



Myanmar — The Full-time Training in Yangon

The culmination meeting and the graduation meeting of the 12th Term of the Full-time Training in Yangon (FTTY) took place on the 23rd and 24th of June, 2012. Graduates include nine local trainees and three that came back from Malabon, who were trained in Yangon first before going to the Philippines. The training center is located about one-and-a-half hours from downtown Yangon. The simple construction of a meeting room, brothers' and sisters' living quarters, a kitchen and a dining hall was completed in three months. FTTY was transferred to this new location in February of this year. The Fall term of 2012 started on July 9th with sixty-six trainees, of whom twenty-five were first terms.

The full-time training has been instrumental in the Lord's move in Myanmar. During the culmination meeting, which was also the last class of the 12th term, some brothers shared with the trainees concerning the urgent need to be perfected in life and service. The trainees responded with a strong resolve to give themselves to grow in life and to function in a normal way. Although some were graduating, the matters of being perfected, perfecting others, and presenting every man full grown in Christ are all lifelong matters.

In the graduation meeting, the brothers fellowshiped regarding the burden of propagation to plant more church trees as the testimony of Jesus for the corporate expression of the Triune God. Currently there are thirty-five churches with around 1,500 saints in Myanmar. However, there are over three hundred cities with 135 tribes and a population of 60 million. Through the organic functioning of all the saints to labor together in one accord, the Lord can gain His increase and spread in this country.



◆ FTTY trainees' living quarter

Three brothers from Korea have also set up their businesses in Yangon in recent years with a burden to stand practically with the Lord's move here. As the saints endeavor to be equipped with the truth, to grow in life and to serve in a coordinated way, all are for the growth, multiplication and building up of the Body of Christ. The brothers especially charged the young people to have great resolutions in heart and great searchings of heart to love Him, live Him and carry out His desire wherever they go.

Recently, Myanmar has been experiencing a dramatic change in the outward political and commercial environment. We believe the Lord is also moving and starting to gain more ground in Myanmar. May the Lord of the harvest gain His seekers out of every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues for His glory (Rev. 7:9). Jesus is Lord in Myanmar!

The Raising up of the Church in Jeddah, KSA

“Out of the mouth of infants and sucklings You have perfected praise.” (Matt. 21:16)

In the early morning of July 6, 2012, at the height of the Arabian summer heat, while millions of Muslims were preparing for their pilgrimage to the city of the Islamic faith, the saints from the local churches in Yanbu, Tabuk and Riyadh had gathered together, singing, thanking and praising our Lord Jesus Christ in one accord for the raising up of the church in Jeddah for the wonderful expression of His Body.

For almost two years the saints in Saudi Arabia had been praying constantly for the gaining of the city of Jeddah, one of the major cities in Saudi Arabia. The raising up of the church in



◆ FTTY trainees

Jeddah is a result of the spiritual hunger and thirst experienced by the saints from the Philippines who were led by God to come to this physically and spiritually dry part of the earth. In His sovereignty, God led these ones to find work in and to migrate to Jeddah. Once they moved here, God caused a deep spiritual hunger and thirst to well up in their being, urging them to seek out fellowship with other saints for their life supply. This created a burden within the saints in other parts of Saudi Arabia to give both their time and money to reach out to these needy saints that had settled in this country. The raising up of the local church in Jeddah had become a necessity rather than just a goal. However, it was not easy.

Numerous saints had settled in the city of Jeddah, but they were scattered in different parts of the city. Some saints were not even allowed to go out, especially sisters, since women in this country were prohibited to go out without their guardians. And to

make things worse, the saints had no ride to the meetings. Public transportation was very limited in this city, if not in the whole country. Nonetheless, some brothers were able to find other brothers who lived in the same neighborhood. The saints in Jeddah, with the help from the other local churches in Saudi Arabia, succeeded in starting the Lord's table meeting after several attempts, even though initially it was held only once a month due to the availability of the working saints. But praise the Lord! The saints began to have weekly Lord's table meetings in July, 2012. Though the meeting place was small and far away from the city center, it was nevertheless comfortable and safe enough for the saints to sing His praise and draw supply for their daily spiritual needs.

May the Lord continue to bless the church in Jeddah and to free up more saints for all the meetings.

Bangladesh

From June 15th to 25th, five brothers from Korea participated in a series of gatherings and gospel moves in Bangladesh. They arrived in Dhaka on the 15th and visited University of Dhaka on the next day.

A gathering for the serving ones was held in Dhaka from June 17th to 18th, which fifty serving ones from eighteen localities attended. The messages given were on the four great pillars of the Lord's recovery, and all the serving ones were encouraged, supplied, and received much enjoyment from the speakings.

In the morning of the 20th, the brothers rented a car and drove up north, arriving in Lalmonirhat that evening. There we had a meeting at a brother's place with thirty saints and gospel friends. Eight people were baptized that night. From June 21st to 24th, the brothers preached the gospel to over three hundred people in five villages as well as raised up two new churches.

On the morning of June 25th, the brothers preached the gospel to about 100 people in the village of Thamul of Thakurgaon. The



◆ First Lord's table meeting in Taharga, Bangladesh



◆ Bangladesh - gospel preaching

villagers welcomed us at the entrance, singing, dancing, and scattering flowers over us. Then in the afternoon, we had a time of fellowship with fifteen serving brothers from Thakurgaon and Dinajpur, through which they were greatly encouraged.

Within a short period of time, many people in Bangladesh turned to and received the Lord. What they desperately need now is being shepherded by the saints, learning to sing hymns, and having more ministry books translated into Bengali.