Here's Steph Cheng's ministry with Epic Movement in Orange County, CA! March 2009

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Deeper roots, stronger shoots

"Who are some Biblical leaders who we can learn from as Southeast Asian leaders?" Margaret, our Epic National HR director, asked. A captive room of 40 pastors, ministers and laypeople, who identified as Hmong and Laotian, Burmese and Cambodian, who had opened in prayer in the Mien language (which, to my admittedly unsophisticated ear, sounds a bit like Taiwanese!), had just characterized strengths and weaknesses of the SEA community so they could articulate leadership needs within those realities. Hands shot up. "Moses," one woman offered, "for all his wandering in a foreign land leading people to Israel." He too had suffered as a child, born to Hebrew parents in a hostile land, spared from ethnic cleansing in Egypt and made to bring his people out of the desert so that they could enter the Promised Land... echoes of the refugee experience of many SEAs in this country.

What a profound reminder of God using those who are small in number but faithful in the world to minister to all!

Attendance at the biannual SEALS Summit 2010 in San Jose! (via djchuang.com)

Southeast Asian Leaders

This past weekend (March 11-14), I got to join friends at the Southeast Asian Leadership Summit in San Jose, CA (at my parents' church, Canaan Taiwanese Christian Church). Wow! What a blessing to meet so many leaders in the SEA community who love God and are pursuing leadership development and much-needed contextualized theology and faith for the growing Southeast Asian community nationwide. As you can see from the graphic above, so many cultures were represented!

You can hear conference audio here: http://seacleaders.com/seac.php/multimedia

SEMINARS AT SEALS: Several Epic staff were invited to present evangelism tools and contextualized leadership workshops during the summit. Here's our Epic Human Resources director, Margaret Yu, sharing her story!

SIX FLAGS (VALLEJO): Got to spend a fun day at the old Marine World with my sister, a senior in high school now awaiting college acceptance letters! Please pray for her process!

SPRING BREAK TRIP! (UPCOMING) UC Irvine & UC Riverside will be in San Francisco Mar 20-25. They will be able to fellowship, learn from each other & teaching and share their faith at SF State & surrounding colleges!