

Nepal

Since the deadly earthquakes that hit Nepal between April and May, the whole country has been in an atmosphere of sorrow and fear. However, the saints in the church life have received much strengthening and encouragement through the petition of all the saints and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. They have peace in the Lord and have maintained their joy. Moreover, many saints received the commission to preach the gospel and became shining testimonies for the Lord.

Beginning from mid-August, 49 local saints and saints from India, FTTND trainees, and serving ones from Taiwan coordinated together for a gospel move here. These saints were divided into 5 teams and labored near the meeting hall of Kathmandu, near the training center in Kathmandu, Kirtipur, Bhaktapur, and Lalitpur (previously known as Patan).

We preached the gospel around Trubhuvan University (the best university in Nepal), its Pulchowk campus, and nearby areas. We targeted the young people on the streets and invited the open ones to nearby shops, where we shared with them the mystery of human life and led them to call on the Lord and pray. We also spoke to them the truth concerning baptism. Most Nepalese people were curious about foreigners and had respect for them, so usually they were willing to listen to us and would even pray with us. In a month we preached the gospel to about 1,100 people and over 600 of them gave us their contact information for follow-ups. Some young people received the Lord as soon as they heard the gospel, and some got saved after several home meetings with us.

All the saints labored in one accord for this move. A few brothers serving in the Gospel Book Room even went to work 2 hours early every day so that they could join us in the afternoon to preach the gospel. One day we were not able to go anywhere but could only stay near the training center due to a strike. To our



surprise over 25 gospel friends were invited to the training center that day and 11 of them got saved and baptized. We were greatly encouraged. Since then there were baptisms almost everyday. So far we have gained 50 new ones.

After the new ones got baptized, we continued to nourish them with materials for perfecting the new believers. We met with them in their homes and gathered them together for group meetings on Friday nights to get into the Gospel of John. Over two-thirds of the new believers are still under our shepherding. Through such a labor many brothers and sisters rose up to co-labor with us by

helping to translate, giving personal testimonies, going out to preach the gospel, and inviting relatives, friends and classmates to the meetings. Some also led their relatives to believe in the Lord.

So far we have established 3 regular group meetings and many truth-seeking gospel friends would come. Some new believers also came together on their own to sing hymns, pray, share their enjoyment with one another and supply one another. In the fourth week of our gospel move here, district meetings were established in Baneshwor near the training center as well as in Kirtipur, making it easy for the local new believers to enter into the church life and preach the gospel. In addition, a church was raised up in Bhaktapur in August with 10 saints regularly attending the meetings. Praise the Lord for shaking the hearts of the Nepalese people through the outward earthquakes. We can testify the harvest is ripe in Nepal and awaiting workers to reap the harvest.

Please continue to pray for us. There are still frequent protests and strikes as a new constitution is being drafted. They are especially long-lasting and severe outside of Kathmandu, resulting in a shortage of commodities. People's hearts are therefore troubled. Moreover, the saints from India and Taiwan cannot speak the local language, making it more difficult to shepherd the new believers. May the Lord raise up more local saints to cooperate with Him for His move by preaching the gospel and shepherding new ones.

Cambodia

Propagation Move

The Propagation Perfecting Training began officially in January of this year. After being trained for one month, the brothers and sisters were burning in spirit and went forth to Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Kampong Chhnang, and Battambang to preach the gospel. Then from mid-April to early May, 19 FTTHK trainees, 15 local trainees and some local serving ones coordinated together in the divine stream to propagate in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Srok Chhuk and Srok Boval.

During our time of propagation, the weather was hot and humid. For a period of 3 days and 3 nights there was no water or power in Siem Reap. That and the fact that the foreign trainees could not speak the local language made the propagation effort difficult. In spite of this, all of us prayed in one accord. With our spirits burning we overcame all the obstacles and spoke the

gospel with boldness. The Lord opened the door of the gospel for us and people's hearts were warmed toward the gospel. After two weeks of propagation, over 160 new ones got baptized, among whom were many young people with their whole families. Previously there was no Lord's Table in Srok Chhuk and Srok Boval, yet the Lord showered these two places with blessings and prepared many sons of peace. Some local brothers have been going there every weekend to shepherd the new ones. We trust that the Lord will soon raise up golden lampstands in these two places for a shining testimony.

Young People's Conference

The first young people's conference in Cambodia was held in Battambang from the end of April to early May; about 120 saints attended this conference with 65 of them being young people. Parents and serving ones coordinated together to lead the young people to study the truth and help prepare food, and they were greatly encouraged to see the young people exercise their spirits strongly. May the Lord gain these young people to be age turners!

Propagation Testimony by Sri Lanka Serving Ones

My husband and I came to Sri Lanka about 3 years ago and have experienced the Lord's bountiful supply and marvelous leading in many ways by contacting Him as the crucified and resurrected Christ. In the beginning we labored in a mountain city. The saints all had jobs and meetings were held at night. With no other means of transportation, my husband and I had to walk to the saints' homes in the mountains at night. And by the time we got home it was always very late already. The long walk in the dark often terrified me, but also forced me to turn back to my spirit to pray to and rely on the Lord. While outwardly it was dark and cold, we experienced "walking in the light" by joining ourselves to the Lord as our most intimate Companion. And as we learned to pray for the new ones and present them before the Lord in prayer, we experienced that the Lord was truly the good Shepherd. We were full of joy when we saw new ones grow in life and function in the meetings by prophesying. We just planted and watered, and God caused the growth. (Crystal)

I thank the Lord for this glorious opportunity to propagate here and be a fellow partaker of the tribulation of Jesus for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. More than 3 years ago another couple and we were sent to a new city with no saints. The brothers commissioned us to raise up a church in 4 months and spend another 2 months shepherding and establishing new believers. After that we would be sent elsewhere. Upon receiving such a charge, we quickly settled into our new place and prayed together on our knees every morning for this city. After our prayer in the morning we would read the ministry and practiced PSRP. Then in the afternoon we would go out to knock on doors. After we came back at night we would pray for and fellowship over the ones that we contacted that day.

Even after two months of laboring in such a way, we were unable to lead one single person to salvation, and we became

discouraged and anxious. But thank the Lord! At the end of May of that year, a group of saints from Malaysia came to visit and invited us and our contacts for dinner. That night we brought all our gospel contacts over. A brother was full of burden and spoke the gospel of God's economy to them before dinner, and that night 12 gospel friends, including 3 complete households, got saved and baptized. More new ones got saved after this group of saints left. We thank the Lord that through blending in the Body He gained homes for His testimony here. (Tom)

It was the Lord's mercy that we had the opportunity to live with several different couples to practice corporate God-man living and to coordinate with them. When we first lived with a middle-aged couple, I just could not get used to their diet. One time it was my turn to cook, and I struggled over whether to cook according to my taste or to theirs. At that time a word came to me, "but Christ is all and in all." (Col. 3:11) Food should not separate us; what mattered was a new creation. After this experience I was fully released from the matter of food and I began to enjoy eating everything regardless of the way it was prepared. At another time we lived with a local family. They were not that conscious of time, but we didn't know how to fellowship with them since they were about the same age as our parents. But through prayer and fellowship with them, we were able to lay down a schedule for daily God-man living practices, which we printed out and put on the wall in the living room as a reminder to us all. During the time we lived together, we practiced corporate morning revival, morning revival with new ones, corporate prayer, gospel preaching and shepherding according to the schedule by the grace of God. Not long ago this couple called us and told us that some dormant saints had been recovered back to the church life as they continued steadfastly in prayer and shepherding. How we rejoice and thank the Lord! (Jan)