

## Bangladesh

### One-Week Training

Christianity has been in Bangladesh for 230 years since William Carey set foot to preach the gospel in this country in 1796. However, up to this day, the spiritual condition of the Christians here is still in a low situation. The Lord's recovery came to Bangladesh in 2008. To date, 140 local churches have been raised up while the saints are more than 10,000 in number. Nonetheless, it is still necessary to strengthen the spiritual condition of the saints and the practice of the church life. Therefore, we desperately need to perfect the saints through the trainings and to practice the God-ordained way to build up the Body of Christ. The purpose of constructing the training center is to meet this very need. The meeting area of the training center has completed construction on May 25, 2017. A one-week training was held the following day on May 26, even though the construction of the accommodation area of the trainees has not yet started.

Another one-week training was held from August 4-11. The trainees rose at 5:30 a.m. every morning to have morning revival in which they contacted and enjoyed the Lord and pray-read His Word. Two classes were held every day, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. The classes were carried out with reading the Bible and hymn singing. Every class concluded with responses and exhibition from the saints in relation to the messages. The content of the training also included perfecting the saints to prophesy and to preach the gospel. In addition, the saints were given time to practice in small groups.

By the Lord's grace and blessing, even though the trainees spent their nights in the meeting area without proper sleeping quarters, they were nevertheless joyful and showed gradual growth in the training. Many saints were perfected in the matter of life, truth, and character, and they were very thankful for such a training. A day before the training ended, an incident occurred in

which some local people hurled stones at the roof of the training center. It caused us to pray desperately. Thank the Lord for His preservation that the incident was not repeated. On the last day, all the trainees gave their personal testimonies and shared the enlightenments, truths, and experiences they gained in the training. They also expressed their desire to practice the church life in their hometown.

### The Practice of the God-ordained Way

On August 18, there was a 10-day fellowship at the training center for the local serving ones and students to help them practice the God-ordained way. Saints from different parts of the country stayed in the training center for a day or two to practice hymn singing, morning revival, speaking for God, corporate studies and exhibition, and contacting people in gospel preaching.

Furthermore, we also practiced the God-ordained way in Dhaka and Chittagong, encouraging and leading the saints to contact people. Initially, the saints were very reluctant to go out and contact people. But after contacting some, they felt it was indeed a very good experience and desired to go out again to contact people.

Regarding home meetings, we experienced how the truth can touch and build up people. There was one particular home whom we have visited several times that was not very open to us. One day, we shared with them Ezekiel 37 on the matter of prophesying which we have been enjoying. They became very open because of the Word. We hope that through the continuous practice of the God-ordained way, the churches in this country will be built up.

### The Visitation and Conference in Cox's Bazar

On August 31, we visited Cox's Bazar on the southern part of Bangladesh, which boasts of having the world's longest coastline, running 120 kilometers in length and having beautiful scenery. On



September 1, we had a meeting with 20 saints coming from 6 different areas. A conference was held the following day from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a total of 135 saints in attendance. Among those who attended were 20 teachers, 20 working saints, and 8 families. The rest were students. Most of them were from the Tripura tribe. In 2009, some students from this area attended schools in Dhaka and stayed at the brothers' house. After they graduated from colleges, they found jobs in their hometown and started preaching the gospel to their tribesmen and friends, among whom are some teachers and some employees. By the

work of the Holy Spirit, many turned to the Lord's recovery.

The first meeting was on Christ and the church. The second meeting was on the revelation and move of the Triune God. Through this conference, the saints were more clear about the Lord's recovery.

Initially, we expected 40 saints to attend. In the end, the turnout was more than 3 times of what we expected. We believe the Lord wanted to do a great work in this area. We desperately need to perfect these saints through the trainings. Please pray for this matter.

## 2017 International Blending Conference in Bangkok

The 2017 International Blending Conference in Bangkok was held from August 12-13. A total of 1,707 saints attended. Apart from 1,119 local saints from Thailand, there were 588 saints from nine other countries such as Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and so on. All the saints closely followed the Lord's speaking in the ministry of the age, jumping into this unique flow, and enjoying together the riches of Christ and the blending in the Body.

The subject of this conference was on the crystallization-study of Ezekiel (2). Although the time was short and there were only six sessions to release twelve messages, the Holy Spirit, through the speaking and dispensing of the brothers in the meetings, was strong and powerful. All the saints were open in receiving the dispensing wherein they responded positively and shared aggressively.

The first message released a strong word regarding God's restoration. God's will is to have man built up to become the army to deal with His enemy. If we fail and are dried up today, we should not despair because God will come in to restore! Ezekiel, not relying on his own feelings, believed in the word of Jehovah, obeyed Him, and prophesied. The outcome was the forming of the dry bones into a great army.

In the message we saw that the matter of the cross is not just about nurturing one's own spirituality or equivalent to suffering, as most Christians emphasize, but rather that the experience of the cross is for the Body of Christ. Today we need to realize that all of God's dealings upon us are to prepare us for the Body. His working

within us is a process to clear us of everything not of Him that we may become functioning members of the Body of Christ.

Today most believers feel that moral regulations and spiritual principles are sufficient measures of behavior and conduct. Few realize that our behavior and conduct should be examined, not only according to moral regulations and spiritual principles, but also according to the church, the house of God.

Although God's glory at one point reluctantly departed His temple due to the degradation of the children of Israel, the glory of God returned to His temple when Ezekiel saw the vision of the completion of God's temple. If we desire the God of glory to dwell in the church, the church must be built up to become the dwelling place of God.

Finally, the brothers shared that in order for the church to be built up as the house of God, everyone must rise up to function, be constituted with the word of God through PSRP-pray-reading, studying, reciting, and prophesying, develop the habit of begetting and shepherding, and build up the structure of gospel and homes. Through going out to preach the gospel and shepherd people every week, the Body of Christ will be built up organically.

Moreover, the graduation meeting and hymn exhibition of the trainees from the Full-time Training and Middle-age Full-time Training in Bangkok was held in the afternoon of the first day of the conference. Through singing hymns and giving their testimonies with a strong spirit, the trainees expressed their love for the Lord and their consecration for His propagation work in Thailand. On the morning of the second day of the conference, which was a Lord's Day, the Lord's Table Meeting was held before the start of the fifth session. Over 1,700 saints from different nations, tongues, and cultures came together and were able to testify that there is only one Body in the universe, which the saints expressed here on earth. The last session of the conference was a special fellowship by the brothers from Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos on the burden of the Lord's move in these different countries, showing how desperately the Lord is seeking to advance in these places. A brother gave a concluding word to encourage all the saints to join the perfecting training to become useful vessels for the Lord.

Through this two-day blending conference, the spirits of the saints were once again strengthened and blended together, manifesting a glorious scene of oneness. When the brothers declared that the conference had come to an end, everyone shouted in one accord, "Hallelujah! Glory be to God!"

