

## Recent Situation and Outlook of the Churches in India

Through the spread of the ministry and the coordination of the saints in the Body, we have witnessed the Lord's move in different parts of India in the past years. One hundred and seventy seven churches have been raised up with over 6,000 saints. The majority of the churches (about 80%) are however with less than 30 saints. In order to have breakthroughs for the building and increase, the churches are seeking advancement, mainly in two aspects: first, to strengthen the perfecting of serving saints; second, to practice the God-ordained way and perfect all the saints to function. In addition, there is a need to strengthen the propagation in North India.

### Perfecting of Serving Saints

Regarding the perfecting of serving saints, mature co-workers have been invited to spend time with serving brothers in a few key cities. The purpose is to help the brothers to exercise in prayer, the Spirit and the word, and perfect them in life, coordination and building. In addition, regional biannual trainings for brothers have just been started in some states, in order to bring the serving brothers into the Lord's leading in this present age. Sister trainings are also being held in some regions to perfect the sisters in blending and the exercise of corporate God-man living. The goal is to encourage the functioning of sisters in the church life,



and partake of the burden for the Lord's move in India.

### Practice of the God-ordained Way

In order to perfect everyone to function, saints are encouraged to preach the gospel and have home meetings weekly, and to have a small group living. In India, people from different religious background seldom mix together. Going out to preach the gospel to different people requires adjustments and exercise in order to overcome the wide cultural and religious differences. Thank the Lord that an increasing number of saints are leading a gospel living, and the number of people who are saved also increases as a result. More than 1,000 people were saved yearly in the past two years, some coming from Hindu or Muslim background. Saints are also learning how to shepherd, to lead people to exercise their spirits and to enter into the word. They use the shepherding



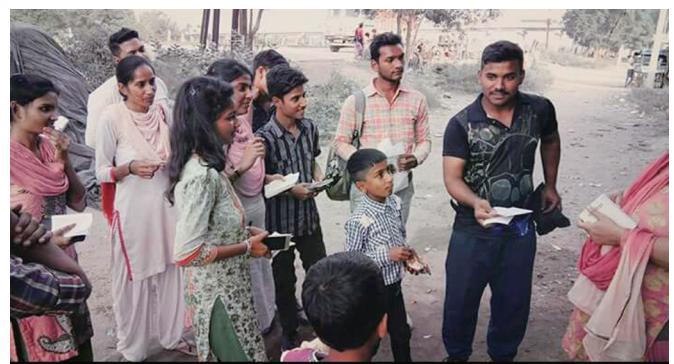
materials and the Recovery Version Bible to shepherd the new ones and bring them into the small groups. The goal is that not only will people be saved, but they can remain in the church life.

In the next 5 years, we will strive to strengthen the testimony in the big cities in order to establish the model church life. We pray that the saints will have rich experience in following the ministry and in the practice of the God-ordained Way; and many serving ones will be produced to cooperate with the Lord's further move in India and propagate in surrounding cities.

### Propagation in North India

In addition, there is a desperate need to strengthen the propagation in North India. Out of the 1.3 billion people, more than 0.8 billion live in North India. The proportion of Hindus in North India is higher compared to that in the south and the northeastern part of the country. The political and social atmosphere in a few states is not friendly to Christians, even with occasional religious persecutions. At present, out of the 177 churches in India, only 16 are in North India. In light of the vast population in North India and the meager number of churches, we desperately need to strengthen the propagation in North India and hope to establish golden lampstands at least in the major cities there:

For this purpose, we are strengthening the testimony in the



major cities, especially in the capital New Delhi, the surrounding four NCR cities, and the capitals of a few states. At the same time, we are strengthening the promotion of the ministry in North India. The goal is to sow seeds and prepare this land for the propagation later. Coworkers in the ministry promotion testified that Christians are very much in the state of spiritual famine in the north, given the strong influence of Hinduism there. The publications of brother Nee as well as brother Lee are widely welcomed with open doors. Some seekers bought all the recommended ministry books and the Recovery Version Bible after listening to our introduction, and ordered the whole set of Life Study. Some not only bought the books but even offered to promote and distribute for us. May the Lord continue to work in



## Report on the Propagation in Nepal Coordinated by the College Students

From January 30 to February 8, twenty saints from Tainan, Taiwan came to Nepal for propagation. Although the saints encountered problems such as language barriers, dietary differences, and physical discomfort, they were strong in spirit and full of burden, putting God's move first and coordinating fervently with the local saints to contact people and preach the gospel. They left behind beautiful footsteps on this good land and shared in the writing of God's history in Nepal!

The saints were divided into two teams for the propagation in Lalitpur and Pokhara. Every morning, they first came together with the local saints to enjoy the Life-Study of Leviticus. By enjoying and assimilating the word, everyone was filled with the spirit and the word and had fighting prayers for the areas where the gospel was to be preached. Armed with a joyful spirit, all the saints were then divided into respective areas for propagation. Because Nepalese law forbids proselytizing, the saints mainly knocked on doors and sought for open people, homes and Christians who have a seeking heart for the Lord. Each team comprised local saints and Taiwanese saints jointly coordinating for the propagation. Whether in alleyways or in homes, the saints spoke the gospel of the kingdom and the zeal of the gospel burned brightly within them. All the saints testified that through such gospel propagation they were filled with joy unspeakable

and full of glory. Although no one was baptized due to environmental constraint, they obtained a list of 50 names to whom they could return for shepherding. Praise the Lord that through the propagation the gospel went out and the saints were all blessed in the coordination of the Body!

The saints also partook of the Lord's table together. Although different languages were used in the meeting, the saints were all in one spirit praying and singing to enjoy and worship the one Lord. The local saints were greatly encouraged and strengthened by the testimony of the Taiwanese saints regarding their enjoyment of the Lord and the exercise of their functions in the church life. The local saints did see the pattern of those who love and seek the Lord in every place! The Taiwanese saints also joined the small group meeting in the saints' house. All the saints enjoyed the fellowship in love and the mutual asking and answering with joy. The saints also invited the Taiwanese saints for one feast. Through such a blending, there was a deeper fellowship among the saints and a higher appreciation of the ministry in the Lord's recovery.

Thank the Lord for His arrangement for such a sweet blending and corporate fighting in the Body. All the saints were strengthened by this and renewed their consecration for the practice of the God-ordained way. May the Lord bless the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom and expand His testimony throughout the country for the building up of the Body of Christ and the bringing forth of the one new man.



### Prayer Items

1. Pray for the contacts and Christians who were open to be attracted by the Lord's word and become remaining fruit in the church life in the follow-up visitation and shepherding.
2. Pray that the Lord would strengthen the existing small groups in Lalitpur and Pokhara and raise up saints who have a heart to serve the Lord that they may become the pillars for the building up of the churches and the spreading of the testimony in these localities.