

Laos—Intensified Propagation

From August 17 to September 7, 2017, a 3-week intensified propagation was conducted in Laos. We were joined by saints from the church in Taichung, Taiwan who came in three batches and by an overseas couple who recently immigrated to Laos to serve with us. Furthermore, the timely return of the Laotian trainees from the Full-time Training in Bangkok boosted our efforts in propagation. The proper coordination of the saints became the means for God to move and testified of God's commanded blessing.

The couple that recently immigrated here was able to find a rental place the day after they arrived, and their place became an important gathering point for our propagation. It was there we exercised to live a corporate God-man living, praying desperately for the gospel and being filled with the Holy Spirit unto overflowing joy. Then we were divided into groups to cover different districts and campuses. Under the blazing heat, the brothers and sisters sowed in faith despite limited encounters with open ones.

After a few days of propagation, we came together for an evaluation in seeking for a breakthrough. We realized that our main burden was to gain as many people as possible. Therefore, we made some adjustments, set the goal of baptizing 30 people, and made plans to reach that goal. Then we went on college campuses to contact the students and visit the "warm doors". Because we were all filled with the Holy Spirit while greeting, chatting, and making friends with the students, many responded positively to our invitation for a meal at home. When they came, we divided them into groups and had the saints read with them The Mystery of Human Life in two's and three's. Meanwhile, some saints labored to pray for the gospel friends, while others busied themselves with preparing delectable food in the kitchen. Still others served with baptisms when students were ready to be baptized. Whatever we did, we were all in a spirit of prayer in cooperation with the Lord.

In the course of this exercise, we greatly benefited from our coordination in one accord, open fellowship and discussion over problems encountered. For example, one time when a new one was getting baptized, the saints raised their voice in prayer and blessing. This new one became perplexed, uneasy and frantic. He quickly rushed out of the water and apologetically begged off

from being baptized. After that, we carefully considered the matter and realized that we were too much in ourselves and were insensitive to the cultural disposition of the local people, who were generally gentle and soft-spoken, not used to the loud oration and prayers. We quickly adjusted ourselves in order to rid the factors that would hinder people from being saved.

The brothers who were more experienced in preaching the gospel and shepherding also used some time each morning to help the saints get into the practice of the God-ordained way. For example, we had studies on how to use The Mystery of Human Life to preach the gospel, how to determine if a person was a son of peace, and how to empathize with others in order to render help to them. This kind of fellowship was a help to us and yielded good results. In just one day on September 2, nine new ones were gained, bringing the total number of baptisms to thirty-two, exceeding our initial goal.

The Lord added the saved ones to His church in droves. As the intensified propagation concluded, we went on an outing with a joyful heart. Along the way, we stopped by the factory of a

Chinese brother, and used the opportunity to preach the gospel to his local workers. Six workers believed into the Lord and got baptized! Like a group of dreamers, we simply gave glory to the Lord! After that we gained five more. Altogether we gained forty-three young people, including working ones, college students and high schoolers. God's blessing truly overflowed. We were inspired through this propagation experience

to see that the God-ordained way could indeed be carried out.

On the evening of September 2, the day we reached our targeted number of baptisms, we immediately held a fellowship regarding shepherding. The subject was "Three Factors for Enlivening the New Ones." On September 9, we commenced the perfecting of the new ones and entered into messages of

"The Nourishment for New Believers". Those who participated were all filled with joy and enthusiastically exercised to speak out what they heard. We made a plan to conduct a New Believers' Perfecting Meeting every Saturday and Thursday at the main and branch campuses of the State University respectively. May the Lord bless this labor!

During the 3-week propagation period, we also conducted for the first time a 2-day special conference on Building Up the New





Believers. The main burden was to usher the saints universally into the practice of morning revival. The saints mainly came from the capital city of Vientiane, but some also came from other provinces. The conference

was full of the word, Spirit and life. The saints had an extremely good response to the messages, positively sharing and declaring their willingness to be revived day by day. We also set the future dates for more New Believers' Conferences, which will continue with the messages from "The Nourishment for New Believers". May the Lord use the ensuing conferences to continually gain the forty-three new ones. May these ones be shepherded to become remaining fruits and functioning members of the Body.

Prayer Burdens

1. Pray for the shepherding of the 43 newly saved ones and for them to continue with the weekly new believers' perfecting meetings.
2. Pray for the regularly held New Believers' Conferences.

Pakistan—2017 Fall National Blending Conference

From November 11-12, 2017, under the leading of the Lord, the National Blending Conference in Pakistan was held in Islamabad. The subject of the conference was "Life and the Church," with a total of five messages. Message one spoke of God's eternal purpose being for the processed Triune God to become life to the tripartite man. We need to see the vision of God's eternal economy and focus on experiencing God as life. Message two brought us to see what life was and what it was not. We were helped to see the many obstacles that needed to be dealt with in order for this life to grow in us. When there was life, there was the church. Message Three spoke of the nature of the church being "Christly," "resurrectionly," and heavenly. Today we need to stand on the ground of oneness to maintain the nature of the church. In this message, the matter of speaking in tongues was particularly emphasized in order to help the local saints see that the improper speaking in tongues would damage the church. The saints responded well in their spirit to this point. Message four was on knowing Christ as the Head and living by the life of the Head and not by our own life. The last message was on all our services being initiated by God. When we know the church and take part in the church life, we will spontaneously participate in church services. Only services by those who join themselves to the Lord and follow Him will build up the Body of Christ.

In this conference, a couple from overseas came to help us. A total of 180 saints came from Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Kasur and Karachi for the conference. The saints coordinated together for all the services,

such as speaking the messages, venue arrangement, and other services related to the meetings. We thank the Lord for the manifest growth in the function and capacity of the saints. Furthermore, many local saints opened their homes to accommodate the 78 saints from other places. We all enjoyed the sweet blending and the rich supply of the Body of Christ.

Prayer Burdens

1. Pray for the churches in Pakistan, that the brothers and sisters would all grow in life for the spread of the Lord's recovery and the building up of the Body of Christ.
2. Pray for the Full-time Training in Pakistan. Pray that the Lord would prepare the suitable venue and serving ones and release the ones who would pay the price to join the training for the growth of the Lord's recovery in this country.
3. Pray for the translation of the Recovery Version Bible and other ministry books into Urdu that the word of the Lord would go out for the gaining of local people.

