

## **ICCFM PRESIDENTS ADDRESS AT THE CFM/USA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

July 15 – 16, 2005

To make a National Convention happen is a wondrous event—and we witness the joyful reunion of families—the sharing of accomplishments and the affirmation of each other's efforts to deepen family spirituality and promote Christian outreach service—as some of you did at WINGS this morning. Many of you who were in San Jose determined the World Assembly resolutions encapsulated in two words: PRAYER and ACTION. Thank you again for having hosted a very efficient and fruitful World Assembly—and just continue doing what you are already doing as CFM with a greater dedication after “the fires of faith have been fanned”—and the World Assembly resolutions will already be implemented.

We also come with a special mission to thank CFM USA for rallying to the cause of tsunami victims in Thailand and Sri Lanka, tangible evidence of your commitment to share with the needy, to deprive yourselves a little in order that another family may have more. We have here the receipt of your donation, along with a letter of thanks, which reads in part, “Because of your immediate response to the needs of the children in Khao Lak, the ground has now been excavated, the foundation will be laid this month, and the school is expected to be finished in early 2006.” Pictures of the school under construction and of its expectant students are already posted on the CFM website, thanks to Andy Pozdol.

In fact, the function of the ICCFM is small when compared to the hands-on work each CFM family is doing—intentionally—for family evangelization and being disciples to other families. The CFM does the REAL work while the ICCFM merely acts as a coordinating body that fosters international communication so that the CFM of different countries may learn from each other and be encouraged to work harder to reach our common goals. In theory and in practice, CFM USA has always been pro-active—a trailblazer—ever anticipating the effects of, to use a cliché, the “signs of the times” on the family to preserve its Christian integrity. Therefore, we would like to invite you all to be in Fatima, to help and be helped by other CFM'ers throughout the world, as we share experiences and develop new CFM initiatives together at Tenth ICCFM World Assembly of Families on July 25 to 29, 2007.

The ICCFM is now studying three projects to promote at the international level and initial results of the study will be e-mailed to CFM for comments and suggestions. They are the following:

1. ICCFM World Prayer Day – already instituted but needs to be better organized
2. exchange home stay for CFM youths (short visits)
3. integration of CFM spirituality and actions with our jobs and businesses—in the same spirit as Greg Pierce's workshop tomorrow morning on Spirituality At Work.

We hope we can successfully organize and implement these projects as evidence of our universal CFM discipleship, which we can offer to God together with Mary, Jesus' first and greatest disciple, at the Tenth ICCFM World Assembly at her

shrine in Fatima. Because of the typical American dynamism, never satisfied with staying stagnant, your CFM/USA spirit and experience will be an invaluable contribution to the International Confederation towards CFM regeneration at these lean times. Please, please be with us at this event!

Love,  
Nop and Elma Muangkroot, ICCFM President Couple