



FAMILY STRENGTHENING SERVICES

Family Strengthening Services is the practical and direct Family Support Service of Candlelighters International.

The Family Strengthening Services (FSS) of Candlelighters International provides a variety of informational and practical support services to individuals with the sole aim of fortifying them with the proper understanding and ability to live as members of a family, while building biblically grounded and resilient homes. By God's grace, FSS strives to help people to "Bring Jesus home to their Families."

Bringing Jesus Home to Your Family!

Why the Family Strengthening Services (FSS)?

The Family as has been known since the creation of man is currently being attacked in an unprecedented fashion. From a biblical perspective, the Family is the central or focal unit within our society through which God acts in the lives of a man and a woman granting them custodianship over their children who will later do same on their own families. All these with the purpose of constantly, generation after generation, radiating forth the glory of God unto the earth-realm as it is in heaven. This basic natural understanding is now seen as problematic within our contemporary societies; consequently, humanity is experiencing all kinds of moral decadence and their resulting fruits.

As a matter of fact, the list of such evil fruits is constantly expanding. Negative fruits such as high rates of divorces and the explosion of Juvenile delinquency stemming from the destruction of the nuclear family, is on an upward trajectory in Europe, particularly Switzerland, France and Germany. In Switzerland for example, with a population of only 8,738,791 inhabitants, the last 6 years (2017-2022) has seen annually an average of 16,600 divorces (16,885 for 2018; 16,210 for 2020; 17,159 for 2021). Provisionary figures for 2022 show already 16,083 (as at the time of writing). You can check the current figures. The same 6-year period shows about 99,087 minor children impacted directly by these divorces. Consequently, for the same period, 95,884 judgments were handed down to minors by the juvenile court in Switzerland. What a mirror reflection: Troubled homes produce troubled kids!

We know that as you are interested in this, and reading this now, you can name at least 7 worrying trends attacking the family. Something needs to be done. Someone needs to stand in the gap for the Family! Join us!!

The sad truth is that the church has not been shielded from this menace. Shocking cases of divorce are constantly being recorded within the church communities, in very high numbers; and tragically amongst persons or couples who have been in the faith for quite a long time. Something needs to be done fast, if we hope to retain any semblance of Christian values for the Families in the immediate and distant future. This is what drives us to sound the alarm. Candlelighters International, through the Family Strengthening Services, is initiating a Call-to-Action, as well as facilitating (with other partners) the creation of new and innovative avenues to defend and strengthen the family. Bringing Jesus Home in Your Family!

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”
Ephesians 3:14-19 (KJV)

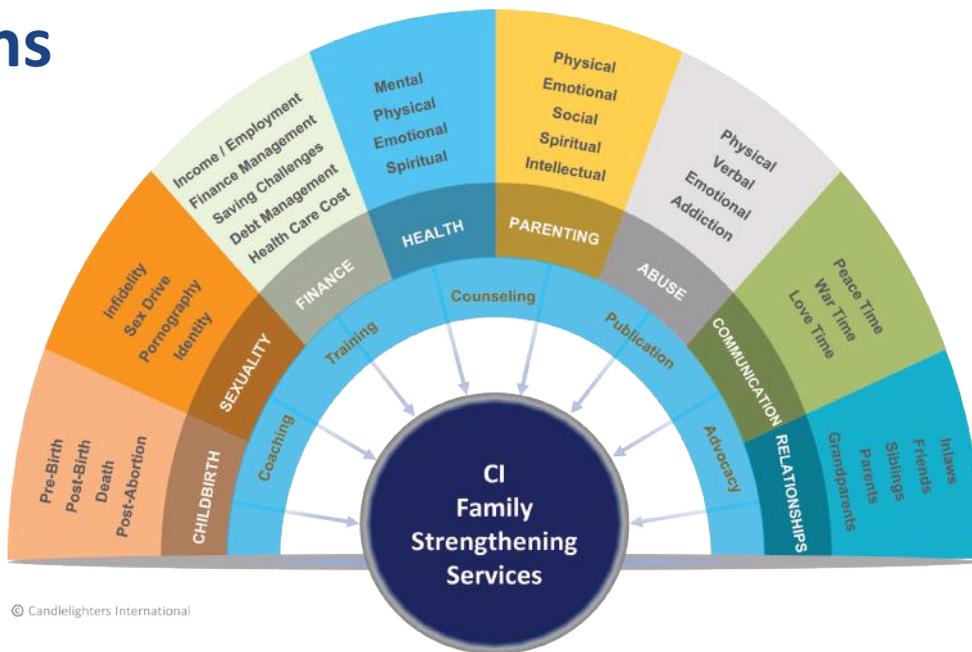




Objective

The objective of the Family Strengthening Services is to support families with the relevant information, knowledge and skills needed by parents and parents-to-be to build resilient homes, healthy relationships and healthy children, grounded on solid biblical principles.

Our Intervention Domains



Our Focus

- Raising Awareness
- Increasing Knowledge
- Building Consensus
- Promoting Action

Our Activities

- Research and Publication
- Coaching Training and Counseling
- Advocacy and Networking
- Ground Action and Initiative Development

Our support services are structured to address more than one challenge, as it is built around offering holistic support and providing a solid practical foundation for individuals and families.

About Candlelighters International

Candlelighters International (CI) is a non-denominational Christian ministry having as its main function to equip people with the true understanding of the Christian faith and practice. CI operates as a Christian Resource Centre, which pays particular attention in the development of local Christian community ministries outside the four walls of the local church. We think globally and act locally. CI is neither a Church nor a denomination, but a fellowship of believers whom in the power of the Holy Spirit are committed to promoting and sharing the truth revealed and demonstrated by the life of Jesus the Christ. CI is a network of believers, pulling together our resources (talents, skills, callings, ministries, finances, etc.) for the general service of the Body of Christ and our local communities.



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