

United Arabic Emirates

The 2017 UAE National Blending Conference was held in Dubai during the UAE National Day holidays on December 1st. A total of 223 saints attended. The messages released were taken from the 2017 Fall ITERO: "The Recovery of the Church". The conference was immediately followed by the Responsible Ones' Perfecting Trainings held in Dubai and Abu Dhabi simultaneously, the purpose of which were to cater to the needs of the younger and growing churches. Some 42 brothers attended the trainings. The general subject was "The Building Up of the Body of Christ with Its Organic Practice". Many saints were strengthened by the Lord through the conference and trainings. They not only saw the revelation and vision, but also became more burdened for the building up of the Body of Christ and the propagation of the church.

Moreover, we were blessed to see the Lord's marvelous work in the raising up of His testimony in Fujairah at the eastern region of UAE, around 127 kilometers from Dubai. The saints started visiting Fujairah since two years ago. At that time only 1 to 2 sisters there would meet with the saints. Yet the prayers of the church availed much. In 2017, the Arab region experienced economic recession and many saints lost their jobs. Eventually some

found new jobs in Fujairah. The number of saints in Fujairah immediately grew, and they had to travel over 200 kilometers to meet with the church in Al Ain. By December 2017, the number of active saints in Fujairah reached 14, and the church was established officially on December 8. All the saints rejoiced greatly. This was the first lampstand in the emirate of Fujairah. About 32 saints from the other six localities in the UAE came to stand with the saints there, and all the saints were greatly encouraged.

Seven emirates jointly compose the UAE. Currently there are seven local churches in five of the Emirates. We continue to pray for the two Emirates without the Lord's testimony: Ras Al Khaimah and Um Al Quwain. There are a few saints residing in these places, who meet with and are shepherded by the saints in nearby local churches. May the Lord reign over all the Emirates of the UAE.



Update on the Churches in Nepal

Presently Nepal has four churches with around 260 saints. After the devastating earthquake in 2015, saints from all over the world came to preach the gospel, and many were thus saved and baptized. Some truth-seeking Christians were also attracted and entered into the church life.

Establishing the Model of the Church Life by the Practice of the God-Ordained Way

In this country where Hinduism is the state religion, it is not easy to preach the gospel or gain stable homes. For a period of six months the serving families gathered together every day to pray that the Lord would release the open ones despite the outward restrictions which made shepherding difficult. The Lord indeed listened to our prayer and has opened the way. Whenever we come across the open ones, we not only invite them to 2 or 3 home meetings per week, but also go to their houses daily to have morning revival with them. Many have entered into the church life through such daily shepherding. The saints eagerly share their enjoyment in the prophesying meetings because of the enlightenment and transformation they received through daily eating and drinking of the Word. Moreover, many saints gradually pick up the burden to practice the God-ordained way, setting aside a definite time every week to preach the gospel or shepherd others.



Among them is a seeking sister who was attracted by our truth and practices and longed to have fellowship with us. But because of her engagement with another Christian group, she always felt conflicted on Lord's Day. We went to her house daily to have morning revival with her and her two children. We also met with her several times a week to help her enjoy the ministry. She also tasted the difference between God's house and the earthly organized religion. Eventually she declared that the entire family would meet with the church on the proper ground. In the following six months, her husband and daughter got saved and baptized, and her son joined the Full-time Training in India. Now the whole family coordinate and serve in the church.

Starting in this May, we began to help the saints specifically in two areas: joining the prayer meetings and having home meetings with new ones. From our list of saints, we identified some who might be open to attend the prayer meetings and some who could help with the home meetings. Then we fellowshiped with them regarding the burden and the way of practice. The saints responded positively and willingly gave their time. A sister who works two jobs a day still goes out 2 to 3 times a week to shepherd 5 to 6 new ones. Another elderly sister developed a genuine burden for shepherding after going out with other saints to do so and became the most steadfast one in her vital group. A brother who lives farther away from the saints started sharing the gospel in his daily living and came across two Christian homes. He meets with them weekly in the homes and invites them to a small group meeting. Now one of the families meets regularly with us on Lord's Day.

With more saints functioning, the new ones have received more cherishing and have become more open to the church. Today, over half of the saints attend the prayer meetings and half of the saints take part in shepherding. In the coming days, we hope to strengthen the burden for the gospel that the Lord's testimony in Nepal will multiply and shine more brightly.

Perfecting the Local Serving Ones

The churches in Nepal are relatively young with small numbers of saints. So generally there is a shortage of pillars in the churches. Through the desperate seeking of the serving ones in the various churches and the fellowship in the Body, it was decided that the first National Perfecting Training would be held in Lalitpur from March 1-3 of this year. Forty-six saints from four localities gathered together to enjoy the rich supply from the Head.

The burden of the training was on "The Church, the Priests, and the Increase". The goal was to help the saints see the vision of the proper church life practice and give themselves to be built up into a priesthood to bring in the building up and increase of the Body of Christ. Through the saints' coordination in one accord, the training was full of the anointing and the timely speaking of the

Holy Spirit. The saints not only received the burden, but also mutually shared and prayed with one another after the meetings. Among them, a group of young saints who loved the Lord out of pure hearts were touched by the Lord and consecrated to join the two-year Full-time Training upon completion of their studies.

In the concluding fellowship of the training, it was made clear that the current burden was to produce a core group of serving ones through the establishment of regular service fellowship meetings, as well as to uplift the church life by establishing and strengthening the small groups. At the end of the training, the

saints renewed their consecration in prayer, declaring one by one their willingness to exercise their organic function in the church life and to serve as priests.

Through this training, the serving ones from different localities were blended together and manifested the glory and beauty of the one new man. The brothers coordinated in one accord in the ministry of the word, strengthening

each other's speaking, thereby bringing down the Lord's rich blessing. They also had much fellowship over the various services across the country. In their prayers, they renewed their consecration in tears for the strengthening and spread of the Lord's testimony in this country.

Distribution of Rhema Literature

Rhema distribution in Nepal began in 2015 and has been an important tool in our contact with Christians. In 2017, we gave out nearly 600 Rhema books. On April 1 of this year, a book fair was held in Kathmandu, and the saints set up a booth at the Christian Books Section and provided free literatures. The Christians on-site responded enthusiastically, with a total of 615 books given out. In addition, through the Facebook page "Rhema Books Nepal", nearly 100 people asked for the free publications, and 200 people downloaded electronic books. Please pray that the Lord would use these books to prepare vessels for His testimony; pray also for the follow-up contacts and shepherding so that seekers might be ushered into the church life and take part in His building.

