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### **Discussion of Evangelism through Concept of Time and Space**

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#### **Introduction**

Seven hundred years before Christ was born, God had prophesied through Prophet Isaiah regarding the purpose of Christ's birth (Is 61:1-3). The work of preaching the gospel is the greatest arrangement on God's everlasting salvation.

Christ preached the gospel of heaven while He was on this earth and fulfilled the Salvation on the cross. He entrusted the mission of preaching the gospel to His disciples before His ascension to heaven. (Act 1:6-11; Mt 28:16-20; Mk 16:14-20) Every follower of Christ should have the sense of commission to view preaching as their life-long job and be more proactive in this big task of evangelism, using actions to repay the merciful Salvation of Christ (II Cor 5:14-15; Rom 12:1-2). Christ sacrificed His life to establish the church and entrusted the church the mission of evangelism. Evangelism is the purpose and mission of today's church in the end times (Eph 3:10-11).

#### **Evangelical Strategy**

Battle requires wisdom, if one doesn't discuss a strategy first, it will not work (Prov 24:6; 15:22). Evangelical work should include plans and strategies and be discussed under the

concept of time and space:

- I. Concept of space – To create a clear channel and establish a platform by extending the touching points.
  1. Point: Personal evangelical testimonies, campus evangelism, hospital outreach, community outreach, door-to-door evangelism, and medical evangelism.
  2. Line: Gospel teams, visitation teams, follow-up teams, personal follow-ups, group follow-ups, individual follow-ups.
  3. Surface: Printed literature, gospel fliers, testimony fliers, media videos, broadcast, television, gospel website, and classes.
  4. Body: Church evangelical services, gospel tea fellowship, periodic evangelical service, spiritual convocation and evangelical services, truth seeker classes, regular services, Joy gospel fellowship, Joy camps, fellowship services.

Spread the seed and wave of the gospel to the ends of Taiwan by utilizing the point/surface/body as the channel of space. This will help create a broader touch point and a smoother channel of evangelism so that more people will have the opportunity to know the gospel. To reach this goal, all members and church will need to preach constantly at every place.

II. Concept of Time – Strategize, plan, execute

III. Each local church should organize man power and resources to plan accordingly for the appropriate gospel team and apply the concept of time to conduct the gospel work below:

1. Monthly Evangelical Service: Hold evangelical work at least once every month with the following format: Gospel tea fellowship, hymnal evangelical service, monthly evangelical service, community evangelism, gospel week, nursing home evangelism, hospital evangelism, etc.
2. Weekly follow up: Follow up and train truth seekers at least once a week. This can be done by the gospel team.
3. Pray daily: The church can utilize the appropriate personnel to intercede for the truth seekers daily. Prayer groups can be formed, or council members can distribute the caring work.
4. Constantly show care: Distribute the responsibility for care by providing help and assistance to the truth seekers when needed.

The evangelism strategy with concept of time and space utilizes time and space to make a gospel net so that we can be responsible for preaching the gospel to the people that we love of this land.

## Conclusion

This is a generation when gospel is most thirsted for; it is also the generation of evangelism. We must preach wholeheartedly in season and out of season (II Tim 4:2). The scripture says: "Those who sow in tears will reap in joy" (Ps 126:5). The True Church of end times was established in 1917 A.D. It will reach its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. This is something worth remembering. Before this coming era, we must strive to work for the great plan of evangelism and participate in this centennial event of the gospel even if we missed the beginning of the work.

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## Church News

### India – Current Holy Work Condition

#### Evangelism and Pastoral

1. Church – 12 Churches / 2 House of Prayer / 5 Service Locations
2. Membership – 1167 members
3. Elders & Deacons – 14 Deacons, 6 Preachers
4. Religious Education – Around 200 students

There is a steady growth to evangelical works, which are mostly mobilized by church deacons, elders and leaders. Personal evangelism needs to be reinforced. In 2011/2012 90 people were baptized. Average growth rate is about 8.36%.

Up to today, local church leaders and preachers continue to be in contact with True Jesus Church members in Munnar, Anbanadu and Tirupur. Members in those areas have expressed the willingness to return to the true church.

#### Troubles in Pastoral Work in India

1. Church council and leaders are weak
2. Sermon speaking is not ideal
3. Not active in visitation work

Worship is carried out routinely, but is lacking church activities. Members do not actively participate.

4. Question/problem of compromise between the truth and local customs, traditions and culture.

Resolution: The India work team has sent experienced deacons/elders to pastor the church for a period of one month; three times a year. The goal is to assist local churches and deacons/elders, to correct and resolve problems at the India liaison office and between the workers and local churches.

We are striving hard in cultivating the children and youths. Many volunteers have joined in this ministry. Today, many of the children and youths have now become active workers in the church.

### Development and Operation of the India Liaison Office

The current focus of the India liaison office is on its financial conditions. Thank God the second generations members have received formal education, and therefore have steady monthly incomes. The financial situation of the church has greatly improved. Most of the local churches are independent, except for the India liaison office due to a shortage in offerings.

Currently the India liaison office is in charge of 85% of repair fee for the training center, 50% of expenses working out of the country, 25% in holding training and seminars, 30% to the livelihood of ministers and full-time workers. These expenses make up 80% of the estimated annual income. It's clear that the expenses in which India itself must be responsible for will slowly increase.

### Pioneer Work

Thank God our pioneering work in other areas of India continues to carry on smoothly.

### **West Bengal**

As of right now, we continue to have individual discussion with local reverends in Darjeeling. Some of them are able to accept. The current focus is now on the two towns of Bagdogra and Mirik; a doctrine seminar was once held. In Kolkata we cooperate with workers from Singapore. We also actively preach and hold family evangelical service in Bengali. At the same time, we continue to keep close contact with local Chinese communities and Chinese people.

### **Manipur**

This is the starting point to our presence in northeast India. This person is Reverend Alexander; he lives in the capitol of Imphal. He had a dream. A person dressed in white told him to observe the Sabbath. He later found our website on the internet, and contacted us after reading through

our basic beliefs and doctrines. Through three years of communication, we visited him for the first time in September of 2012. We conversed and shared the truth with him, and visited the church he is in charge of. He seemed to be able to accept our beliefs. We plan to hold more visitations and doctrine seminars.

### 1. Mirik – New Pioneering Region



### 2. Imphal – New Pioneering Region



## **Europe: German Speaking Areas**

### *\*Introduction\**

The “German speaking area in Europe” (DACH) consists of all churches within the countries in Europe where German is spoken (Germany, Austria and parts of Switzerland).

Currently there are 4 prayer houses and 1 place of worship within DACH. There are about 122 members.

### *\*Situation of the churches and service\**

#### ***Germany***

There are three prayer houses in Germany which are located in the North, West and South of Germany.

**Hamburg Prayer House** is situated in the North of Germany. The members mostly stay in the northern or middle parts of Germany or even Denmark. Hamburg prayer house is currently the only church with a building that is approved by the government to be officially used as church. Starting from many years ago, the churches in Germany were looking for a suitable building to serve as a church building, but the search was often in vain. In April 2011, through the guidance of God, Hamburg prayer house found a building formerly used by a music school at Harburg station. The city council approved of the change of use from music school to church. That is why the building was bought and refurbished to be used as a church and dedicated in May 2012.

**Rheinland Prayer House** has bought a church building in 2011. Because of delays during the refurbishing, service is currently held at various members' houses. By God's grace the refurbishing will be done by June 2013 and the chapel can be used for regular services. The members of Rheinland prayer house mostly stay in the western part of Germany. Some members from bordering countries (the Netherlands) also attend service. Thank God, in the past

two years there were many newly baptised members who joined Rheinland prayer house, which is also the church with the most children.

**Heidelberg Prayer House**, the oldest church within DACH and also one with more members. Members mostly stay in the middle and southern parts of Germany. A few members from the eastern part of Germany and the western part of France also join the service in Heidelberg. Service in Heidelberg is held at a flat near the town centre. Because of governmental regulations this flat officially is not to be used as a church. Therefore no sign can be put up and public service is not allowed. May God have mercy and give guidance that Heidelberg prayer house will soon find a suitable church building.

Besides having a rather developed RE-system, by comparison, it is also the church with the most youth. Thank God, the youth fellowship has been established for four years already. They are starting to become a force within church.

### ***Switzerland***

In Switzerland we have members in Basel and Zurich. Because of the limited amount of members, Heidelberg prayer house pastors these areas. The church board of Heidelberg prayer house has three or four opportunities to go to Basel and Zurich to pastor the members and help leading the Sabbath service.

**Basel** has only two members, but members and truthseekers living in Germany, nearby the boarder, sometimes join the service. Thank God, even though they are few, they have not stopped service. Usually the service consists of listening to recordings.

**Zurich** has one member, a retired mum. It is not convenient for her to travel to Basel or Zurich for service, which is why she studies the Bible on her own or invites friends during the Sabbath. If an opportunity arises, she will invite preachers to visit and have service. In September of last year, Pr. Peter Shee from Singapore visited and held Sabbath service.

## *Austria*

**Salzburg Prayer House** has bought a shop-lot two years ago, which is used as a gospel information centre and place of worship. Thank God for His guidance, service is going smoothly and the leaflets at the door attract many local truthseekers. In 2012 there have been three to five regular truthseekers.

**Vienna Place of Worship** weekly rents a room in a hostel to have Sabbath service.

Thank God for His guidance of the DACH-area. Even though there have been ups and downs, but we see the miraculous works of God. May God continue to keep us and have mercy all the prayer houses and every believer. May everyone stand strong on their journey of faith, not tempted by the world. Through God's guidance, may we continue to preach His word in the DACH-area.

### \*Activities in 2012\*

March – DACH-Youth fellowship went to visit Spain (Barcelona, Madrid, Albacete...) and had fellowship with the local members.

April – DACH Youth Training Seminar and Spiritual Convocation in Heidelberg

May – Church dedication in Hamburg

August – Student Spiritual Convocation in Heidelberg

December – Bible seminar in Heidelberg, led by Pr. Ko and Pr. Steve Hwang, Topic: “Virtuous women in the Bible – examples for our daily life and faith”

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 *Intercession*

**1.IA WORK IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Personnel</b>
4/5-5/5	USA	Spiritual Evangelical Convocation	EY Ho
4/5-4/28	USA	Pastoral Visit the Indonesia Members	Indonesia GA Preacher
4/17-21	Canada	Spiritual Evangelical Convocation-Vancouver	WC Yeh
April	Ecuador	Pastoral Work	CM Chu
April	UK	Spiritual Evangelical Convocation-Portsmouth	USGA
April	UK	Spiritual Evangelical Convocation-London	USGA
April	Germany	Special Service- Rhineland Prayer House	HH Ko
April	Greece	Member Visit & Concern	BQ Wang
4/18-5/13	Russia	Outreach/ Training/ Pastoral/ Spiritual Evangelical Convocation	FF Chong
4/25-7/21	South Africa	Pastoral ministry / Youth Seminar / Spiritual Convocation	Luke Chan
4/8-22	West Africa	Pastoral ministry/Training -Sierra Leone	Michael Hsu/ Luke Chan
4/14-6/16	Japan	Pastoral and Pioneering work in Sumida and Chiba	IF Lai
4/29-5/7	Japan	Spring Spiritual Convocation/ Short term Bible Study Seminar	TW Huang RD Huang
4/14-5/8	Malaysia	EH Eld and Dn Volunteer Training	YS Wu
4/29-5/10	Sabah	Preacher Refresher Course	HH Ko
4/15-30	Sabah	Theological Training / Theological Seminary	HD Chen
4/21-5/20	Australia	Marriage Coordinators Training-Brisbane Pastoral visits to 5 cities	MY Chao
4/5-21	Hong Kong	Spring Spiritual Evangelical	YZ Lee

		Convocation – Kowloon/Western/Hong Kong Church	
4/4-18	Philippines	Evangelizing to the Chinese Filipino	Indonesia Preacher + SVMT
4/12-29	Philippines	Theological Seminary	Ezekiel Chang
4/18-28	India	Youth Spiritual Meeting/ Junior & Inter. Youth Bible Camp/ Tamil Nadu Youth Spiritual Meeting Tamil Nadu/ Youth Training Course/Gospel Outreach	Habakkuk Hee Grace Ho Soo Li Jia Wai Leng
4/29-5/20	India	STTC/ Vandiperiyar Spiritual Meeting /Preachers’ wife Spiritual Nurture	Habakkuk Hee
4/12-28	Myanmar	Spiritual Meeting/Pastoral	Vanram Nun Mawia/Mang Za Lian /Local workers
4/10-14	New Zealand (Christchurch)	Autumn Spiritual Evangelical Convocation	Daniel Chen
4/13-21	Indonesia	Counselor Spiritual Nurture (Children and Junior Youth counseling)	Daniel Chu
4/12-25	Indonesia	Pioneered area Spiritual Convocation- Tanjung Duren / Theological Seminary/ Spiritual Convocation- Sunter Church	YJ Lin

## 2. DEVELOPMENT OF DIVINE WORK IN ALL NATIONS

## 3. WORKERS IN ALL PIONEERING AREAS

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