

Five Week Gospel Move in India

From April to the beginning of May, there was a five-week gospel move in three different cities in India. Trainees from different places coordinated with the local saints in one accord for the spread of the Lord's testimony.

Gurgaon, Haryana

Gurgaon is situated near New Delhi and is where the full-time training center in India is located. The goal of this gospel move was to baptize 30 new ones and gain 10 solid families who would open their homes so as to soon raise up a new district. The gospel move was carried out through door knocking, gospel preaching in areas near metro stations, and visiting warm doors of existing gospel friends. The gospel of the kingdom was thus preached to over 1000 households through door knocking and several hundreds of individuals through the street gospel.

Those who participated in this gospel move testified that they were the first ones to be saved. Corporate living and practical coordination exposed how different they were in their natural constitution and how impossible it was to coordinate with one another. When they found themselves unable to have a solid breakthrough in getting people saved and baptized, the teams were forced to take up the cross, exercise to see only Christ in their companions, and cry out to the Lord, even with fasting. That brought in a turning point. The coordination started getting sweeter, and the Lord began pouring out His blessings. At the end twenty-five people got baptized and 10 families became open for home meetings.

The teams witnessed people who were once ardent idol worshippers calling on the Lord Jesus and being baptized. One such sister after baptism testified how she called on the name of the Lord Jesus, got delivered from her troubling thoughts, and could sleep peacefully. Another sister, right after her baptism, shared the gospel to her colleague and brought him to the gospel meeting. Through such an extended period of gospel move, the gospel gradually



became a part of the saints' daily living. In one family, the husband started sharing the gospel to his colleague in his work place, his wife and son went out to preach the gospel on the street, and the other son shared the gospel to the driver while taking the cab and got him saved.

Because of the proximity to New Delhi, Gurgaon enjoyed an additional benefit of some co-workers taking turns to visit, participating in the gospel move and strengthening the teams. Some coworkers also brought along the younger ones under their care, which was a sweet testimony to the local saints and new ones that this was the Lord's move in the Body. Materials primarily used were

"The Mystery of Human Life" tract, "Shepherding Materials", and the Recovery Version of the New Testament. Matthew 1:17 footnote 4, in particular, was a rich enjoyment and supply to many new ones this time.

Prayer requests: Please pray that the Lord would strengthen and raise up the local saints to shepherd all these new ones to make them remaining fruits and to perfect them to become pillars for His testimony here.

Kolkata, West Bengal

Kolkata was once the capital city of India and is still one of the most important cities in India today. Yet until now there is no testimony of Jesus. The saints that joined the gospel move came together every morning to enjoy the Lord and went out twice a day to contact people through door-knocking and preaching on the streets.

During the gospel move we were able to invite the open Rhema contacts to have further fellowship. We also visited them at home. Through our individual contact with them we were able to identify three families who were very open to the ministry. Through our coordination with the Lord and through the supply of the Body we brought 12 people to salvation. Among these baptized ones two complete households were gained. There are seven other families who are open to the ministry and also for further visiting. We will continue to contact these families that they may be gained by the Lord for His testimony in Kolkata. May the Lord open the way for these open contacts to receive further shepherding.



Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Dehradun, the capital of Uttarakhand, is located in the northern part of India and on the foothills of Himalayas. In this gospel move the saints experienced the move of the Spirit sanctifying and preparing the new ones to get saved. A total of 15 new ones got baptized. Another 17 open families were contacted and are being taken care of through home meetings. The burden for this gospel move was not only preaching the gospel to gain new ones but also gathering them together for the group meetings and Lord's Day meetings. The Lord honored such burden and these families have been joining the group meeting on Saturday regularly.

During the gospel move we met a family who received the gospel. First we met only the wife and had a few home meetings with her. Initially we felt this family was not very open, so we stopped visiting them. One day during our prayer and fellowship, one of the trainees received a burden to revisit this family. When we visited that time her husband was also there. As we were sharing on calling on the name of the Lord, he was very touched. He began to call on the Lord again and again without stopping. He testified that as he called he experienced peace filling his heart. On the very next day he came to the group meeting. He was calling on the Lord and singing with us even on the way to the meeting. On the same day he got baptized. Thank the Lord that this family is now full of the enjoyment of the

Lord.

For follow-ups, every weekend some trainees and serving ones from New Delhi still visit Dehradun for the shepherding of the newly saved ones and open families. May the Lord raise up His testimony here in the near future.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the raising up and perfecting of brothers to bear responsibility in the church.
2. Pray for the further shepherding and perfecting of the open families in the group meetings.
3. Pray for the raising up of the lampstand in Dehradun this year.



Perfecting Conference on Shepherding in Laos

In the past year, the local saints brought 36 people to salvation, most of whom were relatives, friends, neighbors and roommates of the saints. While the saints were able to lead people to believe in the Lord and be baptized, the actual number of people that entered into the church life was low. After much prayer and discussion, we discovered that the spiritual foundation of the saints needed further strengthening that the saints might be able to feed the newly saved ones in an adequate way. Thus, a two-day Perfecting Conference on Shepherding was held in the capital Vientiane on May 25 and 26.

The content of the conference included fellowships on God's economy, on knowing the church, and on opening the homes to shepherd the new ones. About 50 to 60 saints from the churches in Vientiane, Vang Vieng, and Pakse attended the conference. In these two days, during lunch time the saints had love feasts together, allowing opportunities for much fellowship and blending. On the first night, the main coordinating brothers from each locality came together for blending and fellowship. Through the messages, the saints were helped to see that all the practices in the church are for the accomplishment of God's New Testament economy, i.e., for the Triune God to work Himself into His children to constitute the Body of Christ until the Lord returns. In order for the church to become the bride of Christ for His satisfaction and the Body of Christ for His expression, proper practices are necessary. For this we need to see the two aspects of the church: the universal aspect and the local aspect. We need to practice begetting, nourishing, teaching and building up in the local churches to practically build up the Body of Christ universally.

In our practices, we need to pay primary attention to two matters,

First is begetting, which is every one preaching the gospel and gaining people. Second is nourishing, which is every home opening for home meetings to feed the saints. In order for us to live a life of shepherding and gaining people, we must first establish an overcoming spiritual living of having personal and corporate morning revival daily. In all six messages given in these two days, the brothers repeatedly reminded us of the importance of morning revival. Whether personal or corporate, what is important is to continue steadfastly in it. Then there will be spontaneous daily supply for us to live an overcoming life manifested in our home and workplace. To help the saints get into the practice of shepherding, sixteen lessons on the high gospel were translated into Laotian for use in the home meetings.

After this two-day perfecting, many saints expressed willingness to practice personal morning revival. We pray that this year the saints will universally establish a life of personal and corporate morning revival and willingly open their homes to care for the new ones, so that the burden of bringing the saints into the truth and bringing the church into the homes may be realized.

Announcements

1. 2019 Fall LMA conference will be held in Tokyo, Japan from 10/23 to 10/25. The announcement can be downloaded at: <https://reurl.cc/Yroj0>
2. 2019 UAE International Blending Conference will be held in Dubai from 11/29 to 11/30. The announcement can be downloaded at: <https://reurl.cc/pjRmQ>