

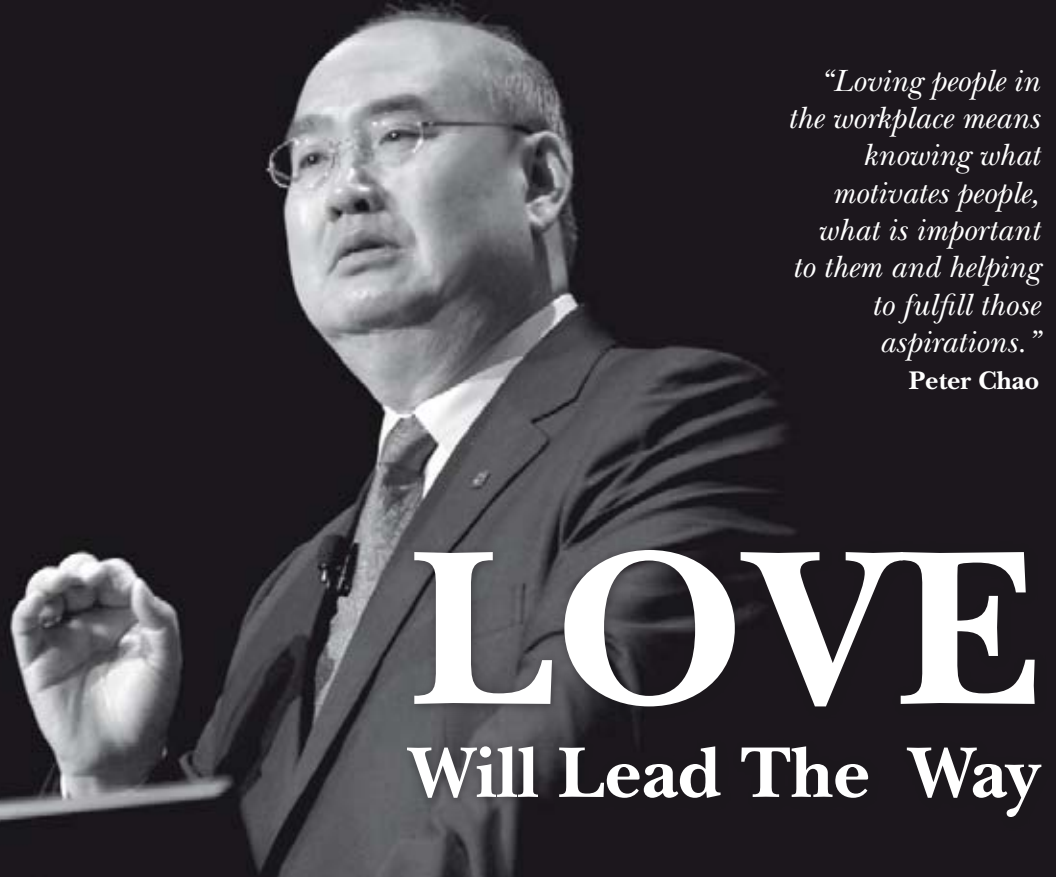


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Peter & Geri Scazzero sharing the importance of emotional health in the Church and family



“Loving people in the workplace means knowing what motivates people, what is important to them and helping to fulfill those aspirations.”

Peter Chao

LOVE Will Lead The Way

Ready, Set, GO! Off to a great start

BY LEE DING ON

CONFERENCE HALL 601 – The much anticipated Eagles Leadership Conference 2009 *Leading in Extraordinary Times* opened with a joyous bang on the morning of July 23 with a stunning time of thanksgiving, praise, and worship to our Lord, led by Mr Francis Chua and the Third Sunday band.

Undeterred by the current H1N1 pandemic and the global economic downturn, over 1,300 delegates from 19 countries came together at the Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore, to gain insights from 25 distinguished international and

local speakers in a combination of plenary, intensive workshops, and seminars.

Founder-President of Eagles Communications, Mr Peter Chao, took to the stage with the first plenary which is also the theme of the conference, *Loving People, Delivering Performance* after an opening address by the Eagles Chair, Dr John Ng, and a song by Malaysia’s well-loved singer and *Malaysian Idol* vocal coach, Juwita Suwito.

“The ultimate expression of love is self-sacrifice and self giving. After all, we are following a leader who gave His life for us.” Peter urged us to raise the standard of loving people, despite the fact that we might be taken advantage of or even manipulated. “Since when,”

Peter asked, “do we base our love actions on how others treat us?” He said one way we can start is the giving of ourselves in small things. Only then can we deliver performance of a standard that meets God’s approval.

Spiritually “Healthy,” Emotionally Unhealthy – Is That Possible? was the topic of the second plenary undertaken by Rev Peter and Mrs Geri Scazzero. They shared their amazing conversion stories, crises they faced, and lessons learned.

Geri talked about the importance of being brutally honest with ourselves. She said that the day she admitted that she was not a loving person was the day she started becoming a loving person. “God can handle the truth and can give you grace

to handle the truth as well.”

Peter argued that it is impossible for a Christian to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature if we are supposed to be the image bearers of God. If like Saul, we are gifted but emotionally unhealthy, the gap can destroy us. “My first work is not to be a pastor but to seek His face. Not my will be done but His,” he exclaimed.

An extraordinary testimony of forgiveness and reconciliation was shared by Mr Glenn Knight & Mr Tan Koon Swan in a leadership dialogue that created much buzz, entitled *Recovering Failures, Practicing Grace*.

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Glenn was responsible for prosecuting two key people in the Pan-El case which included Koon Swan. Glenn himself was brought down as a high flyer, prosecuted for a crime he said he did not commit and was fined, imprisoned, and barred from practice for 16 years. It was then that God managed to get his attention and revealed to him that bitterness can cause a person more harm than anything else, and that God wanted him

to forgive.

Koon Swan claimed that he does not harbor any bitterness towards Glenn. Koon Swan proudly declared that “The prosecutor and prosecuted became friends!” He shared his trauma of failure, suffering, pain, and the point in which he experienced God and finally received restoration.

The first day of ELC 2009 ended with a side splitting fourth plenary by none other than the S.U.M.O. Guy himself, Mr Paul McGee. The participants gleaned insights from *Restoring Relationships, Personal Effectiveness*.

It started off with a hilarious rap MTV introduction and an ice breaker of eyeballing your neighbor, telling him or her she is “gorgeous” and “mad.”

Paul, the bestselling author



“Where is this issue on a scale of 1 - 10?” Paul McGee asked the audience when talking about perspective

who made popular the phrase “Shut Up, Move On” shared with us four phrases in relation to his new acronym S.A.R.A.H: “Grieving Is Good” but it is not forever. He convinced the audience to “Avoid Isolation” because stress makes us stupid. He also talked about two other terms, “Perspective Pays” and “Molehills Matter.”

This three day event is the fourth ELC organized by Eagles

Communications, and is the premier biennial thought-leadership conference in Asia – a platform for Asian leaders to deal with relevant leadership issues, to provide critical networking, and to experience cross learning that affects church and the marketplace.



Glenn Knight & Tan Koon Swan

Quotable Quotes



“Our frame of mind should be ready to face crisis, sorrows or defeats

just as we are ready to face joys.” **Tan Koon Swan**



“What happens in your exterior world flows from your interior world.”

Geri Scazzero



“Recovery is not always about some great grand leap. Sometimes it is asking God for grace for today to make a small step and then another and another.” **Paul McGee**



“Theology on wheels: if the leader has a heart for people, then the actions will speak for itself.”

Peter Chao



“If you think about everything you’ve done, there will be a flaw somewhere. Add it all up and it can be quite terrible. God was trying to tell me that I couldn’t be everything...”

Glenn Knight



“When you are sustaining your activity for God with very little relationship with God, you will crash.”

Peter Scazzero

WORD

On The Street



“I learnt from the Scazzeros of the importance of solitude and silence; to go into my own desert and examine my life and hear from God.”

Kim Wong, Singapore



“I could see the hand of God in the lives of both Koon Swan and Glenn. They were not bitter and could still share God’s goodness and grace. Amazing!”

Claire Au, Singapore

“Peter Chao made me understand that loving my employees is important to leadership. Even if they exploit our love, we must keep our integrity and not respond in like manner.”

Richard, Jakarta Praise Community Church, Indonesia



“Paul was very good in teaching us that we have the power to choose whether to stay in our trouble or move on. In one word, it is about ‘empowerment.’”

Grace Swee, Singapore



“The key takeaway is that even in the midst of our struggles,

there is always hope in God.” **Daniel Lew, Malaysia**

SINGERS GALORE!

International artistes wow the crowd with original compositions

BY MAH VI LOS

HALL 601 – The first day of the ELC was packed with exciting singers from different countries.

“The Maestro” Alvaro Sanchez awed the crowd with his tantalizing guitar play. The crowd often burst into applause at his unique blend of Latin American and Christian worship music.

“I’ve heard him before in Israel,” said Jessica Yeo from Armour

The crowd was thoroughly touched by what God had done for them.

Juwita Suwito from Malaysia, an ELC veteran, performed a captivating song she wrote titled *All This Time*. During her song, foreign delegates could be seen taking photos of the singer – just like a real-life concert! Said Edmund Low from Malaysia, “I’ve heard of her, but this is the first time I’ve seen her. She has a powerful voice, and the way she sings touches people.”

Champ, the musical representative from Thailand, is a professional musician who has



Kelvin Soh



Alvaro Sanchez

Publishing, “and I have his CDs. His harp playing is even better than his guitar playing. It’s unique and not many people know how to play it.”

Homegrown talent Kelvin Soh, former drug addict and a “Changi prison hotel guest” for many years, is now sharing the Gospel in songs. Despite being “Hokkien-educated,” Kelvin shared the testimony in crisp English of how he, his grandmother, and father were all saved by God.

worked with several Thai artists and is a DJ with Met 107 in Thailand. His performance of *Amazing Grace* and self-composed song *My Cry* showed the talent that God has blessed him with.



Champ

Bird’s Eye View



Third Sunday Band



I pick this one!



Listening intently



Smile! You are on candid camera!

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The top 4 countries with the most delegates are:

- SINGAPORE - 555 delegates**
- MALAYSIA - 278 delegates**
- INDONESIA - 247 delegates**
- THAILAND - 164 delegates**

There are altogether delegates from 19 countries represented in this conference, namely:

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| Australia | Malaysia | Taiwan ROC |
| Brunei | Myanmar | Thailand |
| Cambodia | Nepal | UK |
| China | New Zealand | USA |
| Hong Kong | Philippines | Vietnam |
| India | Singapore | |
| Indonesia | Sri Lanka | |

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