



The

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July 2024

recent highlights

The year is halfway over! We hope your summer affords opportunities to recharge. Sometimes many events feels “busy” but for us, we are enjoying every opportunity.

May 2024

- Cindy attended two camp trainings. For the past 8 years our family has been involved in [Midsouth Camp of the ECC](#).
- David spent 10 days in N. Carolina training spiritual directors through [Selah](#).
- Cindy completed her spiritual direction training through [Sustainable Faith](#).
- Cindy concluded a 5-session Intercultural Agility cohort with 30 leaders/pastors of the ECC.

June 2024

- Cindy attended the annual meeting, GATHER, of the ECC.
- Our 2nd board member workshop, offered by Dr. David Wang, was well-received.
- The Mosaic Formation staff presented at World Refugee Day Houston.
- David presented at several workshops on Mosaic Formation’s mission and financial model.

Unity through Humility

“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”

—Romans 12:16

I (David) have been preaching Romans 12:16 to myself (and various groups) a lot lately. This is a powerful sequence of imperatives in Scripture. Within the backdrop of our present-day polarization and disunity, how do we live in harmony with one another? *We need humility.* We also need proximity with people who are different from us. Only associating with people who think like us, look like us, or are in the same class as us is detrimental to our spiritual life. We are called to be with people of “low position,” not because they need us, but because we need them.

Time and again, God has revealed to us that the materially poor often have spiritual riches that we who are materially rich are in great need of. This is why Mosaic Formation is so deeply committed to engaging with and learning from the mosaic of God’s people around the world, and to doing ministry with underserved people and communities. Not because they need us, but because we also need them. Learning should not be one-directional. We all have something to give and something to receive from one another. It is by God’s mercy that we are able to not think of ourselves more highly than we ought.

May God cultivate the virtue of genuine Christlike humility in the Church, so that we can bear the fruit of spiritual unity.

Mosaic Network members update

We are thrilled to announce the addition of THREE new members to Mosaic Network! Join us in welcoming Clara Louie of Elim Soul Formation, Izabela Cormier of Porch Swing Soul Care, and Raquel Rogers of Renew Formation! Our current five network members represent a diversity of ethnic backgrounds, geographic locations, and languages. Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing them over social media so please [follow us on Facebook](#)! Learn more about Mosaic Network [on our website](https://www.mosaicformation.org/mosaic-network/): <https://www.mosaicformation.org/mosaic-network/>.

Your investment in Mosaic Formation makes a difference!

Over the past two years, I have been blessed by David's guidance in spiritual direction sessions. There is not a session that goes by when I am not surprised in some way by what the Lord reveals about himself or about me that speaks to deep realities in my heart. Any many ways, each session is like a spiritual workout -- hard work that yields deeper health. And like a physical workout, there are times when I don't want to show up and yet I am always glad that I did. - CM

On the Enneagram: This tool is one I have used in my coaching, debriefing and spiritual direction for years, but never have I had such a honed formational version of this tool [...] that builds not just self-awareness but true formation into Christlikeness and deepening trust in God. I hope to multiply what I was given! Thank you for your generosity! - AC

I am deeply grateful for the generosity of your donors, which makes rich and meaningful content accessible for the body of Christ. Every Mosaic workshop I have taken has profoundly impacted my personal walk with God, as well as those I have invited. - FS

Thank you so much for investing in so much more than simply Mosaic Formation. I am currently in a difficult spot financially, and having the opportunity to seek God and better understand how he sees and values me without feeling the stress or even the pressure of paying for that opportunity means so much more than you can understand. I am so grateful for you and your generosity. - EE

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The third in our series of board member-led workshops is on the Spirituality of Suffering, offered by Marcos León. Sign up for this and all workshops here: <https://www.mosaicformation.org/upcoming-events/>.

SPIRITUALITY OF SUFFERING

Mosaic Formation board member Marcos León is an experienced coach, spiritual director, and teacher. This workshop will examine ...

Friday, August 30
10:00-11:30 pm Central

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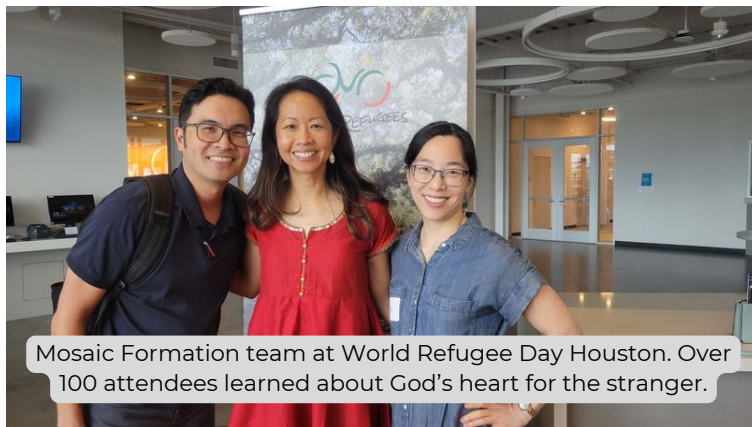
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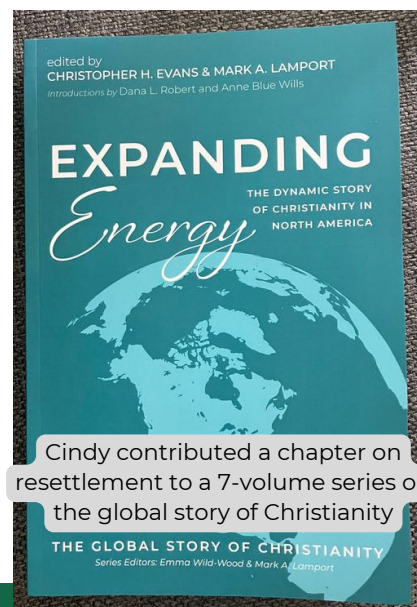
We are celebrating 25 years of marriage in July! The first picture was taken during our 2nd year of matrimony when we were “tentmakers” working, teaching, studying, sharing the gospel in East Asia. The second picture was taken last December during our family trip to Taiwan, the motherland. We are grateful for this sweet season of ministry and marriage.



Our darling daughter Alicia enjoying her internship in E. Europe



Mosaic Formation team at World Refugee Day Houston. Over 100 attendees learned about God’s heart for the stranger.



Cindy contributed a chapter on resettlement to a 7-volume series on the global story of Christianity