

## Myanmar—Current Situation and Recent Propagations

In the past twenty years, the Lord has been with the churches in Myanmar, leading and blessing the churches in many ways. To date, there are 54 churches, with over 3000 saints and 67 full-timers in Myanmar. By the mercy and grace of the Lord, today the Lord's recovery is rooted firmly in Myanmar and the church life is getting stronger and stronger in different localities in Myanmar.

### The Full-time Training in Yangon

Right now we are running the 23rd term of FTTY with 122 trainees (64 brothers and 58 sisters). The curriculum of FTTY is based on that of the Full-time Training in Hamilton, New Zealand (FTTH). Every semester one trainer from FTTH comes to teach at FTTY. Six training assistant brothers and four training assistant sisters stay at the training compound to accompany the trainees. Five trainers from Yangon also come to teach at FTTY according to the arrangement of classes.

By the Lord's blessing, the attendance of the training is increasing. To accommodate the growing number of trainees and trainers, the training center is currently undergoing renovation. We planned to build three buildings—brothers' dormitory, sisters' dormitory, and trainers' dormitory. The construction of the sisters' dormitory was just completed, in time for this term of training to be used by the 58 sisters. The foundation of the trainers' dormitory was laid, but then the construction had to be put on hold due to the lack of finances. The construction of the brothers' dormitory has not started.

### The Literature work

There are three translation groups focusing on three different areas: the Old Testament Recovery Version, the Life-Studies, and the HWMR with Ministry books. The first group is working on the Book of Second Chronicles. The second group is translating the Life-study of Genesis. Volume 1 was already printed, Volume 2 is in the process of being printed, and the translation of Volume 3 is still going on. The third group translates the HWMR and the ministry books. We follow closely the seven annual feasts and translate as many ministry books as we can in order to supply the churches with all the saints.

### The propagation work

Naypyidaw is the capital city of Myanmar. Some saints work there as



the government servants. Initially there was no meeting there, so two full-timers were sent there to shepherd the scattered saints, bringing them together to stand there as the church. They also contacted the local people and preached the gospel to them. Through them one family received the Lord, got baptized and entered the church life. Currently there are 15 saints in Naypyidaw, including four families and several single working saints. They enjoy the church life together for the building up of the Body of Christ.

We also hope to strengthen the testimony in Mawlamyine, which locates in southern Myanmar and is the fourth largest city in the country. In January, a full-time couple was sent to labor there. Right now two families (6 saints) are standing there as the testimony of Jesus.

### Trainings and Conferences

From April 12-16, the National Young People's Conference was held in Pyin Oo Lwin. About 400 young people gathered together and enjoyed the truth concerning "The Overcoming Life as Portrayed in Song of Songs". In the meetings the brothers and sisters were attracted by the love of the Lord and responded to Him. From the depth of their hearts, love toward the Lord flowed out through their hymn singing. The young people declared their consecration, "We want to be crazy lovers of the Lord and the overcomers to turn this age!" Thirty-four young people got baptized into the name of the Lord.



In the same month in Dawei city in southeastern Myanmar, a one-month Truth Training was held and 25 young people attended. From April 8-10, a three-day Truth Training was held in Panthanaw city. Eleven young people got baptized. From April 12-18, a one-week Truth



Training was held in Mogok city in the middle of Myanmar. About 150 seeking believers participated in the training. From May 18-20 was a three-day

fellowship for the middle-aged saints. All the saints enjoyed the fellowship and were greatly strengthened.

### Prayer Burdens

1. Pray for the FTTY trainees to be gained by the Lord for His move.
2. Pray for the translation of the Life-studies and the Old Testament Recovery Version.
3. Pray for the propagation in Naypyidaw and Mawlamyine.
4. Pray for the saints to be perfected through all kinds of conferences and trainings to participate in the building up and increase of the Body of Christ.

## The Young People's Training in Sri Lanka

The church in Colombo held a one-week Young People's Training from April 10-15. Thirty-seven young saints came from different parts of the country to attend the training. The general subject was 1 Peter 2:9, and the main burden of the training was on gospel preaching. The four main aspects of the training were: 1) We need to see the vision of service, i.e., we need to become servants, priests and functioning members of the Body to serve God; 2) in order to serve God, we need to know the true God, Christ, the Holy Spirit and the cross of Christ; 3) we need a living that is according to the principle of the tree of life and to be delivered from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to enjoy and flow out life; 4) We need to practice the God-ordained way, the first step being to go out and knock on doors to preach the gospel.

The entire training was full of the Lord's speaking and leading. On the first day of the training, we stirred up our spirit through prayer-reading, declaring the Bible verses and hymn singing. Everyone was filled in spirit and spoke for the Lord spontaneously. In this training, Q & A times, verse memorization, and testing by groups followed each message. The saints all redeemed their time and prepared well for the tests, thus allowing the Lord's word to dwell in them richly.

We also had two sessions of outdoor activities. We first went to an indoor sports field to play badminton and basketball. Afterwards, we went to a nearby park to sing hymns and play games. Everyone was full of joy and thoroughly refreshed. Through this, the saints from different parts of the country were blended into one.

We also finished reading the books of First Peter and Second Peter in this training, along with pray-reading the important verses. Following our reading and pray-reading, some brothers would give strengthening words. The saints enjoyed this kind of Bible-reading, realizing that God's Word indeed contained the divine life and thereby became supply to us, enabling us to live the Christian life under God's administration. We must give heed to the prophetic word made more firm until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.

Regarding our God-man living, the main burden and practices were: 1) to be revived every morning, and 2) to attend the young people's meeting every week. We encouraged each one to find

at least one companion and set a definite time every day to have morning revival together either in person or by phone. Before the training concluded, everyone came forward with their companion to declare their consecration before the Lord.

### Personal Testimonies

"I feel this training was not the same as before. I attended several young people's trainings in the past, but this time the brothers told me that I should consider this my first time. Every message was fresh to me."

"This was my first time attending this kind of training. What I enjoyed the most was pray-reading the Lord's word. I did not like it in the beginning; I felt it was just boring repetitions. But one time, through the help of the brothers I touched the Lord and felt the sweetness of His word."

"This was my first time. I was very touched by the atmosphere and sensed genuine brotherly love. All the brothers cared for me very much. I also felt ashamed because even though my father was a pastor, my living had not been well-pleasing to God. I felt the need to change. May the Lord gain me."

"I enjoyed door-knocking to preach the gospel. I had never preached the gospel prior to this experience; this was my first time. Thank the Lord! What a joy it is to be able to share the gospel with others!"

### Prayer Burdens:

1. Pray that every young person will practice morning revival with their companion steadfastly, and pray for their mutual encouragement.
2. Pray that the young people will learn to practice the God-ordained way in the churches to become living and functioning members of the Body.

