

Fellowship on the Propagation in Cambodia

Between last December and this January, several full-time trainees from Taiwan came to Cambodia to coordinate with the local saints in a gospel move. Eighteen saints from the church in Taipei also joined us from January 21 to 26. The gospel move this time covered three cities: Phnom Penh, Siem Reap and Kampong Cham. In 5 weeks, 44 people got baptized in Phnom Penh, 71 in Siem Reap, and 44 in Kampong Cham. Altogether there were 159 baptisms. Moreover, the church in Kampong Cham was raised up on January 12. During this time the trainees were a pattern to the local saints in helping them preach the gospel and feed the new ones. Many new ones were brought in and have remained in the church life, which became a real blessing to the churches in Cambodia.

In the capital city of Phnom Penh, to date more than half of the new ones are still under the saints' care, and 12 of them came to the International Blending Conference from January 24 to 26. The local saints were greatly encouraged to see these new ones come to the conference and were thankful that many saints came from overseas to strengthen the gospel moves. There is a full-time serving couple here who came from Taiwan last year. They live in a house near a university campus, which has become a gathering place of the saints for shepherding the new ones. They have three empty rooms available for hospitality and they welcome burdened saints to come for short-term propagations.

There are also two young Chinese-speaking couples in Kampong Cham. They have been in that city for two years and can speak Khmer fluently. They teach in a university as a means to contact and preach the gospel to the students. Even though adjustment to an environment so far away from home is not easy,

they have remained steadfast for the Lord's interest in Cambodia. They feel that they are still young and lacking in life and truth and are hoping a more experienced family can come and coordinate with them for any period of time.

In Siem Reap, Brother Paul with his family of eight live in an iron-sheet house just big enough to hold three beds, and the saints meet in a shed right next to brother Paul's house. Brother Paul and a brother who graduated from the full-time training in Bangkok have sown themselves here to labor for the Lord. In the gospel move this time, 71 people got saved and baptized in Siem Reap (53 were brothers and 18 were sisters). Among the 71, close to 90% were young people, and 10% were young adults. These newly saved young ones were so simple and open. When asked why they came to the meetings, some said, "Because I love the Lord," some said, "Because the Lord is truth," some said, "Because God saved me and His blood cleansed all my sins," some said, "I love the Lord, and I love the brothers and sisters. I want to preach the gospel to my family," some said, "I believe in the true God of the universe," and still others said, "I like being with the saints." The saints here hope that in the near future the church in Siem Reap could build a meeting hall or a student center by the campus for the students to eat and live there.

On this trip the saints from Taiwan appreciated how simple and open the Cambodian people were. They had a strong feeling that the harvest was white. May the Lord work out everything in the environment for His need to be met and send workers to labor here either long-term or short-term. One can go by going, by giving, or by praying. May the Lord also stabilize the new ones and cause them to be remaining fruits for the spread of God's kingdom.

Testimony by a Sister from Taiwan

On the first night of our trip to Cambodia, we had some fellowship with the gospel team in Kampong Cham. We were surprised to learn from their fellowship the openness and simplicity of the local people, so much so that the saints could just walk straight into a house to preach the gospel without having to ring the doorbell. We were also told how much this newly established church needed the more experienced saints to come and shepherd the new ones. Through this fellowship many saints began to have a burden to pray more for the situation here in Cambodia. Some even consecrated themselves to come here to labor in a short-term way.



◆ Visiting the church in Siem Reap

On the next day, after four hours of car ride we arrived in Siem Reap, where the ancient city of Angkor Wat was, and visited the meeting hall of the church in Siem Reap. We enjoyed the refreshments prepared by the saints inside the simple and primitive shed and together we gave glory to God. We were moved to see how given the saints were for the Lord. We were also full of joy to see some newly saved students come to join us in this time and give fresh and living testimonies. The brothers told us that many students had never heard who the Lord Jesus was before the saints preached the gospel to them, but they were just so open. Many of them got saved the first time they heard the gospel, and 70 students got saved in one month. This is proof that language is not an issue. As long as we have the spirit of the gospel and go

out in coordination, the Lord will add to us those who are being saved.

On the third day we left for the International Blending Conference in Phnom Penh to be under the Lord's current speaking. On our way to Phnom Penh, the brothers and sisters used the 7 hours on the bus to preach the gospel to the tour guide of Chinese descent. We sang hymn after hymn and he eventually opened up to the Lord and got saved and baptized. Hallelujah!

Such a blending trip truly enlarged our view and caused us to care more for the Lord's move to Asia and be willing to offer up our time and our prayer to go forth with the great wheel of the Lord's move.

Fellowship on Turkey

The church in Istanbul

There is currently one local church in Turkey, which is in Istanbul, and the number of saints there is 15. We are continuing to translate the ministry books into Turkish. Under the Lord's sovereignty and the bountiful supply of His resurrection life, the translation of the Rhema books has been completed and the books have been printed despite the enemy's repeated attacks and frustrations. The messages contained in the books will surely be like the seed of life sown into the open hearts. Please pray for all the practical matters related to the distribution of these books as we hope to begin distributing them as soon as possible.

We brought our kids to London for the Winter School of Truth toward the end of last year. They enthusiastically joined the meetings and the activities, and had a good time of blending with the saints. Both continued to be very positive in attending and functioning in the meetings after they came back to Istanbul. When asked where they would want to join the Full-time Training upon graduation from college, they said they hoped there would be a full-time training in Istanbul by that time because they wanted to stay here for the training. May the Lord honor their heart's desire and continue to strengthen His move here.

Recently we came into contact with a Brother Liu who has been laboring in one of the universities here. Brother Liu entered the church life in the United States three years ago. He brought a local student to our house for a meal with us, and coincidentally, a family from the church in London were also here for a visit. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with one another. We also visited the mother of a Turkish sister, and she was very open to us. She has also had some experiences of the Lord. May the Lord gain this whole family.

As we recalled the Lord's work in Istanbul last year, we saw that He moved us from the European section of town with more foreigners to an Asian section with more locals (Istanbul is a transcontinental city). He also brought over quite a number of overseas saints to work or study here, which strengthened our

church life here. In this year, we trust that the Lord will gain more solid fruits among the Turks through the publication and distribution of the Turkish literatures.

Propagation in Izmir

We recently began propagating in the city of Izmir, and there are two of us families currently laboring here. We are still attending intensified Turkish language courses. One person got baptized at the end of last year, and there are now 8 saints in Izmir. We also had a one-week gospel preaching in Ankara.

Our earnest prayer is that our Turkish contacts will not just be friends with us. May the Lord operate in them to make them open to the gospel. We also pray that the Lord would prepare some translators and publishers to help us in the literature work for our propagation this year. Many of our Chinese-speaking friends have received the Lord one after another. Perhaps they could also influence their Turkish relatives to believe in the Lord.

Because of the weather changes, we are struggling to adjust to our schedules. Our bodies are weak and our spirits are somewhat depressed. May the Lord refresh us that we may be revived.

Prayer requests:

1. That the Lord would gain some local families to open the way for the Lord's recovery in Turkey.
2. That the political situation in this country would become more conducive for the gospel to go out.
3. That the translation and publication of the literatures will cause the truth to spread in this country.



◆ Baptism of a Turkish brother of Greek descent