

Sri Lanka

National Training for Serving Ones

A total of eighty serving saints attended the National Training for Serving Ones held from January 29 to 30. This training covered two series of messages, including one series on the vision of the Lord's serving ones in the morning and one concerning children's groups in the afternoon.

The morning series helped the serving ones see that as persons who serve the Lord, they need to have visions and revelations, be in the Body, and let God initiate all things. They also need to pursue growth and maturity in life to become "Shulammites" — reproductions of Solomon—who labor in love with the Lord for the building up of His Body. Brother Ron began every message with words of revelation and application for the serving ones, followed by sharings by the saints. Then at the end of each message, two brothers would speak to strengthen the burden of the message and apply it to the practical church life and service. All the saints responded with uplifted spirits, testifying how they had been blessed by remaining in the one flow and how they yearned to become proper servants of the Lord.

In the afternoon series brothers from Kaohsiung, Taiwan, presented the vision, blessings and practices of children's groups. This was the first time we ever had such a training, and all were helped to see that children are a great potential for the gospel; the saints need to practice the God-man living at home; the churches should establish children's groups for the gaining of young, wholesome and quality parents. At the end of the training we declared that we would raise up 13 children's groups by the end of this year and 100 children's groups by the end of 2020.

On the evening of the 29th the responsible brothers from the churches fellowshiped with Brother Ron and his wife regarding how the Lord had moved in the churches and then they prayed for one another. Praise the Lord!

One-Week National Young People's Training

A one-week National Young People's Training was held in Colombo from April 9-14, and sixty young people attended the training. The training covered volume one of "Life Lessons" and included two sessions of fellowship on special burdens concerning

the need to treasure the teenage years for the Lord and the need to join the Full-time Training.

Volume one of "Life Lessons" included twelve lessons, from "Knowing that You Are Saved" to "Knowing the Church." Besides hymn-singing and the message, in every meeting the young people pray-read verses and had further pursuit by groups with much enjoyment. The brothers encouraged the young people to memorize and then rewrite from memory the outlines and important verses, and to speak the content of the message to one another. Although the participants varied in age and spoke three different languages, most of them were able to recite the outlines and verses with the help of the serving brothers. We hope that

through this practice the young people would know the basic truth, have a good deposit of the truth from a young age, and be constituted with the truth. We also hope that they would learn how to properly pray, read the Bible, and

live a normal Christian life.

In one particular session, the message concerning treasuring the teenage years was spoken. A third of the participants were between 13-19 years old, so the brothers fellowshiped with them



concerning the need to treasure this golden period of time, prizing and seizing each day to love the Lord and learn the truth, to coordinate in service, and to pay attention to their education. Joshua once prayed that the sun would stay and therefore prolonged the day. The way for the young people to "make the sun stay" was by treating and using each day as if it were a month long. Every young person was touched by such message and realized their need to redeem the time.

The burden for the young people to join the Full-time Training was also conveyed in this training. We watched the video presentations on "The Lord's Move to Asia" and on the Full-time Training, followed by the testimonies of those who passed through the training. At the end, some brothers gave some strengthening word to encourage the saints. Praise the Lord! Because of the attraction of the riches of His glory and His faithfulness, forty young people eventually consecrated themselves to join the Full-time Training upon graduation. May the Lord bless them and watch over their studies and their households. Even more, may He remember

their consecration.

The Establishing of the Church in Gampaha

The church in Gampaha first began when two families were revived by having morning revival and then preached the truth to their relatives and friends, resulting in a tremendous spread of the word of the Lord. In October of 2017, about thirty people attended the first meeting for seeking ones in Gampaha. After that, a forum on the Bible truths was held every Lord's Day evening, with the Holy Word for Morning Revival for New Believers and the Life Lessons as materials. Two brothers from Gampaha also regularly attended the perfecting meeting for the serving ones in Colombo every Saturday and would bring back the truths they learned. Through commendations by word of mouth, the number of seeking ones gradually grew, and eventually thirteen families were gained to take the way of the Lord's recovery. On March 25, 2018, the lampstand in Gampaha was established. Thirty-four saints with 6 children attended that meeting. Saints also came from Colombo, Wattala, and Panadura to witness the establishing of the church and the oneness of the Body of Christ. Everyone enjoyed the oneness of the Body of Christ in fellowship.



Prayer burdens

1. Pray for the young people to receive good education and for the salvation of their family members.
2. Pray for their daily enjoyment of morning revival, Bible reading and the church life.
3. Pray for the forty students who consecrated to join the Full-time Training.
4. Pray for the propagation and strengthening of the home meetings in Colombo by the nine Full-time serving ones from Taiwan between 4/16 and 6/11 and for the Lord's day attendance of the church in Colombo to reach 50.
5. Pray for 70 serving ones to be released to attend the National Serving Ones' Training from 6/14 to 16.

India

Sisters' Prayer and Vital Groups

Beginning in 2017, the churches in Tamil Nadu have been conducting three-day Sisters' Trainings biannually. After joining the trainings, a group of sisters from different churches were deeply touched to see that the building up of the Body of Christ required the sisters to function in the church, particularly by way of prayer. As a result they started to gather for prayer every Friday.

Every time the sisters prayed, they would first list down the prayer burdens such as the Lord's move in India, the gospelization of India, the literature work, the translation of the Recovery Version of the Bible, the next generation in the church, the Full-time Training, the raising up of more serving ones and the increase of saints, the vital living of the sisters, material offerings, everyone prophesying and preaching the gospel, and the establishment of churches in regions with no testimony of the Lord. After listing down the prayer items, they would then pray for each item in one accord.

Later on, the sisters began pursuing ministry publications after prayer. They first read through "Enjoying Christ as the Word and the Spirit through Prayer." Presently they are pursuing "Christ is All Spiritual Matters and Things." Through the help of the ministry books, the sisters learned how to pray properly and to richly enjoy the Word of God in order to have a deeper enjoyment of the Lord. Unveiled by God's Word, everyone learned to pray short prayers using the Word of God. The meeting therefore became more vital, and the sisters were brought to the realization that prayer was more effective than any human effort. Not only so, now after their prayer the sisters would make a list of the dormant saints, new believers, and gospel friends, and set the time to visit the ones on



the list. Many of them began to have the burden for gospel preaching and shepherding the new ones, and established the habit of contacting people every week. What the Lord has done through the sisters' prayers is amazing! On the second week of their prayer, the sisters began leading people to salvation. And then more and more people got saved and baptized. These sisters also prayed for the Lord to prepare a training and blending venue for the churches. After some time of prayer, they found out the brothers were in the process of purchasing a blending center in Chennai. The Lord indeed heard their prayers!

Through these exercises, the sisters have become more and more released in prayer. Freed from the entanglement of their daily chores and the burden of livelihood, they co-work with the Lord and participate in His move on the earth, and there is much oneness among them. Currently there are four to five such prayer groups, and some sisters also make arrangement to pray together online either in the afternoon or in the evening. We hope the number of such prayer groups and the number of sisters participating in these groups would continually increase, bringing in greater blessings from the Lord.