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Report on Sri Lanka

The churches in Sri Lanka coordinated together in March for an intensive 2-week propagation in Gampaha. During this time 2 families were gained. With continued prayers and visitations, they were brought into the fellowship of the Body of Christ and joined a Lord's Day meeting in Colombo in April. We hope a church would be raised up in Gampaha by the end of next year.

In April we had the first National Blending Conference in Kandy on the first 6 lessons of "Nourishment for New Believers". Close to 90 saints attended the conference and 90% of them were young people. With the intensive propagation at Jaffna University over the past few months, a total of 16 brothers and sisters, much more than the previous years, came from Jaffna for this conference. We invited a brother from India, who could speak both English and Tamil fluently, to come and give the messages that the Tamil-speaking saints could also receive the supply. During the conference the serving brothers and sisters in the churches were also given the time to fellowship over the conference messages to receive practical help on perfecting and ministering to the saints in the church life. Such fellowship was a help to all the serving ones. After the conference, some brothers went to visit the saints in Batticaloa and Jaffna to fellowship with them regarding the God-ordained way, the multiplication and the increase, the strengthening of the testimony in the capital city, and the burden for the one new man.

On May 1-3, four brothers from Sri Lanka attended the Lord's Move to Asia conference held in New Delhi, India. It was stressed in the meetings that the propagation of the Lord's recovery across different countries is not a movement, but a spread issuing from the inward recovery by life for the holy building of God unto the building up of the Body of Christ. We were greatly helped by such fellowship. Following that there was a two-day National Serving Ones' Perfecting Training in Colombo. A total of 32 serving ones registered and attended. Some brothers from Taiwan came to coordinate with us for this conference. Two brothers serving with

Rhema also fellowshipped with us regarding the printing and distribution of the seven Rhema books in Sinhalese. All the serving saints in the churches received much help and strengthening both in their vision and the practice of the church life.

Then in June there was a one-month intensified propagation in Nuwara Eliya. The propagation was carried out in 4 stages with the goal to gain 5 new and solid families. Initially there was only 1 family there. Through the faithful labor of some brothers and sisters, by the time we went for the propagation, there were 20 families that were open for visitation. The local saints supported the propagation wholeheartedly and coordinated with us in translation and food preparation. All the saints stayed together during the time of propagation, exercising to live a corporate God-man living with prayer and coordination in one accord for a sweet testimony to the people in Nuwara Eliya. We came into contact with people of Christian, Buddhist, Catholic and Hindu backgrounds and helped them know and enjoy the reality and riches of calling on the Lord by speaking the truth and sharing our experiences with them. In the first week of our propagation 5 people got saved and baptized. We long to continue to labor and strive according to the power which operates in us that we would present every man full-grown in Christ. May the Lord bless the propagation in this city.

Laos

The church in Pakse, Laos, will take the ground officially on 8/24. Pakse is the economic, educational, traffic and tourist hub in southern Laos and is bordered by Thailand to the west, Vietnam to the east, and Cambodia to the south with connecting highways. It has also been the center of our propagation for the past few months.

The propagation here began 3 years ago when some full-timers came for a short-term gospel move. They gained two families and a few university students, who became the seeds of the church life here. After much prayer for and laboring on the new ones by the local saints, beginning from last year saints began to come from Taiwan and Thailand to coordinate with the local saints for the propagation in Pakse. The one accord of all the saints brought in the Lord's blessing. Since gospel activities are prohibited, we sought the Lord's leading in prayer and learned of the Lord to first be sinners' friends by visiting our neighbors one by one. Then we would declare to them the God who came to be sinner's Savior. Nearly all the gospel contacts that we visited were open to us. Currently there are 7 homes and 30 brothers and sisters under our care.

During our time of propagation, we would name the gospel friends one by one in our prayer. Then we would invite them over for a meal and have a time of singing and gospel preaching over the meal. On one afternoon, a Chinese-speaking gospel friend whom we contacted before came to visit us on his own. He received the Lord and got baptized that afternoon. Then on the next day his daughter got saved. His entire family is now very open to the gospel. Not only so, this brother's friend also came and got saved, and on the following day he brought his fiancée and she got saved and baptized. Moreover, on one evening, we invited some friends for a love feast after our children's meeting, and a local sister's older sister and nephew also got saved. How we praise the Lord for giving us clusters of fruit!

There is also a sister who teaches in a Chinese school nearby. She was very eager to participate in the gospel move by contacting the students and teachers in the school. Through the coordination of the saints, she was able to bring many children, young people, and school teachers to know the Lord and start a children's meeting. We pray that the Lord would bless the next generation in the church life.

Besides the church in Vientiane and the soon-to-be-established church in Pakse, there are close to 100 saints in the recovery who are scattered in 13 different cities in Laos. The field is white in Laos with a big number of seeking Christians and open gospel contacts. We look to the Lord to thrust out workers into His harvest.

Prayer items:

1. Pray that the testimony of the church in Vientiane would be strengthened and that more local families would be raised up to be pillars in the church.
2. Pray for the Lord's table meeting in Pakse on 8/24 that the Lord would rule over the political situation and grant the saints a safe environment for a tranquil meeting.
3. Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers that golden lampstands could be raised up in the other 13 cities.

Testimonies of the Serving ones in Cambodia

* I came to Kampong Cham last July, and 5 months later the church here was established. What I treasured the most is the one accord among the saints. During those 5 months of propagation, 8 of us brothers and sisters gathered together 3 times a day for prayer. We even fasted and prayed for the gaining of one family. Right before the day that the church took the ground, we gained one complete family, who has remained in the church life until today.

The establishment of the church was followed by a tremendous need of shepherding. We exercised to be patterns to the new believers and practiced with them to pray-read, speak the word of the Lord to each other and pray, not speaking our own words. In such a way, all the new ones were able to prophesy when they came to the Lord's Day meetings. We also charged the new believers to exercise calling on the Lord's name on their own when they were at home. Some of them shared with us their experiences of calling on the Lord after a period of time. Praise the Lord. He is the Head of the Body and a speaking God! (Brother S.)

* In these past 3 years, my spiritual condition fluctuated quite a bit, but the Lord's sufficient grace still took me on. For a period of time I did not have anyone to coordinate with. When the Lord granted me companions again, I learned to appreciate them instead of putting demands on them, and exercised to have more private prayers. I am always strengthened to go on when I pray and enjoy the Lord with my companions, even though we seldom have personal conversations because of the language barrier. I am empowered whenever I am with my companions.

One time while we were preaching the gospel and were about to lead someone to pray, I asked an unrelated question carelessly at that important juncture. Later on I was helped by my husband to see that our leading man to salvation is a spiritual warfare, which requires us to watch and pray. Because of that experience, every time we go out now I would always be reminded to pray inwardly and let the Lord work through me. Each time I go out, I also tell the Lord that I am going with Him into the fields to see if the vine has budded and the pomegranates are in bloom. There I would give Him my love. The more I labor, the more I am in love with the Lord and the more I am filled with joy. (Sister M.)