

## Laos

### Shepherding Bringing in Increase

In early 2015, the Lord gained a group of brothers and sisters - seven young families - who had a heart for His recovery. Previously, the pastor who used to lead them emphasized that the Bible is the only standard for all the practices in the church life. Thus, they became extreme in their practice and rejected any spiritual publication outside the Bible. When we came into contact with them, it was difficult for them to accept the ministry publications like the Recovery Version Bible, the Life-study of the Bible, Life Lessons, and the Holy Word for Morning revival, etc. Furthermore, the said pastor did things that seriously stumbled them so that they lost their trust towards Christians. It was at their weakest and lowest state that this group of brothers and sisters came to meet the Lord's recovery.

After eleven months of persistent visitation, intense shepherding and small-group meetings by the saints, these group of believers testified that in the Lord's recovery, not only is there Christ as truth and life, but also the practice of the church life and the blending of the Body of Christ. After attending the International Blending Conference in Thailand, they further testified that in the Lord's recovery, there is the genuine building up and the practice of the oneness of the Body of Christ. Hence, from November 29, 2015 to present, there have been bread-breaking meetings in their homes consistently. In July 2016, they also began to meet for prayer meetings to pray for Laos and for the Lord's move across the whole earth. In the same month, four saints began to open up to the literature, steadily entering into the riches of the Lord's speaking through the Holy Word for

Morning Revival every morning. A sister began to share her enjoyment from the morning revival to other believers at work, and soon gained another sister as her vital companion in the workplace. Some brothers, through this practice of daily revival, picked up the burden to set aside two nights every week to go out to visit and shepherd the new ones or preach the gospel. The working sisters also picked up the burden to separate two mornings every week to go out and shepherd. In this past year, through gospel preaching and shepherding, the number of saints in Laos increased from 143 to 191. May the Lord continue to grant to the churches the blessings of fruit-bearing.

### Intensified Propagation

Twice in 2016, the church in Pakse had two-week intensified propagation. We were joined by the saints from Vientiane, Thailand, and Taiwan. For close to two weeks, we coordinated to labor in one accord for the Lord's interest. Because the second intensified propagation coincided with an international convention



in Vientiane, we had to make some adjustments in our propagation plan. Outwardly, this seemed like a distraction, but eventually it became a blessing. Due to the constraints imposed by the circumstances, we could not walk on the streets to contact people freely as planned. Thus, we restricted our activities to visiting some saints and warm doors.

Because of our regulated corporate God-man living, everyone was full of vitality. Through the prayers in one accord, everyone was full of burden and impact. Every time we went out by groups, each one was overflowing with joy, filled with hymns and prayers even while on the way in the car. Thus, when we came in contact with men, we inevitably brought grace and the presence of the Triune God to them, causing them to experience cherishing and enjoyment, and the divine life was dispensed into men. During these two weeks, we resolutely went out twice a day, visiting person by person and household by household, full of the Lord's presence. Through the two intensified propagations, the Lord gave us some fruit and open families. As written in Ezekiel 1:12,

"And each went straight forward; wherever the Spirit was to go, they went; they did not turn as they went." Two elderly couples from Taiwan were a particular inspiration. In all aspects of the service including our daily walk, God-man living, and the church



services, they were a pattern to us. We were greatly supplied and strengthened. May the Lord bless all the open contacts and families. We do pray that through the continuous shepherding, they will become remaining fruit to be a strengthening of His testimony.

#### The Need of the Literature Work

At present, the literature work is carried out through the coordination of the saints in the community, the college students and the local full-timers. Primarily, the work is concerned with translating our Thai literature into Lao. With regard to the Recovery version of the Bible, this year we published the Gospel of John with footnotes. The translation of the Gospel of Matthew is completed and is now being proof-read and typeset. As for the translation of the Holy Word for Morning Revival, it is carried out by a local working saint with an earnest desire for the supply of the ministry, who voluntarily consecrated his time to translate during his free time. As far as the translation of the ministry books are concerned, such as Life Lessons, messages for the new believers, etc., this is being done by college saints who translate from Thai to Lao, which is then revised by the full-time brothers and supplied to the saints.

Please pray for the translation work. May the Lord raise up more saints, especially young people, who can translate directly from English to Lao and who have a desire for and treasure the word of the ministry and possess a pure heart and burden to promote the ministry through literature translation.

#### The Establishment of the Church in Men City

A group of Christians in Men city came in contact with the literature of the Lord's recovery in 2004. They were very much touched by the truth. By reading Br. Watchman Nee's word on the consciousness and fellowship of the Body, they separated themselves from the Christian group which they had been meeting with. In July 2015, they contacted the churches in the Lord's recovery. We started to visit them and brought them some spiritual books to share and have fellowship with them. They also started to join

our conferences. After attending the International Blending Conference in Bangkok twice, the leading brothers of this group received a strong burden to establish the church in Men City. Through the fellowship of the Body, they decided to start the Lord's table on September 11 and announced the establishment of the church in Men City. On that day, some saints from Vientiane and Taichung, Taiwan came to support and blend with the saint to witness this glorious moment.

At present there are 21 saints in the church in Men City. They have a regular church life and the saints from Vientiane visit them once every two months. One couple from Men City is currently attending FTTB and three other students stay at the student center in Vientiane. May the Lord continue to bless the propagation and His testimony in Men City.



## Vietnam

#### Establishing the Church in Phan Thiet

Responding to the Lord's move and by His mercy, two couples migrated to Phan Thiet city, Vietnam two years ago. In the last two years, they coordinated with the trainees for propagation and gained almost a hundred people. More than ten remained in the church life and are meeting regularly. In the fellowship of the Body, the serving brothers in Phan Thiet decided to start the Lord's Table on November 13, 2016.

Twenty-one saints from Phan Thiet and thirteen saints from nearby localities attended the first Lord's Table. Before the meeting, the saints already understood the significance of the Lord's table. In the meeting all the saints rejoiced in praising and remembering of the Lord and enjoyed His Table in sweetness and

freshness. After remembering the Lord and worshipping the Father, the saints prophesied on the subject of Knowing the Church. They were so happy that they belonged to the church of God in Phan Thiet and were called out of the world for the building up of the church, which is the house of God. They were encouraged by the fact that they are members in God's family and that they need to be blended and faithful in meeting to build His church.

Praise the Lord for the new beginning of the church here. The saints need the care, support and intercession by the churches. May the Lord supply, strengthen and enlarge His testimony in Phan Thiet. Amen!