

## Teen Challenge leadership training in China

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Teen Challenge in Fuzhou, China, recently sponsored a staff training conference. Over 30 people participated in this training hosted by the new Teen Challenge in Fuzhou, a city of about 8 million.



The new residential program under renovation, located on a fish farm.



Teen Challenge community outreach center in Fuzhou. I am standing with Ah Chek, the director of TC in Fuzhou.

This conference focused on basic training for the new staff and other potential staff for this Teen Challenge as well as other centers from China. The training also addressed how to teach the *Group Studies for New Christians* curriculum used as a basic part of the training of the students in the program. Many of those participating in the training are young leaders

with great potential to have a positive part in Teen Challenge in the years ahead.

The Teen Challenge in Fuzhou has an outreach and prevention center in the city, which also offers free medical services to those in the area. The Teen Challenge leaders from Fuzhou offered teen summer camps last year, focusing on character development and drug prevention. They plan to offer similar camps this summer.

I also had the opportunity to visit the Teen Challenge program site outside the city located on a 23 acre fish farm. This facility will house up to 30 students when it is completed. Right now there are about 12 students there who are working to renovate the building. I had the opportunity to speak at the first service held in their newly renovated chapel/classroom.

The fish farm is not actively being used at the present time, but it does offer the potential to become part of the sustainable funding component of the program.

There is strong community support for this new Teen Challenge in Fuzhou, and we look forward to assisting them in any way they ask in the months ahead. Please pray that new leaders will be raised up to enable this Teen Challenge to expand its services in helping those affected by drug addiction and other life-controlling problems.



Participants in the staff training conference in Fuzhou.