



News from Shalom Christian Centre - August 2011

Family Camp 2011

Respected friends at AMEN, greetings from Shalom in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Here I want to give you a report on the family camp, that we arranged here from 10th -12th August 2011. Many people felt blessed through this event.

This has once again been a wonderful event. Having done it for the last 10 years, people look forward to it, with expectations to seek guidance for their family lives. We had about 20 married couples and about 25 young single people aged between 20-25 years old.

Teaching for singles:

Single people were given pre-marital counselling. They were given tips on how to choose their life partners and how to prepare for their married lives in the light of biblical teachings. It is a very important education that we provide them here. If they are not provided this guidance here, they are going to get it from damaging sources e.g. the media, internet etc, which can be dangerous and has the potential to distract them from their goals in life.



Teaching session for young single people

Teaching for married couples:

Basically the teaching for couples was about how we can strengthen our relationships, in the present strenuous age, with the help from the Bible. The speakers helped couples identify issues, within the family, and guided them how to resolve them.

We arranged for two specialist couples (pastors) to speak to both the single and married participants on the subject of marriage.



The pastor sharing the Word of God



Senior pastor couple teaching on marriage



Married couples sharing their problems

Opportunities for Children:

Special arrangements for learning were made for small children who came with their parents. Children participated in a bible verse memorizing competition and bible quiz competition. The children who performed better were given gifts.



The children's class

The family camp turned out to be an extremely great opportunity for the participants to air their frank feelings. At the end of 2 days of discussions, there were fresh faces who made new commitments to work on their relationships to strengthen them for the glory of God. This is an area of work which has been so long ignored in our society, but it is so important especially for the Christian community, to be candles of light in these morally turbulent times.

Remarks from participants:

One couple mentioned that family issues are hardly discussed in churches, therefore this opportunity has been a blessed and unique one. One person expressed that "This seminar has been very refreshing as it gives us an opportunity to be away from the routine, to focus on our family lives."

A single girl commented that "This teaching has been very very helpful to me since I was able to discuss the issue, that I cannot discuss with my parents. Therefore it is very important that these seminars are arranged more often for the benefit of more people."

One single boy commented that "We live in a predominantly Muslim society and the prevailing trends of the society do affect us as well. Such seminars help us counter the affects of these trends and bring us to a better relationship with God and our families."

We would like to thank you for supporting our projects and request that you continue to pray for them so that Lord's name may be glorified through our efforts.

Best wishes and regards,

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