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### **“Expand the Land of Tabernacles”**

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International Assembly held its eleventh World Delegates Conference (WDC) on April 1-2, 2013 in Irvine Church, U.S.A. The theme was “Increase the Nations, Expand the Borders” (Is 26:15). Delegates gathered in one place to discuss the affairs of God’s kingdom and held Holy Work Symposium before the meeting; the topic was “Globalization and the development of True Jesus Church”. True Jesus Church’s development in last hundred years and future prospects were discussed. Main topics include the history of development, revival and growth, local establishment and world’s exploration of churches and coordination centers from each country; these topics prospect beautiful vision for the future church.

#### **I. Enlarge the Tabernacles and Expand to the Right and the Left**

God has promised us, “Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited” (Is 54:2-3). “Enlarging the place of the tent” means the expansion of the True Church, “stretch out the curtains” means spreading God’s salvation, “lengthen your cords” means extension

of God's love to all corners, "strengthen your stakes" is to preach the perfect truth of God so that faith remains firm and steadfast (Col 1:23, 25)

The Gospel should be preached to all corners; to the right and to the left. Lord Jesus entrusted us to preach the gospel to all people, so we should preach in unity. God works in us, so we could work with Him for His will and to fulfill His good purpose. He who began the good work in us will carry it on to completion until the days of Christ Jesus (Phil 1:5-6; 2:13).

## **II. Look Up and Walk All Around the Earth**

God chose Abraham and promised him "All nations of the earth will be blessed through you". After Lot had separated from Abraham, the Lord said to him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." (Gen 12:3, 13:14-17).

As we can see today, the world's ministering work is ready to harvest in all areas, awaiting laborers into His harvest (Mt 9:37-38). Presently, there are gospel gathering in all major cities in the five continents. There are still pioneering areas and unconquered lands, which General Assembly and Coordination Center of the country should show care for, to develop fully by following-up and shepherd with extra care. We must ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest and work together for the gospel.

## **III. Ask for the Abidance of God and Open the Door of Grace**

Paul said, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." (1 Cor 3:6-9) Root downward and bear fruit upward in thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and a hundredfold, so we would hold for the growth of more and beautiful fruit to glorify God and benefit men.

Not by might nor by power, but by God's spirit. God's laborers rely on God's spirit to complete His works. (Zech 4:6). Just as Paul said, "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient (Rom 15:18). The Lord Jesus chose His disciples, gave them authority, worked with them, and confirmed His word by the signs that accompanied it (Mk 16:20). We must devote ourselves to prayer, be

watchful and thankful, so that God may open a door for our message to proclaim the mystery of Christ (Col 4:2,3).

#### **IV. Rise Up and Build, and Set Our Hands to This Work**

When the true God touched the heart of King Artaxerxes to send Nehemiah back to rebuild the holy city, God also touched the heart of Nehemiah. He encouraged the people saying, “Then I said to them, ‘You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach.’ And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king’s words that he had spoken to me. So they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’ Then they set their hands to this good work.” (Neh 2:17-18)

Let us follow Nehemiah and the Israelites’ example in rebuilding the walls when we see the church in needs and difficulties. They were in team works, utilizing all resources, working together and assigning responsibilities. Even Nehemiah encountered many difficulties while rebuilding the walls, he completely relied on God without fears or afraid of slanders, sarcasm, attacks, and disturbances. He became stronger in faith and worked in unity with others to accomplish the work. As a result, it took only fifty-two days to complete those difficult tasks (Neh 6:15).

#### **V. Rebuilding the Walls, Expanding the Horizon**

It is inevitable that churches have weaknesses, however; we should stand in the gap and be the Repairers of the Breach and the Restorers of the Street (Is 58:12) to avoid attack from Satan and falling into confusion or trap, as well prevent from gap in spiritual cultivation, faith, family, church, and the truth. This way, we would stand firm in the truth, keep ourselves in God’s love and never fall. The church should first take care internally in order to expand externally. The Bible says, “O Israel, in the day when your walls are to be built, in that day the decree shall go far and wide.” (Mic 7:11)

Enlarging the tent starts with individual spiritual cultivation, firm in faith, well-built family, church growth and then prosperity. We must first edify ourselves, and then edify others. Building up family first before building up the church so that family faith becomes the base and foundation of ministering. Let the family become church-like and the church become family-like; building the spirit of one family in Christ. Just as Paul said, “But if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” (1 Tim 3:15) We need to also pray for the peace of Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, those who love you must prosper! May your city be peaceful! May your temple prosper!

For the sake of my brothers and workers, I will say: May peace be among you! I will seek blessings for you for the sake of the Lord and His temple. (Ps 122:6-9)

## **VI. Spread the Gospel Extensively, So All People Could Return to the Truth**

Lord Jesus says, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mk 16:15) The establishment, growth, and expansions of the church during apostolic times started out small then became bigger, from few to many, from the inside to the outer regions, from nearby regions to farther out. The gospel spread in this way from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, to the ends of the earth the disciples became the witnesses to God through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Act 1:8)

Internet and cloud technology today allows communication of the gospel through video conference and thus made pioneering easier. As in the Bible, “Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” (Rev 14:6-7) Therefore, the church has actively developed websites to preach the gospel through the Internet. It helps with the growth of the holy work.

Enlarging the land of the tent and globalizing the gospel are what we should actively promote in the work of evangelism in this generation. May God give us spiritual vision and bless us with wisdom, power, and gift, so we may work with God. Look! In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. (2 Cor 6:1-2)

We must be able to tell time and examine ourselves, taking opportunity to work in the day for the Lord and spread the gospel to all nations. May the spirit of the Lord move our hearts to fulfill good works.

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## **Russian Holy Work Update**

A man’s heart plan his way; however, man could not accomplish as wished because there are many uncertainties. Therefore, Elder James said, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or do that.” (Jas 4:15) This is the case even more so with the works of God because God has His plan and

guidance. The workers of true God could only do their best and do things according to the will of God that has been revealed; we ask Him to show a clear path to do so.

A church can only understand its directions during the time of servitude. Just like the work from Antioch church where the workers and believers did their best to spread the gospel to their surrounding areas. While the workers are serving and fasting, God instructed them the direction of their next task. He sent workers among them to go out and preach the gospel to farther areas. Every church has different path and time; therefore, we will need the guidance of the Lord to fulfill His beautiful will.

Moscow church has been established for almost 18 years under the guidance of the Lord. During these 18 years, many things have changed within the church and around the church. The policy of the country continues to change; including political parties, environment, work, politics, and the migration of the members, local workers, and the team who has been sent to help with the Moscow holy work.

Russia's holy work team has decided to let Moscow church to elect their own council members so the church can learn how to take care of themselves. Russia's holy work team nominated a few members as council members; in December, 2012, the members elected five council members out of the nominees to serve for one year starting January, 2013. May the true God bless them with wisdom, ability, faith and walk with the members through the guidance of the Lord.

Due to the downturn of global economy especially Europe, many members who were in Moscow for business has returned to their own countries and will not return to Moscow for work at the mean time; therefore, the members in the church has decreased. Thank God, there are some members who love Moscow church have found ways to stay; in addition to sustaining their business, they are hoping to contribute to the church. May the Lord remember their loves towards God and guide them throughout their paths.

New truth seekers have inquired about church publications ever since Russian has been added onto the I.A. website. Some are from cities outside of Moscow, and some are from Ukraine. All of them have the same background, as they were unsatisfied with the doctrine of their own churches; they have started to seek for a church that is based more on the Bible. Moscow church council are in charge of communicating with them since most of them understand only Russian. Not many of our members can communicate in Russian, thus communications are mostly in writing. May God choose those He wanted while we continue to pray that He adds more members who could understand Russian.



The Moscow church's loan from the members for the purchase of the chapel has been paid in full in the mid-2012 and there is excess fund. Thank God that the church was able to pay off more than ten thousand US dollars of debt within three years. This is all due to the love of members towards the Lord; willingly to contribute in times of economic downturn. May all the glory be with the true God of heaven.

Hoping everyone to pray for the Moscow church so the gospel can be spread quickly; thus reaching the goal of preaching to the ends of the earth. We don't know about the future. However, with the abidance with the Lord, everything is under his palm. The present time is like the verse, "Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills. (Hab 3:17-19)

"For the Lord knows the way of the righteous. O God, my times are in your hand" (Ps 1:6a, 31:15a)



2013 Moscow Church Spring Spiritual Convocation



2013 Dinner after Moscow Church Spring Spiritual Convocation

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# Sabah Current Holy Work Report

In this and last year, two church locations in Sabah had held church dedication ceremonies.

## 1. Guong Church in Kota Belud region

In the early 80's, God has long raised His worker (Dn. Clement Chang) to develop the area. Through the manifestation of the truth, miracles and wonders, all members who were originally from Sidang Injil Borneo Gospel Church were being led to baptize into the true church. The chapel was rebuilt in 1992, after undergoing some erosion by winds and rains, it is already very much worn-out. Therefore it was rebuilt on the same location for the third time, and chapel was dedicated in 2012. The chapel includes an auxiliary floor has a total expense of approximately six hundred thousands ringgit.

## 2. Belacon Church in Lahad Datu

Belacon belongs to the pioneering region; directly cared for and pastored by Lahad Datu Church. Majority of Belacon Church members are Turkish; with most members received the

Holy Spirit. It is evident that the establishment of Belacon Church was not the work of men, rather, it is the work of the Holy Spirit. Currently there are 30 members; they have their own chapel. They are lack of RE teachers; therefore they are still unable to hold RE classes. May God continue to guide the development of this holy work.

### **Theological Education**

In response to the urgent needs of the church and to avoid the phenomenon of worker's shortage, Sabah GA's evangelical-pastoral department has come up with some plans. They are planning to hold a theological camp in June to gather students from colleges and members who are new to the society. They are hoping members to build up good theological foundation in preparation of entering GA's theological seminary in the future. In other word, the purpose of establishing the theological camp is to train and cultivate church workers. It can also be seen as an extension of GA's three year short-term theological seminar.

### **Training Ground**

The increasing number of students tends to overload the current training facility in Kota Kinabalu, it has become over crowded. One can imagine the expenses it takes to travel long distance to Kota Kinabalu from rural areas. Thus, in considering a long-term development, the GA plans to build a two-story concrete structure of training center in the inland regions. The conservative estimating cost of the project is about RM 1,500,000.

### **(Sarawak) "Unconquered Land" – Sarawak**

Sarawak is a state along the coast in East Malaysia with extremely vast lands. It is Sabah GA's responsibility to send workers there. However, there is still no development and growth in any aspects today. For this reason, this place has long been deemed as an "unconquered land." Presently, we have a chapel in the capital of Sarawak – Kuching. Total member is about 50. Miri – the second city in Sarawak dwells in the northern area; neighboring Brunei, has a chapel purchased at the end of 2012. Total cost including renovation is approx. RM eight hundred thousands. Current member in Miri Church is about 45. Sibü – There are several local members but they are scattered in few places, they are unable to gather together. Moreover, there is a great school in Sibü, many students come to Sibü every year to study. If these students were willing to attend service and with God's guidance, we surely believe that, God's church will be established in this location in the near future.





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## **2013 World Delegates Conference**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> World Delegates Conference was held on April 1 to 2, 2013, in Irvine Church, Southern Californian, US. Total of fifty-six delegates from fourteen countries and areas gathered in one place with decent hearts and respectful spirits. Two-day meeting under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, four proposals, two suggestive methods, and one report all concerning the edification and consensus of the entire church have been discussed. We believed our discussion could bring forth more positive values and results to hard work for the goal. .

New ministering team has been elected during the meeting. The list of the new IA Executive Council members are as follows; Eld. Fu-Ming Tse (IA Chairman), Pr. Derren Liang (Director of Western Hemisphere Department of World Missions), Eld. Joshua Phoong (Director of Eastern Hemisphere Department of World Missions), Ming-Yang Chao (Director of Training

Affairs), Dn. Shawn Chou (Director of Literary Ministry), Dn. Ming-En Shaw (Director of General Affairs), Dn. Nai-Hsin Chen (Director of Financial Affairs), Eld. Yung-Ji Lin (Chairman of Taiwan GA), Eld. Hoi Doo Kim (Chairman of Korea GA), Dn. Silas Chan (Chairman of UKGA), Titus Yuwono (Chairman of Indonesia GA), Pr. Nathanael Chin (Chairman of Sabah GA), Pr. Jonathan Chou, Dn. Kar-Chung Tsai, Dn. Bill Tseng, Eld. Kuang-Ming Wu, Pr. Hong Hsiung Ko, Dn. Ta-Te Lo, and Pr. Steve Hwang. May God grant wisdom and power to them, so they can well utilize their gifts to perform good works.

In order to host the meetings, USGA was meticulously and wholeheartedly took care of the details in various administrative planning and back-up support like transportation, daily routine plans, seating plans, and meals service, etc. Their delicate ideas and extra care were appreciated. May the Lord remember their labor.

In order to pass down the holy work to the newer generations, IA has resolved to nominate vice directors for each IA department. The list of nominated vice directors are as follows: Pr. Steve Hwang (Vice director of Western Hemisphere Department of World Missions), Pr. Fook Fah Chong (Vice director of Western Hemisphere Department of World Missions), Pr. Ezra Chong (Vice Director of Eastern Hemisphere Department of World Missions), Pr. Timothy Yeung (Vice Director of Department of Training Affairs), Pr. Ming-Chang Wang (Vice Director of Department of Training Affairs), Pr. Peter Shee (Vice Director of Department of Literary Ministry), Dn. Richard Solgot (Vice Director of Department of Literary Ministry), Dn. Jia-Lin Ma (Vice Director of Department of General Affairs), Dn. Horn Hsieh (Vice Director of Department of General Affairs), and Eld. Kuang-Ming Wu (Vice Director of Department of Financial Affairs)



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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Personnel</b>
7/1-26	USA	e-Learning Project	HH Ko
7/14-19	Canada	Religious Education Teacher Seminar(Toronto)	Patricia Chen
7/20-28	Argentina	Student Spiritual Convocation/Spiritual Evangelical Convocation	CH Chou/HD Chang
July	Bolivia	Evangelical Pastoral/Training	CM Chu
7/5-15	Dominican Rep.	Pastoral Visitation/Street Park Evangelical Team	Richard Solgot
7/27-8/4	Germany	Training & Special Service(Heidelberge)/German speaking area Children Spiritual Convocation(Hamburg)/ Single Youth Spiritual Convocation	HH Ko
Jul./Aug.	Spain	Visit & Concern(Madrid / Albacete / Barcelona)	CJ Hsieh
Jul./Aug.	Russia	Outreach/ Training/ Pastoral	IA Worker
7/15-8/11	Japan	Pastoral and Pioneering work in Sumida and Chiba	Jacob Chao
Jul./Aug.		Student Spiritual Convocation (Junior & Senior) Sumida Church	TW Huang Jacob Chao
7/4-8/5	Malaysia	Pastoral / Evangelical / Training (Northern Region)	AQ Lai
7/1-20	Sabah	Theological Training	CH Weng
7/19-28	Fiji	Pastoral/Training	Esther Wee/Wendy Kong/ Cindy Chin/Esther Huang
7/26-8/5	Singapore	RE Coordinators/TIC Training/RE Teachers' Retreat	Patricia Chen
7/5-22	Philippines	Spiritual Convocation/Pastoral	Lemuel Leong /James Yapp
7/5-22		Evangelizing to Chinese Filipino	James Yapp /SVMT
7/12-26		Theological Seminary	Zechariah Aloï

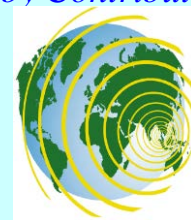
Jul./Aug.	India	Residential Pastoral	Joel Chong
7/8-19	New Zealand (Auckland)	Bible Study Seminar/ New Zealand Student Spiritual Meeting	HD Lee
7/31-8/30	Indonesia	Biblical Study Seminar/ Spiritual Convocation/ Theological Seminary	SC Chen

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