

Turkey

In the midst of the tumultuous political and economic situation in Turkey, God is writing the divine history, and we believe we are part of this divine history!

Concerning the local gospel work, we've been having gatherings with seeking ones who are open to read the Bible. We get into "The Economy of God" with them with the view that the high peak truth would attract the young people. In one of our English-speaking meetings, a Muslim student from Africa told us he felt joyful. Although he still had many doubts and would argue with us, he was nevertheless subdued by the word of God and filled with unspeakable joy. We have also established friendship with some local people by faithfully contacting the students and providing acupuncture treatments to the locals. We discovered a way to share the mysteries of the high peak truth in a simple way by creating a questionnaire for people to read and fill out. That to us was a big breakthrough. We look to the Lord for His covering and the manifestation of the sons of peace. Two young people and a couple recently began to open up to us and have tasted the joy of contacting the Lord.

After the general election in June, we visited several major cities in the southeast. There we visited some local Christian groups and contacted people from all walks of life by doing questionnaires. By this we hope to identify how the Holy Spirit is operating in this part of the country. Among the Christian groups in the four cities that we visited, many missionaries have given themselves to be there for over 10 or 20 years in spite of attacks and threats and have gained many seeking Turkish people. They truly are a demonstration of the grace of God.

On our journey we began to understand the hardship that the early apostles must have experienced as they went out to preach the gospel as well as their joy of sowing the seed of life. We prayed each day that the Lord would lead us to the sons of peace. Even though we did meet some aggressive Muslims who argued with us and threatened us to give up our belief, we were in God's hand and were able to preach the Mystery of Human Life even to

those opposers. Praise the Lord!

In apostles Paul's homeland Tarsus, the Lord miraculously prepared a family that invited us in and gave us a tour of their house. Although they were Muslims, we had the opportunity to declare our faith and sing hymns to them. We even left some ministry books with them. Peace be to them! May the Lord gained young people as today's Pauls, who previously opposed the Lord but then were made useful vessels to the Lord.

We also continued to shepherd our Chinese-speaking contacts as well as their Turkish friends. Some newly saved ones have become seeds of the gospel. They prayed for those who persecuted them and desired to preach the gospel to them. As the number of the Chinese-speaking saints and gospel friends grew, we held a twelve-week Chinese-speaking New Believers' Perfecting Training, the goal being to help the new ones grow in life and preach the gospel in a prevailing way. We have also been getting into the Life-study of Genesis during the second half of the Lord's Day meetings. Since we began this practice, the new ones have received much shepherding and started inviting their friends to come to the meetings out of their enjoyment. For the past few months there were on average 3 gospel friends in the meeting every week. We also started having Lord's Day meetings in the new ones' homes. We believe the seed of the gospel has been sown and those Chinese-speaking saints in Izmir would indeed become a living testimony of Jesus before their friends, relatives, and colleagues.

In addition, we have made contacts with many local Christian groups. Besides maintaining contact with the Christians in Mugla, through them we also got to know serving ones in other groups. May this ministry be promoted among them that they would be drawn to and supplied by the riches of the ministry.

As far as the literature work, we continue to hand out the Rhema booklets and "The Gospel of the Economy of God". "Messages for Building Up the New Believers" by Brother Nee is also ready for print. May the Lord strengthen His speaking.

Bangladesh

Gospel Move in the South

Through some brothers burying themselves as seeds of the gospel in their hometowns in the south over the past two years, the Lord has led us to begin propagating in the southern part of the country. Our labor has since borne much fruit, establishing 3 churches in Khulna area and 3 in Satkhira. There is also a brothers' house there with 4 brothers living in it. A serving one in

Satkhira used to be a Muslim but has taken the way of the recovery. In April of this year, some brothers went again to Khulna, Mongla, and Satkhira to preach the gospel. In a village near Khulna city, twenty gospel friends received the gospel. Many of them called on the Lord and got baptized with tears. A family of 4 got saved together and invited us for a meal in their house. Then in mid-May, some brothers from Taiwan came to strengthen

the testimony in Khulna. They visited Ataropatiya, Morning, Nadan, etc. Subsequently a church was raised up in Haridash Kati. Six gospel friends were baptized after the first Lord's Table meeting there.

Chittagong

The Lord recently raised up a group of saints who faithfully cooperated with Him to preach the gospel in several villages around Chittagong. The Holy Spirit was indeed moving and we were led into the flow of serving in the Body and blending. In early May several saints came from overseas to preach the gospel with us in the nearby villages and held a young people's conference. The brothers shared the history of the Lord's recovery in Bangladesh and revealed to us the romantic relationship between the believers and God. They had the burden to betroth the young people to Christ to be part of His bride. Close to 50 students consecrated themselves in the meetings; some even consecrated to attend the full-time training.

June was the beginning of the raining season and Ramadan. Some students were off school during Ramadan, and we took the opportunity to bring them with us to contact and shepherd people. The Lord granted us 6 new believers and the brothers and sisters became more burdened for the gospel. Through a series of five "New Believers' Small Group Trainings", the saints practiced speaking the truth in order that they would be living and functioning members in the Body of Christ. The continuous rain in July gave us a deep sense of the hardship that the local people experienced here and their helplessness under religion. This caused us to pray more desperately for the Lord to bind the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies and release this country.

Gospel Move in the North

Between February and April of last year, the great wheel of the Lord's move moved in village after village in the northern part of Bangladesh. Wherever the saints went, people were led to the Lord and churches were raised up. At the end of May of this year, the brothers visited again Birgonj, Brampur, Joypurhat and Najipur and held two students' trainings. Four brothers and sisters from the middle-aged training in Taiwan came in June and coordinated with us for the propagation in the northeast part of Bangladesh. In the five days of propagation, we had morning revival together each morning, prayed fighting prayers



corporately while riding in the car, and declared boldly the acceptable year of jubilee in all the villages. Most residents in this area either had Hindu background or belonged to some minority groups, but in every gospel meeting at least 60 to 80 gospel friends would come. They were open and simple, receiving and following wholeheartedly whatever the brothers shared. A total of 87 new ones got baptized in just three days and 5 churches were established. Praise the Lord!

At the end of July, two brothers came to Dinajpur and called for a fellowship with the local serving ones. They encouraged the serving ones to function in the church life and bear fruit by going out to preach the gospel every week. They helped us in the matters of church increase and door knocking. They also went with us to Kurul for gospel preaching, after which they held a Students' Perfecting Training in Lohanipara. Fifty high-schoolers and college students came for this training. They all had the desire to get into the truth and went up one by one to consecrate themselves to the Lord. During the time the brothers were here, we visited 9 villages and raised up 5 local churches. We thank the Lord that we could be part of His divine history!

Sri Lanka— Propagation Testimony

Hebrews 11:8 says, "By faith Abraham, being called, obeyed to go out unto a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going." Faith is what motivates us to go on; God's leading is our map. My family came to Sri Lanka 3 years ago, and the Lord led us through many experiences. In one city, for a period of 9 months we visited the brothers and sisters in their homes 6 days out of each week to have morning revival and home meetings with them. Through such shepherding a brother eventually gave up his teaching position in a Catholic church and came into the church life. Last year another couple and we moved to a new city for the campus work there. The Lord was surely with us. Even though we were not clear about many things at that time, we are filled with thanksgiving to the Lord as we look back today. I give myself to follow in the footsteps of Abraham to offer myself up as a living sacrifice, well pleasing to the Lord, for His good pleasure.

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