

## Pakistan

### Update on the Churches

There are four churches in Pakistan, and the average number of Lord's Day attendance is 150. Many more seekers are on our list of contacts. In the past four years, we have been establishing one local church per year. Through the fellowship of the brothers, it was decided that our focus for this year would be to strengthen the testimony of the churches in every place so that the number of saints would increase and the saints would be perfected and ushered into the practice of the God-ordained way for the Body to be built up.

Since May of this year, the local churches have stepped up on the practice of morning revival and home meetings. The saints are encouraged to go out and have home meetings in the homes of the dormant saints and of the new ones to nourish them. Every week we make a list of those who did not come to the Lord's Day meeting, and the saints would visit them one by one to encourage them to come. Whether through fellowship over the phone, visitation in the homes, or cherishing love feasts, the saints endeavor to bring people under the divine shepherding. Due to the practice of home meetings, more and more new ones are being baptized into the Lord, and the number in the small group meetings and the Lord's Day meeting has also increased gradually.

Furthermore, we strongly encourage the brothers and sisters to attend the prayer meeting. In a particular church, even brothers and sisters who have not been meeting for a long time began to take part in the prayers of the church. The saints there testify that the current church life is full of vitality and impact. Some of the dormant saints have even begun to visit people in the homes and have morning revival with the new ones.

### National Perfecting Training

Under the leading of the Lord, with the coordination of the brothers in one accord and the support and supply of the Body, we held a National Perfecting Training in July, which was divided into three parts: the perfecting of the college students, of the new ones, and of the serving brothers.

### Collegian Perfecting Training

First was the Collegian Perfecting Training which was held from July 1-5. A total of 26 saints participated. We pursued The Crystallization-study of Genesis (I) and



appreciated the pattern of faith as seen in the forefathers; we also realized that the Lord's need today is to gain the overcomers. The college students were deeply moved during the training. They expressed their willingness to follow in the footsteps of our forefathers to live a life of forsaking the world entirely, loving the Lord absolutely, and being fully consecrated to turn the age. At the same time, through special fellowship on various topics, the saints received help to have a proper view concerning education, marriage and character. Toward the end, everyone wrote down their consecration and strongly declared their consecration before all. As Psalm 110:3 says, "Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your warfare, in the splendor of their consecration. Your young men will be to You like the dew from the womb of the dawn." The sincere consecrations of the young saints before the Lord deeply touched ever one present and will surely be well accepted by the Lord.

### New Ones' Perfecting Training

The Collegian Perfecting Training was followed by the New Ones' Perfecting Training from July 5-12. A total of 35 saints attended the training. We mainly got into the twelve lessons of the Nourishment for the New Believers with the view that the brothers and sisters would gain an understanding of the basic truths in the Bible and be able to present and speak the truth concisely and



precisely. The afternoon series covered topics of gospel preaching, home meetings, prophesying, etc. The saints were very encouraged and offered themselves to take the God-ordained way. It is worthwhile to note that for the testings, including both written tests and small-group oral testings, everyone prepared diligently and practiced actively to speak the truth to one other until they were constituted with the basic truths and became proficient in speaking them. The brothers and sisters testified that when they were filled with the word of the Lord, they were full of unspeakable joy!

#### Serving Brothers' Perfecting Training

The Serving Brothers' Perfecting Training was from July 12 -15. A total of 23 brothers from four local churches across the country participated. We got into the 2016 Spring International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones messages: "Service for the Building Up of the Church." The Lord truly spoke to us richly through these messages, causing us to realize that the source of our service is God and the basis of our service is the fire from the altar. We also saw the proper humanity of one who serves the Lord and the way to have a service that ministers life.

In the training, the rich and timely supply of the Lord's word

caused the brothers to be revived, renewed and strengthened, and the fire within them was rekindled. After every meeting, the brothers enthusiastically shared their enjoyment. In the Q&A session on Saturday night, they asked questions pertaining to problems encountered in the propagation in their own localities. The Lord said, "I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!" (Luke 12:49.) May this fire continue to burn within the brothers and never go out! May the Lord continue to bless His testimony in Pakistan.



## Turkey

In the past few months, the Lord has been adding fruits to the churches in Turkey. Successively, readers of the Rhema literature contacted us and expressed their desire to be baptized to become children of God. A female reader read the first Rhema booklet which talked about the Spirit of God entering into man to mingle with the human spirit. Such word resonated within her and she left a message when subscribing to the second series, asking if we could help her get baptized. On a Saturday morning in March, we made an appointment with her. Then on the following day, which was the Lord's Day, she was baptized into the name of the Lord. However, while she was subscribing to the Rhema books, she also came across a Mormon website on the Internet. The Mormons visited her at her home and gave her a Book of Mormon and some Mormon literature. They also invited her and her daughter to join their free English class. Yet this sister realized that only the Bible contained the genuine faith. Now we visit her weekly to fellowship with her and help her know the truth. May the Lord grant her a discerning spirit and an absolute attitude that she would not be distracted by heresies but would continue steadfastly in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles.

In May, a Rhema reader in Bergama (the present site of the ancient city of Pergamos—one of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation) was touched by the contents of the Rhema books and emailed us about getting baptized. We went to visit him on a Thursday. Then on that Saturday evening he came to Istanbul, and was baptized into the Body of Christ on Lord's Day. May the Lord continue to work in him and enlighten the eyes of his heart to know God's eternal purpose.

In addition, we continue to visit the open Rhema readers to build

a long-term relationship with them and help them understand God's eternal economy. As we visited a sister reader in the Black Sea region, we met a brother whose family was deeply rooted in the Islamic religion and who himself graduated from an Islamic madrasa. Later, upon believing in the Lord, he gave up his future of becoming an Islamic clergyman and was thus strongly opposed by his family. The sister that we visited recommended the Rhema books to him; we also sent him most of the available publications. Please pray that the Lord would not only save him, but also give him a spirit of wisdom and revelation to know God's will. Furthermore, we hope to bring the seeking readers to join some conferences or short-term trainings in the neighboring countries that they would have a proper understanding of the Lord's word, the divine life and the Body of Christ.

The distribution of Rhema books began in Turkey in November 2014. So far more than 860 readers in 69 provinces have subscribed to the physical books. The number of subscriptions both of the physical books and the e-books continues to rise. May the Lord continue to spread the truth and sow Himself through His word into the hearts of men to cause the growth in men.

The Lord has also been doing a manifest work among the foreigners who came to Turkey for work. From January until now, seven foreigners got baptized. Many Christians and gospel friends have also been attending our weekly Bible Studies and gospel small groups, thereby receiving consistent shepherding. Please pray for these foreign Christians and gospel friends who are in contact with us to hunger for the word of the Lord and have subjective experiences of His life, that the Lord might gain them as materials to build up His Body.