



The Social Mission Conference 2010

THE FAMILY



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Where is the family today?



Singapore has developed...

Are families developing
at the same rate?





If you ask me...

doubts...

I wonder if there is hope for
the family?

Where is the way?

Let us listen...





Tan Thuan Seng

**Chairman,
Focus on the Family
Singapore**



Focus on the Family Singapore Ltd



Mission - Helping Families Thrive at every stage
and phase of life

Vision - Transformed families, communities and
societies



Core Strategies:

Impact programmes - 500+ Events, Seminars, Workshops and Talks per year.

Mass Media - Content development and placement on Radio, Newspapers, Magazines and New Media with multiple impressions.



Resource Distribution - Books, Booklets, DVDs, Games etc.

Family Support - Counselling and educational bursaries.



Christian Choo

**Executive Director,
Morning Star
Community Services**



Morning Star Community Services



Mission

Enrich and strengthen family relationships in Singapore

Vision

Vibrant communities that can make a difference to society



Morning Star Community Services



Goals for Families:

Functional

Helping persons to live as they ought to in family life

Communal

Developing communities as support for family living

Prophetic

Speaks to larger community & society on behalf of families

Source: Family Ministry - A Comprehensive Guide
Diana R. Garland



Morning Star Community Services



Reflections:

Less worthy cause?

Poor Service for the Poor?

The Model Family?



Samuel Ng

**Chief Executive Officer,
Marine Parade Family
Service Centre**



Ministry of Hope



“...though this outer human nature of ours may be falling into decay, at the same time our inner human nature is renewed day by day.”

2 Corinthians 4:16

- Yah! (Young-At-Heart) / Good Life!
 - + from “liability” to “asset”
 - + social advocacy



Ministry of Redemption



“Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus.

‘Go away, and from this moment sin no more’.”

John 8:11

- Casework and Counselling

Trend: ↑ Marital Conflicts esp. EMA



Ministry of Being



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.”

Matthew 25:35,36

- Casework programmes for the poor. (Project Star)
- Community Health Ambassadors (reaching out to elderly with dementia and depression)
- Metoyou cyber-counselling for the youth.



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Do our social concerns include “the family”?

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When it comes to social development, family remains a private affair



... your last thoughts?

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... will go to your family





Family is the social issue

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The family is the school
of humanity



Strengthening the school,
strengthens society

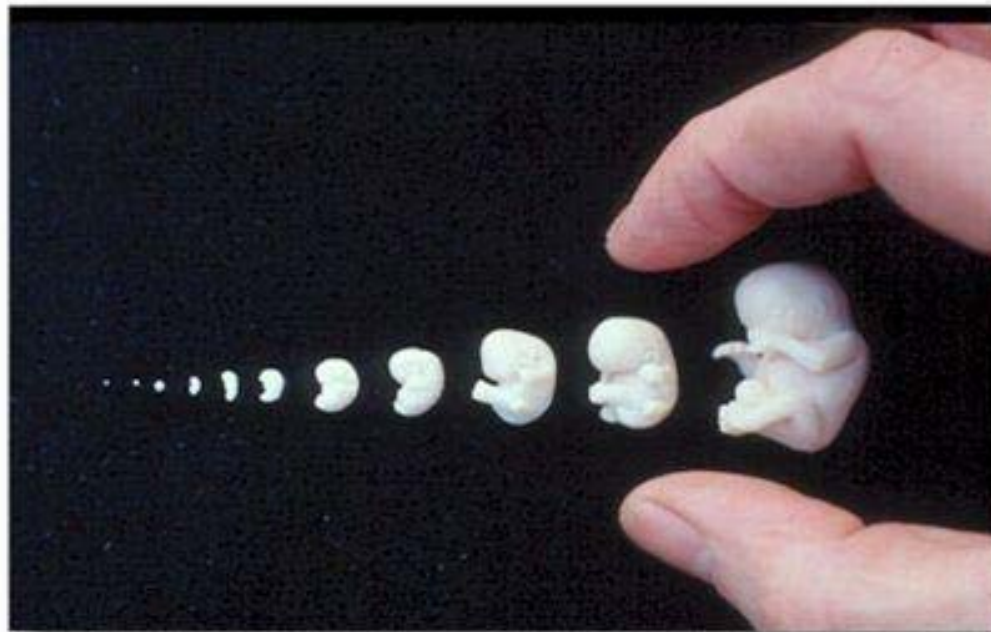




Development, developing families

Isn't the quality of families a major factor in development?

Do we really believe and act on it?





What to bring home

As church, we have a
unique contribution to offer:

charity is caring for
persons as the unique
individuals they are

... and charity begins at
home

There is...

