

Update on The Lord's Move to Asia

Asia is the largest continent of the seven continents of the world. It contains 60% of the world's population. Asia is diverse and complex, with the largest religions being Hinduism and Islam, followed by Buddhism. At present, the Christian population in Asia exceeds 300 million, roughly 7% of Asia's population. Through the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom, the Lord is ushering in the practical existence of the one new man all over Asia for His return to possess the earth.

As early as in 1966, Brother Witness Lee spoke about the need for some to bring the testimony of the Lord's recovery to various Asian countries. But until 1981, there was still no testimony of the Lord's recovery in 40 of the 48 Asian countries. From 1984 to 1986, Brother Lee repeatedly mentioned that he hoped some could go to East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia and the Arab countries to practice the new way to carry out the Lord's recovery.

In the 1980s, many seekers were raised up through the ministry publications. They stood on the ground of the church and were ushered into the fellowship of the Body of Christ. In the 1990s, saints in the recovery began to migrate and thus expanded the kingdom of God. Now the testimony of the Lord's recovery can be seen in 36 Asian countries.

Update on the Lord's Move in the Asian Countries

In recent years, many people have been saved and baptized through the labor and coordination between the local saints and overseas saints, and many seeking Christians entered into the church life, which brought in the increase of the church. On the one hand, the churches are vigorous in shepherding and perfecting in terms of leading the saints to pursue the truth. On the other hand, they put emphasis on establishing the God-man living and practicing the God-ordained way with the view

Southeast Asia: Vietnam: 48 churches with 3000 saints; Laos: 4 churches with 300 saints; Cambodia: 15 churches with 350 saints; Myanmar: 57 churches with 3000 saints.

South Asia: India: 172 churches with 6100 saints; Sri Lanka: 14 churches with 500 saints; Nepal: 5 churches with 250 saints; Bangladesh: 138 churches with 10850 saints; Pakistan: 4 churches with 150 saints.

West Asia: Kuwait: 1 church with 23 saints; Saudi Arabia: 10 churches with 179 saints; Bahrain: 1 church with 35 saints; Qatar: 1 church with 88 saints; Oman: 1 church with 20 saints; the United Arab Emirates: 5 churches with 380 saints; Turkey: 1 church with 36 saints.



that everyone would function for the building up of the Body of Christ.

The one to two-year Full-time Trainings are held in several countries, including the Full-time Training in New Delhi, India, the Full-time Training in Yangon, Myanmar, and the Nazarite



Training in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, to perfect the young ones who have a heart to pursue the Lord to become useful vessels to the Lord.

To bring in more reality of the Body of Christ, both international and national blending conferences are held frequently in these Asian countries, such as the International Blending Conference in Bangkok every August, the Blending Conference of the Gulf Cooperation Council in December, and the College Training of Asia in July. The saints participate in the blendings and the riches of the Body of Christ flow into the churches.

The Constitution and Spread of the Divine Truth

For the constitution and spread of the divine truth, there is a desperate need for the Holy Bible Recovery Version and the Life-Study of the Bible to be translated into more Asian languages. Through the saints' labor and under the Lord's blessing, the Burmese New Testament Recovery Version has been published and the translation of the Burmese Old Testament Recovery Version was completed. The entire set of the Life-Study of the Bible in Vietnamese has been published. The Vietnamese New Testament Recovery Version will be published by the end of 2018. In addition, the translation of the Holy Bible Recovery Version and the Life-Study of the Bible into seven Indian languages, Lao, Nepalese, Sinhalese and Khmer is still in progress.

The churches also help the saints enter into the ministry through the Internet. In 2013, a website containing Vietnamese ministry publications went online. In 2014, the Android version of the Burmese New Testament Recovery Version and hymnal were released. Seven Rhema booklets have been translated into 15 Asian languages and are free for people to order or download.

Practicing the New Way to Build Up the Body of Christ

Brother Lee once said in "Messages in Preparation for the Spread of the Gospel" that "our going out is to practice the Lord's new way to raise up local churches from locality to



locality. However, the goal is to build up the Body of Christ."

The goal of propagation in every locality is not only to raise up the local churches, but also to perfect every saint to function, thus directly building up the Body of Christ. Therefore, we emphasize the perfecting in three aspects. First, to be constituted with the truth. Second, to live a corporate God-man living, to be revived daily through morning revival, and to be filled with the Spirit through prayer. Third, to shepherd according to God, to preach the gospel and visit seeking ones every week, to nourish and teach the saints, and to prophesy on the Lord's Day so as to be built together.

During the last three years, the churches in India encouraged every saint to preach the gospel and as a result have had a significant breakthrough in the gospel to the Hindus. The number of people baptized in the last two years totaled over 1000, over 85% of which were from Hindu and Islamic backgrounds.

The church in Mannar, Sri Lanka was established in 2015. The saints used "Topics for New Believers" and "Life Lessons" as materials for home meetings and were made able to speak the truth. They not only preached the gospel from house to house, but also traveled by auto rickshaw for five hours every week to share the gospel in the city of Vavuniya, eventually raising up the church in Vavuniya.

Praise the Lord! In Asia, the Earth's largest and most populous continent, He has gained many lovers to work with Him. However, the testimony of the Lord's recovery is still absent in 12 Asian countries. May the Lord raise us up to pray in His praying, to give in His giving, and to go in His going. May every one of us function and practice the God-ordained way, build up the Body of Christ, usher in the practical existence of the one new man to bring the Lord back.

Prayer Item

Pray for the 12 countries in Asia in which the testimony of the Lord's recovery is still absent to open up: Afghanistan, Bhutan, East Timor, Maldives, North Korea, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Iraq, Palestine, Syria and Yemen.