

Sri Lanka

A Review of the Blessings Received in 2018

There are currently 16 churches in Sri Lanka, and the average number on Lord's Day is about 265. Last year, the propagation in Sri Lanka was blessed in three aspects.

First, it was a move in the Body. The local brothers were all blended together in one accord, fighting the battle as a corporate warrior. We were open to the Body and received the sevenfold intensified supply in the Body.

A U.S. coworker visited Sri Lanka for last year and brought us much supply and encouragement. In April, nine full-timers from Taiwan came for two months and coordinated with the local saints for the establishment of the church in Kilinochchi. Currently, the condition of this locality is very stable, with about 16 saints meeting on the Lord's Day. The overseas saints also visited Colombo and shared with the saints regarding the need for a breakthrough in prayers and in the following three matters: in having open homes, in having saints raised up, and in gaining new ones. The overseas saints also coordinated with the local saints to visit warm doors and establish home meetings. Many new ones since then have continued to be nourished in the homes.

In July, twenty-two college students from Taiwan came for propagation. They were divided into six teams and went to various places to blend and fellowship with the young people, college students, and young working ones. They also joined the home meetings and coordinated in the visitations. Although not everyone was fluent in English, many times they just used hand gestures to communicate. The living testimony and pattern of the overseas students were the best shepherding. Several college students mentioned that after this visit, they would return to Taiwan and join the full-time training in Taipei. This brief mention of the full-time training left a deep impression on the local young people that upon college graduation, one should join the full-time training. In just two weeks, they stirred up the love of the local young people toward the Lord. On the last day, the six teams of college students returned to Colombo and held an exhibition meeting that was extremely rich in content. The prayers of the saints at the end were like the sound of many waters; almost every overseas student



declared, "I will return."

In the National Blending Conference in August, a group of overseas saints from Taiwan working in the medical field and children's serving ones came to join the meetings. Four days before the conference, they were divided into six teams to visit the local churches and have blending, fellowship and home meetings with the local saints. Some of the saints in the remote places had never encountered foreigners; it was also the first time for many of the overseas saints to visit so many homes and have intimate fellowship with the local saints. There were many sweet testimonies



everywhere. In Gampaha the saints went to visit a brother. He was a school teacher and his wife had not been meeting for a while. Through such a visitation and blending, the brother began to open his home every Saturday, inviting parents of his students, friends and relatives to attend the home meetings. After half a year, in January this year 12 new ones got baptized. The wife and relatives of this brother also began to live a normal church life. We truly experience that a home meeting is more effective than ten messages.

In October, full-time trainees from Korea came to propagate for three weeks. Their spirits were very strong. They stayed and coordinated with the saints in Trincomalee and blended with saints in nearby churches. During the propagation the saints gave out 2500 gospel tracts and 15 Bibles, brought 5 people to salvation, and contacted 20 open homes. Some of these homes are still being shepherded by the saints. The local young people were all englivened by the blending and propagation.

The second aspect of blessing is concerning the perfecting of the local saints, especially to send the young people to the full-time training.

So far, we have a sister who completed the two-year training. After the National Young People's Training in December last year, five young people decided to join the two-year training in Batam this year, and three declared that they would join the training in 2020. If each year we can have three to five join the full-time





training, there will be 30 to 50 trained soldiers in ten years who can carry on the Lord's recovery in Sri Lanka.

Since every full moon of the month is a national holiday in Sri Lanka, we made the plan to use the monthly holiday to conduct trainings and practice blending in the three major regions. Two days before each training, we would first have a training for the responsible brothers. Through the general perfecting of the saints, we hope that all the saints will be formed into an army to take part in the Lord's warfare on the earth.

The third point of blessing is regarding the purchase of a piece of land. Colombo has been developing rapidly in recent years with more and more high-rises being built. Property prices rose significantly. We have always had the burden to obtain an appropriate piece of land to build a training center for use of conducting blendings and trainings. In 2016, the saints began offering for this purpose. So far, offering for this has reached 4.88

million Sri Lankan rupees, but we have yet to find an appropriate property. We are praying before the Lord that we will find a suitable place this year and be able to make the purchase by the end of the year.

Please pray for us in these three aspects. First, pray for the propagation in Colombo. The church in Colombo subdivided into two districts in 2017. In 2018, another district meeting began. There are currently three districts, and the average number of saints meeting on Lord's Day is 55. We expect to have three more districts in the next two years and that the number of saints meeting on Lord's day would exceed 100 for the Lord to gain a strong testimony in the capital city. Second, pray for three to five young people to join the two-year full-time training every year. Third, pray for the identification and purchase of a suitable property this year for the training facility to be built.



Kuwait

Kuwait is situated in Southwest Asia by the Persian Gulf, bordering Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Population of the country is 4.1 million, with 1.2 million being native Kuwaitis, 1.1 million being Arabs from other countries, 1.4 million being Asian expats and about 80,000 Africans. Of the total population, 76% are Muslims (Islam being the official religion) and 17.3% are Christians.

There are 42 saints and 9 children in the church in Kuwait city. The saints are enjoying church life in the small groups in 4 different geographical districts. In a Muslim country like this, the saints are not free to meet anywhere they want. But the Lord has opened the way for the saints to gather together. The church holds the Lord's Table meeting in a school, after which the saints would gather in a brother's home for love feast and more fellowship. The Lord has blessed the church with sufficient provision, both materially and spiritually. The whole Kuwait has only one Lord's Table meeting. Eighty percent of the saints work in the medical field and do not have fixed working hours. So the number of saints that can come on Lord's Day is on average about 20

to 25, depending on their work shifts. The prayer meeting is conducted at two places. One is in the homes of available saints, and the other is in a brother's car where a few brothers gather for prayer.



The children's meeting is taken care of by the sisters after the Lord's Table meeting, simultaneous with the prophesying meeting. The children enjoy hymn singing and storytelling very much. In the weekly young people's meeting, the young ones learn to play guitar and sing hymns. They also learn the basic truths and the life practices, which they then exercise together with companions in their daily living.

Last year a brother from the U.S. visited Kuwait and a one-day conference was held. He shared about consecration, prayer and the spiritual warfare. Such visit and blending gave us the opportunity to enjoy the up-to-date speaking of the ministry and the fellowship of the Body of Christ.

Please pray for us. First, pray for the preservation of the four meeting districts. Second, pray for the church to have weekly gospel meetings. Third, pray for the establishing of lampstands in other 8 cities. May the Lord richly bless His testimony in Kuwait to shine more brightly.