

Every two years, WEC holds a conference for key WEC workers from around Asia and the South Pacific. Seven of us from Japan just attended this, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. I will share what I got from it, in this month's article.

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News and Prayer Points

We are producing WEC Japan 2014 Calendars, with pictures of Japan, and Scripture verses. Email us (media@wec-japan.org) if you'd like to buy some for yourself or your church!

Praise God for meeting with our seven workers who took part in WEC's Asia-wide conference last month, and pray we can share the encouragements with others here.

Martin and Julie Crowhurst will travel to the UK this month, for a leave of absence. Pray for them to settle well including good schools for their girls.

Chungkyu and Eonmee Lee have become Acting Field Leaders for WEC Japan until next year's field conference. Pray for their role in listening to God and leading our 40 workers here. Also pray for new help for their responsibilities in Izumi Christian House.

Praise God for Matt and Annette Cummings and their five children, who have arrived from America to join our work here.



God at Asiacon

I had expected to enjoy my first time at Asiacon, but in fact it surpassed my expectations. The theme was Experiencing the Presence and Power of God. Meeting fellow workers over mealtimes and getting a sense of God working in different countries through their evening presentations, achieved this. It was also a special opportunity to worship together and receive prayer, Bible teaching, wise counsel, and training.

I attended an excellent workshop on multicultural conflict resolution. As WEC has workers from many countries as well as church denominations, we often experience how different people deal with common interpersonal problems. Some avoid them, others tackle them head on, others look for compromise, still others prefer to work through an intermediary. On my own little church planting team here, we are British, Chinese Hong Kong, Singaporean, and soon Australian. The seminar is easily something we can replicate and benefit from.

Through another talk we heard about the benefits in some countries of 'missional business'; that is, setting up businesses that bless their employees and wider society through their kingdom-based values. Meanwhile the leader of Rainbows of Hope, WEC's ministry to children in crisis, encouraged us to identify the needs of children in our vicinity and consider using their resources and support to respond. For example, in Japan play between parents and children seems a bit limited, as is time with dads; in addition we have refugee families from Fukushima in our neighbourhood. Could we start a parent-child play time, for them?

A few years ago, God encouraged WEC to move from being a battleship, to a flotilla; that is, to increase flexibility in its structures so as to move with the wind of God's spirit more readily. It was good to hear how this is happening, which should help us live out God's great commission even more.

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