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MISSION

To provide Bible-based counseling services that promote healing, restoration, and growth by integrating the teaching of God's Word with appropriate therapeutic techniques

Recently, I was thinking about what it is that has allowed PCC to continue providing counseling services for so long, to so many people, in the tri-state area and beyond. Back in 1981 it was just an "idea" being tossed around by Co-Founder, Jorge Prado, and myself. The "idea" was soon supported by the leadership of First Baptist Church of Flushing and space was provided. Another counselor joined us and the three of us worked hard to build the foundation of what was to become Pastoral Counseling Center of Flushing, Inc. in 1985. Our first Board of Directors consisted of pastors, financial advisors, mental health professionals, and prayer warriors. People showed an interest in supporting us financially. Highly qualified, yet humble, counselors started contacting PCC. They loved people and wanted to serve in a place that puts Jesus first. Pastors started hearing good things about this little counseling center in Flushing, and they not only referred their parishioners, but asked us to lead workshops and seminars. We've since added an office in New Jersey. We currently have nine wonderful multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, God-loving counselors, ...and ...oh yes, those prayer warriors. Yes, they are behind it all. Yes, they are the reason that PCC's doors are still open. Praise God for our prayer warriors and God's faithfulness to PCC.

In His Service,
D. Ellen Van Etten, LMHC
 Co-Founder, Director
 Board Cert. Prof. Christian Counselor

Galatians 6:1-5, 9-10
The Message

"Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived.

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith."



Summer intern, Carlos Santiago, and Ellen attended a workshop entitled, "Addiction and Substance Abuse: Their Role in Breakdown and Divorce"

Generous contributions have blessed the ministry in various ways. PCC continues to depend upon your prayer and support. If you would like to supply a need, please call (718) 463-4613 for suggestions. Thank you.

Interview with Co-Founder Jorge M. do Prado

Former Counselor and Board Member

PCC: What initiated PCC's beginning?

Prado: In 1980, we pastors of First Baptist Church (FBC) in Flushing found ourselves expending so much time in counseling that it had become almost unbearable

PCC: Who were the key people?

Prado: The Senior Pastor of FBC, Russell Rosser, Ellen Van Etten, and myself.

PCC: What was your initial vision?

Prado: We knew that a counseling center connected with FBC would need to reflect the vision of our church and community, namely: multicultural and multilingual. It also needed to present "the Word of God" as the final solution for any problem. Personally, I think PCC still follows that model.

PCC: How has God fulfilled that vision?

Prado: God has sent us many great counselors who love the Lord, are very knowledgeable and possess expertise in proper counseling techniques. They speak different languages, allowing us to minister to the needs of the community and the churches in our area.

PCC: What year did PCC open in NJ?

Prado: I became pastor of Kearney Baptist Church in May 1995; we rented space in the church's office in 1996.

PCC: What do you think keeps us going?

Prado: Our faith in God's provision and our steadfast adherence to the Word of God.

PCC: How long did you work with PCC?

Prado: In total, approximately 30 years.

PCC: What did you find most challenging?

Prado: 1) Strong criticism from Christians who hold to nouthetic (Bible only) counseling.

2) Also, accepting God's will for us to move South and knowing that we cannot continue working closely with PCC, and ministering with this great group of people.

PCC: What spiritual lessons have you learned from your work at PCC?

Prado: Ellen and I spent many hours praying before and after our sessions. It is no doubt that dependence on the Lord and the recognition of my total need of Him have helped me to grow spiritually. Patience, patience, patience.

PCC: What has been your greatest joy from working with PCC?

Prado: Ellen and I became a good team, especially when we did pre-marital counseling. I think my greatest joy is to know that we counseled more than two hundred couples. And to my knowledge, only two of them have terminated in divorce. Praise the Lord.

PCC: Where are you now?

Prado: I believe I am where God wants me to be. I continue to do what is my passion: caring for people that God places in my path, and looking for opportunities to glorify Him with my life.

PCC: Is there anything else you would like to tell us about PCC?

Prado: I hope one day when God calls me home, that I will be remembered by the initials "PCC": as someone who was continually being Perfected by God, who had Compassion for the needs of people, and was Committed to serve.

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An Important Back to School Routine

Whether your children are in public school, private school, or homeschool, you're likely getting into some new routines for the fall. We suggest an important part of any family routine is having a regular Family Night that is fun as well as spiritually nurturing.

The Funny Side of Parenting

Six-year-old Joey returned to school at the end of summer break. After just three days the teacher called to tell his mom that Joey was misbehaving.

"Hold on a minute," the mom interrupted. "I just finished three months with Joey and I never called you once when he misbehaved!"

FYI

PCC is well settled in our new offices now. We moved into the new:

- Flushing office in January 2011,
- Bloomfield office in September 2010.

We are so thankful to the Lord for providing our needs in such a beautiful way. To Him be the glory!

We are now qualified by New York State to:

- Provide supervision to graduates pursuing hours toward licensure.
- Have Masters level graduates participate in counseling internships that lead to their graduation.

OUR LANGUAGES

English Spanish Cantonese
Mandarin – NY

English Spanish – NJ

Congratulations Board Member, Abraham Koo on his installation as Pastor of "Church of the United Brethren in Christ," in Chinatown, Manhattan. We wish him God's blessings as he serves in this new ministry.

