

THE LORD'S MOVE TO Asia

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LMA Conference Report

This fall, the LMA Conference was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from September 29th to October 1st. The general subject of the conference was "Growing and Spreading Organically the Unique Universal True Vine in the One Unique Stream of Life". There were seven meetings with 6 messages. The message titles were:

1. The One Unique Stream of Life in the Divine Economy
2. Experiencing and Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life for the Corporate Expression of the Triune God
3. Growing and Spreading Organically the Unique Universal True Vine (1)
4. Growing and Spreading Organically the Unique Universal True Vine (2)
5. The Living and Work of An Age-Turner
6. Perfecting the Generation to Bring the Lord Back

Many saints were eager to attend this conference. Besides the brothers and sisters from various Asian countries, over 70 saints came from areas outside of Asia. A total of 730 saints came to the conference from 30 different countries. Although the saints came from different countries or areas of the world, they were nonetheless in the one stream, caring for the Lord's move over the whole earth. Through such blending in the Body, the saints testified that the Lord's move in Asia was not just for Asia, but for the whole Body of Christ.

In the very first meeting of the conference, the speaking

brothers emphasized the fact that in the Scriptures there is only one flow; the divine stream, which has been flowing throughout the generations, is uniquely one. The propagation in Europe and the Americas, the propagation in Africa, and the Lord's move to Asia are all parts of this one flow and not many different flows. This divine stream is also the stream of the Lord's work; where the stream flows, there is the work of God. As we go forth to participate in the propagations in different places, we all need to ask ourselves, "Is there the divine stream in my labor?" Only that which has the divine stream in it is the work of God. Whenever we feel the flow in us has stopped, right away we need to stop ourselves, turn to the Lord and repent. This is to keep ourselves always in the flow. As hymn 925 says, "Outreach of the glorious gospel is the flow of life within;" where the flow is, where there is true outreach of the gospel.

Then in the following messages, the brothers continued to show the saints that the basic principle of the church is that it is eternal and universal, so the church must constantly spread on the earth. Such spreading is not done by human organization, but by the growth in life. The way to grow in life is to eat Christ as the Tree of Life, enjoying Him as our supply. The way the church spreads is by eating! As we eat Christ as the Tree of life and allow Him to grow in us, each one of us will become a small tree of life. We often talk about planting church trees, but what does that mean? That means we, the small trees of life, go to a place and





plant ourselves there for the producing of the church as the golden lampstand. According to the picture shown in Exo. 25, the lampstand is actually a living and growing tree with calyxes and blossoms. The lampstand shines, but its shining comes out of the growth in life. The light is the life blossoming. As we grow and blossom, the light shines. In such a way the church becomes a shining golden lampstand as the testimony of Jesus.

The last message is on perfecting the generation that will bring the Lord back. The basic principle is to work to produce useful saints and to perfect the young people to walk on the way of consecration, to pray, to pursue the truth, and to serve as a heavenly team. The best way to perfect the young people is to send them out for propagation. We should not wait until all the needs in our own locality have been met to send money and people out for the Lord's work. This is not the Lord's way. The brothers reminded us that we would always feel short of money and manpower because of the vast need everywhere, but we still need to learn to care for the need all over the earth. When we care for the outreach of the gospel, the Lord will surely meet our needs.

Besides the brothers' speakings to impart a burden into the saints, there were also presentations of 22 Asian countries on the current situation of the churches and propagations within the countries. These

countries include Bangladesh, Cambodia, the six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, India, Laos, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, etc. Through these presentations all the saints were greatly encouraged to see that regardless of the outward limitations caused by the economic, religious, political, or cultural circumstances, God just keeps on flowing!

At the end of the conference, the brothers also encouraged the saints to not only know about the Lord's move in Asia, but also actively coordinate with the Lord for His move in three areas. First is to pray. The saints were charged to pray for those countries that the saints are

currently laboring in, as well as those where there are not yet churches, including Afghanistan, Bhutan, East Timor, Iraq, North Korea, Maldives, Syria, Yemen, and New Guinea. Second is to go. There are many ways in which we can go: The young ones can

go by migration, the middle-aged saints can go by short-term gospel trips, and all the saints can go in groups for short-term visitations and shepherding. The third area in which we should coordinate with the Lord is to give. The need in Asia is just too big for any one person or church to bear. Such need can only be met through coordination of the whole Body of Christ. Thus, we all need to learn to give.

May the Lord gain us all to be those who love Him and would coordinate with Him for His move that we would pray in His praying, go in His going, and give in His giving!

Service - In The Stream

1. In the stream! In the stream! Let us work for the Lord,
By His mind, in His way, as revealed in His Word;
In the flow of His life let us work with His pow'r
For His Kingdom and Church in the time of His hour.

(chorus) In the stream! In the stream!
Let us work in the stream!
In the stream! In the stream!
We'll work as in the heav'nly team!
2. In the stream! In the stream! Let us work with the Lord
In the flow of the Spirit, as taught by His Word;
Never working by self, independent and free,
But in service related in full harmony.
3. In the stream! In the stream! Let us work with the Lord
With the Church, with the saints, in the light of His Word;
Give the Word, life supply to the people in need,
Thus fulfilling God's plan, in His flow we'll proceed.

