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In 1987, a young free evangelist preached the gospel in Hwe Yong Village nearby Tachileik on the border with Thailand. Quite a number of villagers turned to Christ. In order to take care of the new believers, this evangelist decided to establish a church there. As he considered naming the church, he received two books by the Lord's sovereign arrangement. One was a booklet called "The Ground of the Church" by Brother Witness Lee, and the other was "The Normal Christian Church Life" by Brother Watchman Nee. He was helped by these two books to see the local ground of the church. In that same year the church in Hwe Yong was established. It was the first local church in Myanmar. In 1995, Myanmar Gospel Book Room was established. The serving saints labored strenuously to translate the riches of the truth into Burmese that the interpreted truth might spread to the whole country. Mainly through the literature work, many people have been brought into the church life, and the Lord raised up many local churches in Myanmar. Currently there are 62 churches with around 3000 saints in Myanmar. At present the saints serving on translation are working on translating the Life-studies, the Holy Word for Morning Revival, and other ministry books.

Translation and Distribution of the Burmese Holy Bible Recovery Version

The translation of the Burmese New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes began in 1991 and was completed in 2004. It was printed in 2007. In 2009, the electronic version of the New Testament Recovery Version was made available. Following this, the translation of the Old Testament commenced and was completed at the end of 2017. The electronic version of the complete Bible in Burmese is currently under construction and is expected to be finished before the end of 2019.



Sometime in 2018, we received an invitation from the Myanmar Bible Society to participate in the Second Forum of Bible Agencies on November 16, in which we would introduce the Burmese Holy Bible Recovery Version as a study Bible. Thus, on September 18, we placed our order with the printer. On November 12, we received the first printed copy of the Burmese Holy Bible Recovery Version, just in time for the release at the conference on the 16th. On November 29, eight hundred copies of the Bible were delivered. On December 5, a special conference on the publication of the Burmese Holy Bible Recovery Version was held, with 17 saints from New Zealand, 11 saints from Korea, and more than 600 local saints participating. The Secretary General of the Myanmar Bible Society also came to the meeting and gave a consecration prayer for the Burmese Holy Bible Recovery Version. From December 6-8, we distributed in several places study Bible booklets covering Genesis 1 and Matthew 1. We also distributed the Mystery of Human Life gospel tracts. A total of 10,000 gospel tracts and 1,600 booklets were given out, and we collected hundreds of names for future contact.



How we praise the Lord for all that He has done for us. Two hundred years ago the foreign missionaries labored much so that the people in Myanmar could read the word of God in Burmese. Today the saints have entered a new era; they not only have an open Bible but also an interpreted Bible. The Scriptures in their hand are no longer the translation from two hundred years ago, but the Recovery Version of the Bible with up-to-date divine



revelation. The Lord truly blessed us with His words. Up to now we have received more than 3000 printed copies of the Bible. We believe this Bible is not only for the saints in the local churches, but also for the 135 tribes with 53 million people in Myanmar. Through this interpreted Bible, may the Lord gain many seeking ones, especially the young people, to have a part in His recovery and His testimony in Myanmar.



Testimony of Migration to and Propagation in Cambodia

My wife and I joined the graduation meeting of the Full-time Training in Taipei in 2015. When the full-time trainees one by one testified of their short-term propagation overseas, my wife and I were deeply moved. After the trainees' testimony, the brothers onstage called for saints who had the heart for overseas propagation to stand up and pray together. My wife and I both responded and prayed in tears: "Lord, lead our family. If there is the opportunity, we are willing to go. Use us to meet Your needs ..."

Beyond our expectation, the Lord began to move secretly in our environment. First, my wife's work came to an end, and my in-laws encouraged us to explore business opportunities in Cambodia. My wife took her first trip to Cambodia reluctantly; but on that trip, she was thoroughly attracted to Cambodia, seeing how the local saints loved and pursued the Lord. Then my work situation also changed, which required me to travel more frequently to the point that it affected my church life. I remember one time when I was on a business trip to South Africa, my wife called me on the phone and fellowshipped with me regarding the situation in Cambodia. She hoped that I would also consider before the Lord and see if we might go together to Phnom Penh during our next holiday to visit the saints there and to fellowship with the serving ones. "O the joy of having nothing, being nothing, seeing nothing but...His interests here on earth." As I walked along the seashore of Cape Town, I began to sing this hymn. I was deeply touched, and at that point I knew the Lord was calling us.

I first came to Phnom Penh in October 2015 and had similar experiences as my wife. I was attracted by the local saints. I fellowshipped with the serving brothers regarding the possibility of migrating to Phnom Penh. In our short three-day stay, I strongly

felt that the Lord was moving in this place and would continue to move. Upon our return to Taipei, my wife and I began to pray desperately regarding migration. We also asked the saints to pray for us. Then it dawned on us that this was the Lord's answer to our consecration at the FTTT graduation meeting. He arranged all things by His mighty hand.

In December 2015, we returned to Phnom Penh to make arrangements for our move. But we found out that the brothers and sisters from Taiwan who had been serving here would soon be leaving. Our faith was immediately shaken, and we wondered whether we were being too optimistic. Was it just our self that wanted to start a business and live here? We felt to retreat. At this juncture, the Lord gave us a hymn: "A higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground." This hymn solidified us to trust in the Lord's leading as our living map.

After we moved overseas, I gained a deeper realization regarding coordination and the church life. When we felt that the church life was not as what we were used to, it made us more determined to live to the Lord and to keep ourselves in the church life. We particularly enjoyed the prayer meeting where the saints came together to pray for the churches in Cambodia, for the literature and translation work, and for the work and living situation of the saints. We realized that when we were willing to let go of what we felt was the "right" church life formalities, and just held to the Lord, be connected with the brothers and sisters, and cared mutually for one another, there was the genuine building among us.

May there be more brothers and sisters who will follow the Lord outside of their comfort zone. The need throughout the earth is great; the Lord needs more of us to give ourselves for His move. (Brother Y)