

World Christian Fellowship Newsletter

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Filled by God to Overflow

By Connie Lu, 2007 WCC Planning Committee Chairperson

How amazing it was to see God impact and pour out His love at WCC 2007! The Lord spoke powerful truth through Dr. Thom Wolf, our plenary speaker, as he called each one to surrender the staff of Moses, as an expression of giving career, ministry, and "my" way to God. Each(?) night was surrounded by the warm glow of candles and prayers raised up to the Lord. He stripped away identification with career and performance resulting in a refreshed identity of being in the Father's beloved. The Holy Spirit came and imparted unique treasures to each heart. Another outstanding memory of the conference was when Shampa Rice shared glorifying testimonies of the Father's love. "Jesus, come out of me! Touch people around me with your love," she prayed as she poured out the love of Jesus with a warm embrace to the broken. Many conferees were also touched by the music video Shampa showed. It was filled with images of the violence and pain of our generation, juxtaposed with footage of the loving sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

It has been three months since WCC. The Lord has filled many hearts and continues to overflow unto others after the conference, as He empowers! The following are some testimonies for God's glory.

Giving Glory to God!

At this year's World Christian Conference, I received confirmation from God to go overseas this summer to share the Father's heart and unfailing love with the poor and needy of India as a result of watching a brief documentary featuring some of the inherent challenges and struggles faced by these children on a daily basis.

-anonymous

I actually did not intend to sign up for the ministry consultant time, since I was planning to have more free time just to relax and enjoy God's presence. I was very blessed by a divine appointment though. When I met with Shampa (Rice) one-on-one, God's presence around her was really strong. I just kept on weeping. I had no idea where the tears came from. When she shared a little bit about her ministry, I just felt that deep in my heart, I wanted to do something like that, but probably not to her extent. I had also signed up for her "Ministering to the Poor" workshop. That time was powerful, too. When she read Isaiah 61 and shared some of her testimonies, I got a glimpse of God's deep love for others.

- Shirleen Ho

"Family" characterizes my time at WCC. I'm surrounded by passionate brothers and sisters-in-Christ who love God. Their hunger to see His glory among the nations deepens my pursuit of God. Ultimately, the encouragement that I received from new acquaintances and old friends inspire me to continue living a missional lifestyle after WCC ends.

- Lisa Yiu

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- Vitria Karyoatmodjo

These are but a sampling of all the Lord did through the conference this year, and He continues to move, as well. If you would like to testify to what Jesus has been doing in your life through and since WCC 2007, please post a blog at http://www.xanga.com/worldchristianconf This would be a great way to give the Lord the glory He deserves.

Finally, if you are interested in contributing to the WCF movement with your time, talents, or financial resources, please let us know at wcfellowship@gmail.com.

Meet the Planning Committee...

We are proud and excited to give you an up close and personal look at the new Planning Committee for WCC 2008

Here they share about their ministry passions, why they're giving so much of themselves to the World Christian Fellowship, and a little of their own personal experiences with the conference.

Vitria Karyoatmodjo

Occupation: Partners Relation

Secretly wants to be: Owner of a travel company

Home Church: International Full Gospel Fellowship (IFGF)

My passion is to see the people in this generation be radical for the Lord Jesus; caring and reaching out to the lost. I personally believe that every Christian should be a mission-minded person that impacts the world (or their surroundings). I am serving WCC because it provides the venue for Christians to get equipped and be reminded by His Word and the conference connects them to practical ways to go on mission (through networking with mission organizations and talking to others that have the experience being on the mission field). Also, it's such a privilege for me to get this opportunity to serve the Lord alongside people who have the same passion for Him.

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Vince Chan

Occupation: Product Development Engineer Secretly wants to be: Somewhere across the world!

Home Church: Maranatha Bible Church

I remember after my first WCC, a couple friends and I said fervently, "We have to bring this back to our college fellowship (whom were mostly Asian)!" God opened my eyes (and heart) to see the richness and potential of Asian believers in impacting the world for His Kingdom. My passion, since, has been to inspire and mobilize that potential into hearts sold out for God, here or abroad.

I never really know what to expect each year at WCC. To be honest, after attending the conference for the past six or seven years, it has been tempting to feel I know what's to come and what to expect. But, God always blows that out of the water and amazes me with exactly what I need to hear and see. Every year, he gives me a clearer, deeper vision of the call He has for me, while providing the resources and

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Ben Hui

Occupation: Sales Manager

Secretly wants to be...An award-winning actor on the big screen

Home Church: Epicentre Church, Pasadena

I want to see Asian Americans released with passion and purpose to carry the message of the gospel to the ends of the earth. My hope is that people who attend WCC will encounter God. My ministry passion is pastoring, worship, and church planting.

WCC has blessed me by opening my eyes to see God's heart for the nations. For me, a big part of being blessed came through meeting and getting to know other missions-minded brothers and sisters in Christ. Hearing their testimonies and seeing how they were intentional about glorifying God in their lives humbled me and gave me encouragement. Working alongside this WCC family constantly challenged me to pursue God and His purposes on the earth.

Joyce Liou

Occupation: Teacher Secretly wants to be...A Diva

Home Church: Abundant Life Christian Fellowship

God is working to free Asians and Asian Americans to worship Him freely for His glory here and into the nations. I am so honored to be part of God's movement to bring hearts to Him and humbled that God might use my life to glorify Him.

Honestly, I was scared when I went to my first WCC because I didn't know what God might show me about His heart or how He might change my life -- I was very comfortable with where I was and didn't really want anybody to touch that. But each year, God has shown me more of His heart for all of His people and more of His deep love for me, ensuring me that He is trustworthy and He is holy. Through WCF, God has blessed me with a community of awesome brothers and sisters to run the race with.

Edward Lee

Occupation: Intern, SJCAC ministering to College/Young Adults Secretly wants to be...Point Guard for the Golden State Warriors Home Church: San Jose Christian Alliance Church (SJCAC)

My passion is to raise up this generation to complete the Great Commission and see God's Spirit transform lives. During a critical time in my life, WCC gave me the inspiration and courage to go into seminary and full-time ministry. Every WCC I have attended has refreshed me and reminded me of our call to the nations. I have also enjoyed the great fellowship, community and leadership training at WCF.

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Jane Chen

Occupation: 6th Grade teacher at a middle school

Secretly wants to be...

Hmm... I think I'll say a famous person, not because I like to be in the limelight or anything, but because I'd like to get all the cool free stuff they get, go to parties and get dressed up

Home Church: The Highway Community Church

My passion in ministry is to serve the poor and needy. I really enjoy working with the homeless and poor population. God teaches me about compassion and selflessness through my interactions with them. He also teaches me about what it means to be broken and how He can be glorified through that brokenness. The reason why I am serving in WCC is because I want to mobilize people in my stage of life to live the life God has called us to. That could be bringing his glory to people here in the States or overseas. Wherever it is, I want people to be a part of God's plan, because it's exciting and it's what we're called to do.

WCC has blessed me by changing my whole concept of what it means to be a Christian. It's hard to explain in a sentence, but WCC has rocked my world and in essence re-evangelized me.

Connie Lu

Occupation: Graphic Designer Secretly wants to be...Pastry Chef

Home Church: San Jose Christian Alliance Church (SJCAC)

I am serving on WCC's Planning Committee because God is moving for His Kingdom and I want to be a part of this excitement! He is showing me how to serve and closely depend on Him. Plus, it's a fun and bonding process with fellow teammates.

Every year I come to WCC with anticipation and the Lord goes beyond my expectations. He always has something new to teach and reveal to me. This past WCC was all about surrendering the staff of Moses in all the "doing" for me, as He reassured and replenished me with His love.