

India

Propagation Training

From March 8-13, there was a 5-day propagation training in Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu, and 128 saints participated. The Lord released the burden on the desperate need to have a living of the two altars for the building up of His dwelling place as revealed in Psa. 84:3. We began in our experience at the altar of burnt offering, where we come to Him just as we are through His blood to be identified with the crucified Christ to be qualified to enter into the tabernacle. At the golden altar of incense the resurrected Christ in His ascension is the incense for us to be accepted by God in peace through our prayer. Through such an experience of Christ we are incorporated into the tabernacle as His testimony for His manifestation. One sister testified she never knew what the prayer at the golden incense altar was, but through this training the Lord was able to open her eyes to see the importance and the way to offer such kind of prayer for His move.

Responsible Brothers' Training

Presently there are 154 churches in India. for the Lord to move further, He needs to gain some cities to have stronger testimony of Himself. With this burden, there was a training for the responsible brothers on church administration held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu from April 2-3. Forty-one responsible brothers from 6 localities with the number of saints over 100 in the church life—New Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pondicherry, Tuticorin, and Tenkasi—attended this training. The General subject of the training was “Being a Proper Person to Care for the Church”. The pattern of proper leaders in God’s administration, such as Moses,



Solomon and Nehemiah were seen in the Old Testament. They were useful to the Lord for His building because Moses lived the female life, a life in dependence of God, Solomon not only had wisdom but also a large heart, and Nehemiah was properly aggressive for God's interest. In the New Testament, first part of 1 Tim. 3 reveals at least 15 qualifications of the elders, demonstrating how much the indwelling Christ as the resurrection life can do in us. Then the second part of 1 Timothy goes on to show us the way to conduct ourselves in the house of God is by honoring the Head, getting into the truth, exercising ourselves unto godliness in our living, and being prepared to be the shepherds and teachers. For this we need to be shepherded by the Lord first so that we can shepherd others with the Lord for the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem.

Two ministry books were recommended to the responsible brothers to dive into for their pursuing and prayers together in respective localities: “The Elders’ Management of the Church” and “Basic Principles Concerning the Eldership”. May the Lord make all the brothers proper persons to care for the churches in all faithfulness.

Recent Propagation in Papua New Guinea

The Independent State of Papua New Guinea (PNG) is an island country located in the southwest Pacific Ocean. It mainly encompasses the eastern half of New Guinea and is adjacent to Indonesia at the west and across the sea from Australia at the south and the Solomon islands at the east.

In Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea, we continue steadfastly in the visitation of saints and having home meetings in some saints’ homes. The saints are very open. We had a burden to strengthen a local family, for we were deeply touched by this family because they follow closely the speaking of the ministry, enjoy the Lord’s word every morning, and pursue the most recent messages from the seven annual feasts. This surely has preserved them, causing them to have a clear vision and be

kept on the proper ground of the church.

Every Saturday morning, we have corporate morning revival at their house. Together, we enjoy the Lord’s word, eat breakfast, and have sweet fellowship. During the week, we participate in outdoor sport activities with the young people so that they would be more open to us. Some young people even requested spiritual publications from us for their daily pursuits. They also take the initiative to prophesy in the Lord’s Day meeting and to help clean up both before and after the meeting.

We also rejoice that the Lord has opened another door for us. A local brother has a retired colleague who is a seeking Christian and very open to God’s word. She not only attends many church groups, but reads the Bible at home and listens to Christian radio

broadcasts. Ever since this brother introduced us to her on February 4, we have been visiting her every Thursday and reading the Gospel of John with her and her family, followed by further fellowship. Approximately twelve people join this meeting.

May the Lord continue to move here and gain more young people and local families to be His testimony.

Prayer requests

1. The preparation for the young people's meeting. May the Lord gain the young people who would have a pure heart to pursue Him and care for His interest in Port Moresby.
2. May the Lord continue to work in the home of our brother's colleague, remove their religious covering, and cause them to have the spiritual understanding to see the vision of the Body of Christ.

Propagation in Nepal by FTTTK Trainees

From February 29 to March 13, ten FTTTK (Full-time Training in Tokyo) trainees were in Nepal for propagation. This was the first ever corporate overseas propagation by FTTTK trainees. It was our hope that on the one hand, the propagation would strengthen the spreading of the gospel and the testimony of the churches in Nepal; on the other hand, by coordinating with the FTT trainees from India and the overseas saints, the trainees' heart and capacity to serve the Lord would be enlarged.

This time we focused our propagation effort on two adjacent cities, Kathmandu and Lalitpur, by dividing into three teams for three areas. Initially, the trainees went through some adjustments because of the limitation in language, the new environment, and health issues. But the Lord's Spirit was always with us. Through prayers, we were blended into one and overcame the outward limitations, bringing down the Lord's blessings.

The first week was mostly spent on door knocking. Although we encountered some open homes, they required further contact and could not be baptized immediately. Therefore, only a sister whom the saints had been shepherding was baptized. During the second week, we tried to spend more time contacting people on the road and encountered sons of peace in each of the three gospel areas. Eight new ones were baptized into the Lord's name. One of the newly baptized brothers was cared for by an American brother for 2-3 years. After this American brother left, no one continued to shepherd him. This time, as he met us on the road, he really felt this was the Lord's leading and was baptized



on that day.

There were two female students who attended Christian schools in India, received the Lord during that time, and changed their names (the Nepalese usually take the names of idols). When they met the sisters on the road, they followed them back to the training center and sang hymns to enjoy the Lord. After some brief fellowship, they were willing to be baptized immediately. There was also another male student who has been reading the Bible for some time. As he met the brothers, he prayed and received the Lord. A couple of days later, he also came to the training center to be baptized.

After this intensified propagation, the FTTTK trainees all testified that initially, they did not know why they were in Nepal—they had no way to communicate, many missed the propagation due to sickness, and they did not know what the Lord wanted of them. But after two weeks, each trainee had learned something different. Some saw that they were not desperate enough and were perfunctory in propagation while others saw the values of the training. Other trainees became more burdened for people's souls and saw that not only should they pray for Japanese people to be saved, but they should care further for the Lord's need throughout the whole inhabited earth.

Nine were saved and baptized during these two weeks. Although the number is not great, every one of them is still being contacted and shepherded. Five of them also came to the Lord's Day meeting and shared their experiences of salvation; all the saints were very encouraged. May the Lord continue to strengthen His work in Nepal for the golden lampstands in Nepal to shine more brightly.

Prayer requests

1. Remember the work of shepherding, so every new one will remain in the church life and be remaining fruit.
2. From March 27 to May 1, the FTT trainees from Taiwan will participate in the propagation in Kathmandu and Lalitpur. May they gain many seekers and open homes to strengthen the testimony in Nepal.