

Family Camp in China

"I've never heard anything like this before," exclaimed a participant at ACCTS' recent Family Camp in China. Staff members Carson and Wendy Tavenner and Ed Ward led the August camp, which provided opportunities for Chinese families to learn more about marriage and raising children.

During one of the sessions, participants were asked to list the qualities of a loving family. As they did, Wendy noticed how closely the qualities they listed aligned with the famous verse about love ("Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.") and she read it to them. The participants were excited to discuss that description of love, and how to live out those qualities when faced with the realities of family life.

Seven families attended the camp, including husbands, wives, and children. ACCTS staff noted that the children were intelligent, helpful, energetic, and ready to learn.

"A husband and wife who attended expressed that they learned a lot about how to love one another and to commit to their marriage -- and that they learned those things specifically because of the example of the ACCTS staff who were there," Carson concludes. "Part of our mission during this camp was also to encourage, teach, and mentor the camp staff. Our relationship with the camp is going to continue, so anyone who wants to be part of similar programs we hold in the future is welcome to contact us."

Praise God for the opportunities for ministry He continues to give us in China, and ask for more open doors to spread Christ's love and hope in this vast nation. If you are interested in being a part of any programs we plan to hold in China in 2019, please contact us at accts@accts.org.