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1 Pray for wisdom, growth and unity for AKOW staff. Pray for His provision of another English teacher and one more after-school care teacher to join the centre.

2 Pray for the ongoing patient care training programme, "A Refreshing Glass of Water", and the monthly online discussion groups organised by Kitty K and her local volunteers. Pray for Sindy W who is on Home Assignment.

3 Pray for JOY Development Centre as they have just moved to a new location. Pray that Jane K and others are able to reach out to the special needs community through therapy, events and partnerships. Pray for wisdom in discerning the road ahead and how to use their new space well. Please pray for more staff and for the right people to come at the right time.

4 Please pray for wisdom for Charles and Vienna C as they support marketplace professionals and consider developing new ministry opportunities.





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MSI'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

by Dr. Edward S





This year, 2024, is MSI's 30th anniversary. MSI Professional Services Limited was co-founded in 1994 by the late Dr. James Taylor III, the late Mr. Richard Chan and Dr. Reggie Tsang, who now resides in the USA.

More than 100 participants attended this 30th anniversary celebration and annual conference, coming from different countries from all over the world. This conference resembled a family reunion. Dr. Reggie Tsang shared with us via Zoom, from the USA. Two past presidents, Dr. Matthew Koh and Dr. David Leung, as well as the present president, Miss Joyce Lau, all shared with us in person. The organisers provided opportunities for nearly all past and current workers to share their updates, either in person or via Zoom. We were particularly pleased to have Mrs. Taylor, wife of the late Dr. Taylor, sharing via a video from the USA.

It was most appropriate that we had Dr. Jamie Taylor to share the plenary sermons at this special 30th anniversary celebration. Jamie is the son of our late Dr. Taylor. The theme of the conference was 'Love is...' This theme also echoes the first and most favourite song we often sing in China about the truth of love. It also explains the basic virtue of Christians. Jamie's message reminded us to love through our actions, not just as a motto, but to be consistent in words and action. Love works in action with integrity. This is also in alignment with the spirit of MSI's service, that 'Our Life is the Message'.

Apart from the plenary sessions, there were also worship and small group discussions, as well as workshops covering a diverse range of topics such as marketplace ministry, opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, mental health service, board games, etc.

I believe that this annual conference and anniversary celebration left us with many good memories. All of us can continue to serve more consistently with our core values. In addition, we can work more cooperatively and harmoniously for MSI's future development to achieve our vision and mission. ■



Serving children with disabilities.



Trying chili oil hot pot with friends.

ON THE ROAD OF GRACE

DANIEL AND PEARL'S WONDROUS JOURNEY

by Daniel and Pearl W

You could say that 2023 was a year full of astounding grace. We successfully completed our first semester of language and culture learning, and started our journey of service.

On the business side, we received a vision from the Lord that Creation Care should serve as our future direction. In the process of seeking advice about how to develop an environmental protection project, we gained assistance from a number of people in different professional fields. They also became our business partners, providing numerous perspectives and guidance related to running a business, allowing us two non-professionals to gradually gain knowledge and technical skills. We proposed five "Ps" of sustainable development to serve as our philosophy and values: People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership. The road to development was full of challenges and difficulties, but our heavenly Father continuously sent people to guide the way.

In other areas, we met many Christians willing to open up their workspaces for our use. In addition to holding storytelling activities and leading small groups, we participated in career development work for university students, engaged with a group of cafeteria workers, and connected with other friends who have a heart to learn and grow. At the same time, we also had the opportunity to care for burn victim orphans, patients with mental disabilities, and others. We thank our heavenly Father for giving us such opportunities and experiences to serve different groups of people.

We hope that in 2024, we can move forward according to our heavenly Father's plans and serve with all our hearts.

TO CHARGE OR NOT TO CHARGE?

by Florence L



And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)

Opening a children's library is something that has been on my heart for many years. In May of last year, I rented a shop space in one of the small villages on the outskirts of my city and began to make arrangements for "Children's Learning Greenhouse". From signing the rental agreement and applying for a business license, to planning renovations, purchasing furniture, books, etc, I saw our heavenly Father's hand over it all. There were indeed many challenges, but His grace was greater. "Children's Learning Greenhouse" finally opened for business in September of last year. Hallelujah!

In the early days of opening, some children who lived nearby came into the shop to read books. Given the circumstances, it was difficult to require payment from them. However, there were times when even parents avoided payment by pretending that they did not have their phones with them. Opening a store and running a business cannot happen without income, so I was at a loss, and confused over this problem for a long time.

Later, I thought, why not change the store into a charity project? This would not only be more convenient, but also worry-free! I thank God that He reminded me of the original heart of service behind this project: that it was about wanting children to have good book-reading habits. In the end, I decided to let the children continue to come into the store and read books for free. At the same time, I actively promoted activities from which we collected fees. Even though now, as before, income does not cover costs, I truly believe that He will provide and allow this small business to continue to develop.







