

Laos

National Blending Conference

From June 11 to 12, the second National Blending Conference in Laos was held in the capital city of Vientiane. Saints gathered to enjoy the Lord's rich speaking and the blending and fellowship of the churches.

Fifty-four saints, mainly from the churches in Vang Vieng, Pakse, and the Vientiane Prefecture (consisting of 9 districts), came for this truth perfecting conference, the burden of which was to lead the saints to know the truth and be constituted with the truth. Three brothers from Thailand coordinated with the local brothers to give the messages and supplied life to the saints in their speaking.

On the evening of June 11 was the first message: "God's Complete Salvation—the Judicial Redemption and the Organic Salvation," which emphasized the 8 aspects of God's organic salvation. In the morning of June 12 were two messages: "The Lord's Recovery and the Ground of the Church" presented the ground of the church and the truth concerning the local churches; the other message was "The Body of Christ versus Religion".

The brothers and sisters were enlightened by the word of the truth and responded positively to the messages. Many saints were touched and shared spontaneously their enjoyment of the messages and personal experiences. They also testified how they saw the church, the ground of the church, the Body of Christ, and how they stood firm for what they saw. With joyful spirits the saints also broke bread together to remember the Lord, testifying of the oneness of the Body of Christ.

There was another meeting in the afternoon. It began with 5 brothers giving testimonies of how the churches in their localities were raised up and how eager the saints were to pursue the Lord. The saints were filled with praise to the Lord upon hearing the reports. Then the saints were divided into groups to get into the word of the ministry, to pray, to share and to testify one by one.



At the end of the meeting the brothers gave a word about the Middle-age Training and children's meetings to encourage the saints to consecrate themselves for the training, to pay attention to children's work, and to learn to conduct children's meetings.

Praise the Lord for His care for the churches in Laos. As the heavenly High Priest, He has been caring for and shepherding the churches here. May the Lord continue to strengthen His work in Laos that the golden lampstands will shine more brightly as strong testimonies for the Lord.

Blending and Training in Thailand

From April 29 to May 3, 10 saints from Laos went to Thailand for a Serving Ones' Perfecting Training. Seven out of the ten saints, including 5 brothers and 2 sisters, were native Laos. We visited the Middle-age Training Center and the Full-time Training Center in Bangkok, and blended with the trainees and local saints, enjoying the church life there.

The 7 local Lao saints that came for this training all met in different Christian free groups prior to coming into the Lord's recovery. Once they read books by Brother Nee and Brother Lee and saw the ground of the church, they began to meet on the ground of oneness. At this training, by getting into the messages of this year's Spring International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones, they became even more appreciative of the ministry. They were touched that the service of the church must not be service of wood, grass, and stubble, but should be service of gold, silver, and precious stones, which is also service in the Body.

A brother from Mern City testified: I began to meet in a Catholic Church in 1996 and pastored many churches in northern Laos. By the Lord's mercy, I got to read Brother Nee's books in 2004 and were deeply touched by his messages on the Body of Christ. So I left the Catholic Church along with my family and many saints and began to follow what Brother Nee taught. The testimony of the Body of Christ quickly spread throughout Laos, and soon in all the provinces in Laos there were brothers and sisters taking this way. Unfortunately, a leading brother later became ambitious and wanted to be uplifted, and eventually left this way in 2006. Many brothers and sisters got affected as a result.

We were clueless about the other Christians in the Lord's recovery at that time. What's worse was that the church we were in and the government collaborated together to persecute us. Notices were sent out throughout the country that a few brothers were false teachers. Many saints got imprisoned and the others were scattered eventually. But I was confident that the Lord would



eventually bring me back to the fellowship of the Body of Christ. So for years I just read the Bible, prayed, and preached “Twelve Baskets Full” by Brother Nee on my own. One of my sons also received light from Brother Nee’s message on the consciousness of the Body of Christ, and set his mind on not going to the cathedrals. Instead, he read the Bible and prayed at home with his family for close to 10 years.

In June of last year, this son of mine purchased a smart phone. His wife found out she could go online with this phone, and googled “the Body of Christ”. She was directed by Google to videos of the meetings in Thailand. This is how we got a hold of the saints and began to share in the fellowship of the Body of Christ. Currently both my son and his wife are attending the Full-time Training in Bangkok. This truly testifies to the sovereign arrangement of the Lord.

Since we got to know the saints, I have been receiving ministry books sent to us from other localities. I love reading them, especially the Life-study messages of Genesis. I would read them into midnight, and get up at 4am to continue reading. The words in them are so precious to me. I finally found this way after searching for more than a decade.

We plan to open our home in the near future and begin breaking bread in Mern City. Once we establish a solid testimony here, we will bring the saints to Xieng Khuang and Luang Prabang to spread the Lord’s testimony there. May the Lord bless the testimony and propagation here in Mern, and we would like to ask the saints to pray for us.

The Church in Paksong

Paksong is located in Champasak province and fifty kilometers away from Pakse. We contacted a group of Christians there about 2 years ago. At that time they had separated from denominations and were meeting in the homes. They were very open to us and were eager to know the truth.

Last year, the leading brother in Paksong sent his youngest son to attend the Full-time Training in Bangkok. Through the continual contact and shepherding, the eyes of the saints’ hearts were gradually open. Now they enjoy very much the supply of this New Testament ministry. Furthermore, the leading brothers were enlightened to see the truth concerning the church and the ground of oneness; they also desired to stand on this ground of oneness according to the divine revelation to be the testimony of Jesus in Paksong. After much fellowship, the brothers decided to hold a conference there on June 19 and declared the establishing of the church in Paksong.



Prayer Items

1. Pray that the Lord would strengthen the churches in Laos and that the saints would know the church, see the truth concerning the Body of Christ, and stand firmly as the Lord's testimony in each locality.
2. Pray for the newly established church in Paksong and for the establishing of the church in Mern on September 11.

Myanmar—Young People's Perfecting Training in Mandalay

From May 12 – 15, the churches in Mandalay Province held the first ever Young People’s Perfecting Training in Lashio, a highly important city in Northern Myanmar. About 50 young people came from 6 nearby churches. The general subject of the perfecting training was “The Four Great Pillars in the Lord’s Recovery—Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel”. The saints were helped to see what the Lord’s recovery was and to know the church with the church life practices. Some attendees had just come out of the denominations and were deeply appreciative of such word of the truth.

We learned new hymns every day of the training, which fanned our spirits into flame. We also enjoyed the Lord’s tender and sweet love in our singing. Six young people were touched by the Lord and got baptized with much joy on the last day of the training, being transferred into the kingdom of God. May the Lord continue to draw young people to Himself and cause them to consecrate themselves willingly to become channels for the Lord’s move in Myanmar. May they become the age-turning ones to bring the Lord back.