

The Gospel Move in Sri Lanka

In January of 2017, saints from the Full-time Training in Taipei came to Sri Lanka and coordinated with the saints from other localities for the gospel propagation. We can testify that this was the move of the Body. In the Body, we transcended over the constraints of diet, culture and language and experienced God mingling us into one burden and move.

Vavuniya

There were no saints in the recovery in Vavuniya before we propagated there. Through our going out, a woman of Hindu background was moved to tears when she heard us sharing the word of the Lord. We also found a brother who, being disillusioned with the various groups, chose to stay home and devoutly read the Bible on his own. Many Christian households who hungered for the truth opened to us and even invited us to visit them weekly. We also held gospel meetings and focused on the matter of calling on the name of the Lord, enjoining saints and gospel friends who were open to the Lord to practice calling, thus ushering them into fresh and subjective experiences of the Lord. A sister practiced calling on the Lord's name unceasingly all the way to school and was filled with the presence of the Lord. A brother called on the Lord's name on his way to work in the early hours and was thus revived and sensed the Lord was near. A family practiced calling on the Lord's name corporately before their evening prayer time every night and enjoyed the Lord's riches.

On January 29, the church in Vavuniya was officially established. Seventy-one people came on that day, including 31 local saints and gospel friends. The brothers gave a clear word of the truth concerning the church before the saints broke bread to remember the Lord. Afterwards, saints from other localities gave their testimonies on the sweet and satisfying church life in the Lord's recovery.

In the home meetings that followed, the local saints shared their feelings: "I am determined to take this way and will never go back to my former groups anymore. I will stay here for good."

"I used to be an individual Christian. But in the last Lord's Day meeting, I saw the Body of Christ and realized that I am a

member of Christ's Body." Praise the Lord! The propagation this time gave us the realization that the God-ordained Way is the way we must take; this is a way full of blessing and rest. However, this blessing can be obtained only by our diligence, and this rest can be enjoyed only in our labor.

Moratuwa

Moratuwa is located 18 kilometers south of the capital city of Colombo with a population of about 185,000; it is the third most populous city in the country. The University of Moratuwa is the top ranking technological university in Sri Lanka with 8,700 students. The goal of our propagation was to gain local students as useful vessels for the Lord and solid homes around the campus for the establishing of the church.



A seeking couple heard about calling on the name of the Lord and started to practice it in a very releasing way, thereby touching the reality of the Spirit. Then we sang hymns with them. While the brother never knew about pray-reading, he spontaneously picked up the hymnal and read the lyrics with much relish.

Whenever he was touched by some words, he would just repeat them. We were all refreshed by his fresh spirit and brought to remembrance of our first and sweetest love toward the Lord. To date, this couple has come out of their former group and is stable in the church life. Another former Buddhist used to appear troubled and shrouded under dark clouds. But since her baptism, her whole being was released. Her constant smile is now a testimony to her joy of salvation.

We learned many precious lessons in this propagation. While every family had its own situation, they all had the same need—



the true and living God. Every day we exercised to live in our spirit, so that the humanity of Jesus might be expressed through us earthen vessels for others to be attracted and to turn to the Lord. Many homes opened to us; six students are now under our regular care. May the Lord make them the useful vessels to turn the age.

Jaffna

In the first week of our propagation, we prayed desperately for the Lord to open the campuses continually. Then in the afternoons, we continued steadfastly in seeking sons of peace nearby campuses. On the weekend, we invited open new ones to come for a meeting. In that meeting, we first sang hymns on the meaning of human life, and then shared briefly about the mystery of human life. At the end we all exercised to call on the name of the Lord and encouraged the new ones to join us. Every one testified that they felt joyful, released, and at peace after calling on the name of the Lord. After the meeting, two college students were baptized into the kingdom of God. The Lord also gained some brothers and sisters who were burdened for the campuses. They went out with us daily to preach the gospel, shepherd new ones, invite classmates and seeking ones to attend the young people's meetings and the Lord's Table meeting, and pay the price to have morning revival with new ones in the dorms in coordination with the serving ones.

In the community propagation, through daily door knocking and visitation, we gained four to six homes with whom we could continue to have home meetings in the future. These homes were simple and open to the Lord. They not only asked us to get into ministry materials for new believer with them, but also actively invited us over for love feasts. Through this experience, we



learned that coordination was indeed the secret to blessing. Regardless of being old or young, all the saints functioned to preach the gospel, nourish the new ones, perfect the saints, and prophesy for the building up of the Body of Christ in a living and active way. This kind of propagation was truly valuable, for the Lord made each one a living and functioning member of the Body of the Christ.

Prayer Items

1. Pray for the saints, new ones (homes) to have regular home meetings and stand firm for the testimony of the Lord.
2. Pray for the newly baptized students to become remaining fruit and for the students' corporate living to be established.
3. Pray for the saints to practice the God-ordained way and for the saints in nearby churches to coordinate to visit and feed the new ones weekly.

The Establishing of the Church in Lalitpur, Nepal

Through the blessing of the Head and the labor, intercession and support of the Body, on March 21 the fifth church in Nepal was established in the country's 3rd largest city, Lalitpur.

Since March 2016, when several FTT trainees from different places came to Lalitpur to coordinate with the local serving ones in propagation, quite a number of young people have been wrested from the strong bondage of Hinduism to be baptized into the Lord's name. A group of seeking Christians came into contact with us; they treasured the truths in the recovery and gladly fellowshipped with us. Following this, a few full-time serving families migrated to Lalitpur to continue the propagation and shepherding. To date, a local home has been raised up to host the small group meetings regularly. Furthermore, through the practice of corporate morning revival, three local homes established the habit of regular morning revival and actively exercise to prophesy in the meetings on Lord's Day. At present, 23 saints meet regularly on Lord's Day.

On March 31, saints from the other 4 churches in Nepal gathered in Lalitpur to testify of this glorious milestone and enjoy the sweet blending. Through the messages on "Returning to the

Orthodoxy of the Church," the saints were brought to see again the vision of the church, and were encouraged to build God's dwelling place according to His heart's desire. This was followed by a review of the history of propagation in Lalitpur and the official announcement of the establishing of the church in Lalitpur. At the Table Meeting, when the saints sang in one accord "There is one Body in this universe," the whole congregation was filled with glory. Then when we opened the floor for sharing and testimony, the local saints scrambled to testify how they were saved and how they treasured the sweet church life. The saints were filled with praise and thanksgiving to God. After the meeting, the saints from different localities enjoyed the love feast together. They enjoyed the meal, fellowshipped and shared their enjoyment with one another, and took photos as mementos. Everyone was full of joy.

We praise the Lord unceasingly for His blessings on this place! May the Lord continue to bless His testimony in Lalitpur that the church might be built up according to the vision given on the mountains to be His glorious expression! May the Lord also bless His move in Nepal for the increase and spread of His Body.