



Ekklesia Update

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*Vision: Reaching the world for Jesus
Mission: To be HIS faithful disciples and conformed to HIS image*

God is good...all the time!

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good. That is our motto every Sunday on our Sunday service. He is good, no matter how your circumstance is, good or bad. Ekklesia's journey has gone through some difficult things, yet God is faithful. At least two families are having difficult times in their family life, and they have come to the lowest level of their husband-wife relationship. I keep praying and giving pastoral counseling



Lo and Meliana, new member

to them. I hope and pray that God will help them to solve the problem. Nothing is too difficult for God. One family has moved to Seattle, WA; They are Ngantung Family who serve as translators for our English-speaking people. Due to the time constrain, sometimes I have to preach in Indonesian and Irene Ngantung used to translate my sermon using the translation device. I am facing a little problem since they moved, and I have to preach in two languages at the same time (English and Indonesian).

Despite some difficulties we are going through, God sent a family of four to join us. God has used Meitri Lai (one of our Church member) to bring Lo family: Tjoen, Semi, Meliana, and Vivi to Ekklesia. Lo family has been looking for a church near their place, and somehow by God's grace they met Meitri who introduced our church. Since that day Lo and his family come to Ekklesia regularly and faithfully. Beside Lo Family, God also sent Mita to join us and come to the church regularly.



Andrea Whitney was baptized

Prayer Request

1. Please pray for those 2 families having "family relationship" problem (husband and wife), that God's love will always binds them.
2. Please pray for the need of person who may serve as a translator who speaks Indonesian and English well, during our Sunday Service.
3. Please pray for our outreach program, especially concert and Christian music performance in the malls and parks within the next few months.
4. Please pray for our discipleship retreat on November 2010.
5. Please pray for our new/upcoming Steering Committee, that God will give us people who will serve the Lord faithfully and able to work together with our pastor as solid team.
6. Please pray for the health of Pastor Jonas and wife as they cannot afford to buy health insurance.

There are some activities need to be hi-lighted for the last 3 months: Brian and Kevin Tan professed their faith on June 27, 2010; Andrea Whitney, daughter of Richard and Agnes Whitney was baptized on June 13, 2010. As of May 2010 we opened a new small group in Mission Viejo, in the house of our church member: Jeffry and Fanny Djati. The goal for this small group is for pastoral care and to reach people



Kevin and Brian Tan, Confirmation of faith

who are unreached in Mission Viejo area. This small group meets every other Tuesday.

We take an opportunity to celebrate father's day as an instrument to reach more people. We made some invitations, particularly to those who are un-churched. At least 92 people came to that father's day celebration, about 9 of them are new. We still use the method of using any opportunity to reach more people e.g.: birthday celebration, etc. Last week there were 10 new people coming to our church because there was a birthday celebration following to the Sunday service. We are working hard on the follow up, and praying that God will use us as His instruments.

The up-coming events, within the next few months we will do some outreach by concert/Christian music performance in the malls and parks. Currently we are working on the permit of that activity. We will also do a retreat for discipleship purposes. Following to that retreat we will have a selection for the new steering committee. The current steering committee has been served for 2 years and they will be replaced by the new steering committee. Soli Deo Gloria.



Father's day celebration and prayer for member's birthday