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### **The Least Will Become A Thousand**

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The first meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Delegate Conference in 2009 was held in Malaysia. The topic was “Arise and Shine” (Isaiah 60:1). The second meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Delegate Conference in 2011 was held at Taiwan’s General Assembly. The topic was “Passing On”. This year, the meeting was held at Irvine Church in the United States, with the topic “Increase the Nation, Expand the Borders” (Isaiah 26:15). The delegates from different countries overcame fatigue from travelling and jetlag to gather together for the matter of God’s kingdom, so that we can follow the Lord’s instruction to tend His sheeps and spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. During the conference, the delegates have engaged in the discussion of different subjects and study of the truth, as well as worked together to advance our worldwide evangelical work. The content of the meeting can be summarized into the following points:

1. Reinforcing the doctrines of truth
2. Passing on holy work
3. Improving our organization and system
4. Advancement of evangelical work

5. Implementation of pastoral work
6. Coordination of global holy work

### **The Least will Become a Thousand**

God said to Abraham, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation” (Genesis 12:1). When Abraham left his country, he and his wife Sarah brought only their nephew Lot and their servants, and Sarah was barren. It seemed impossible for him to become a great nation. However, God never fails to fulfill His promise. Even though Sarah was past childbearing age (Hebrews 11:11), God enabled her to conceive and gave birth to Isaac. From Isaac came Esau and Jacob. Jacob had twelve sons. Then, four hundred and thirty years later, the Israelites left Egypt with a population of approximately six hundred thousands, excluding women and children (Exodus 12:37). After the Israelites went through the destruction of the Northern Kingdom and Southern Kingdom and the massacre during World War II, the nation of Israel today still has a population of approximately eight million people. It is the only nation in the world with an Israelite-majority demographic and the only nation in the world that was descended and established from the line of a single man – Abraham.

### **The Spiritual Israelites will too Become a Great Nation**

“But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother ... Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise.” (Galatians 4:26, 28). The Holy Spirit – the Latter Rain – descended in 1917 and established the true church first in Beijing, China then in Central and Southern China, Taiwan, Singapore, the United States, Saba and different countries around the world covering five continents. Because of the same belief - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, one Spirit - all members of the True Jesus Church are the people of the heavenly Father, the true God. Despite coming from different nations, ethnic groups, places and cultures, we are of the same spiritual kingdom. The church must overcome many obstacles and challenges in advancing its evangelical work. Just as Abraham went towards the land of Canaan by faith, the early church workers also walked on by faith. We know by heart that this is God’s promise and He has guided us with the truth, the Holy Spirit and His power to walk on the path which He has instructed us to take. Therefore, the True Jesus Church will grow as described in the Scriptures:

“The least of you will become a thousand,  
the smallest a mighty nation.  
I am the LORD;

in its time I will do this swiftly.” (Isaiah 60:22).

Making, forming, and establishing are the work of God (Jeremiah 33:2). Therefore, the Lord will fulfill what He has promised. The Lord has commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation (Mark 16:15), so that people of all nations, ethnicities, places and cultures can receive God’s salvation, repent and believe in Jesus, and obtain the blessing of eternal life. We firmly believe that “In the last days, the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. (Isaiah 2:2,3). Amen!

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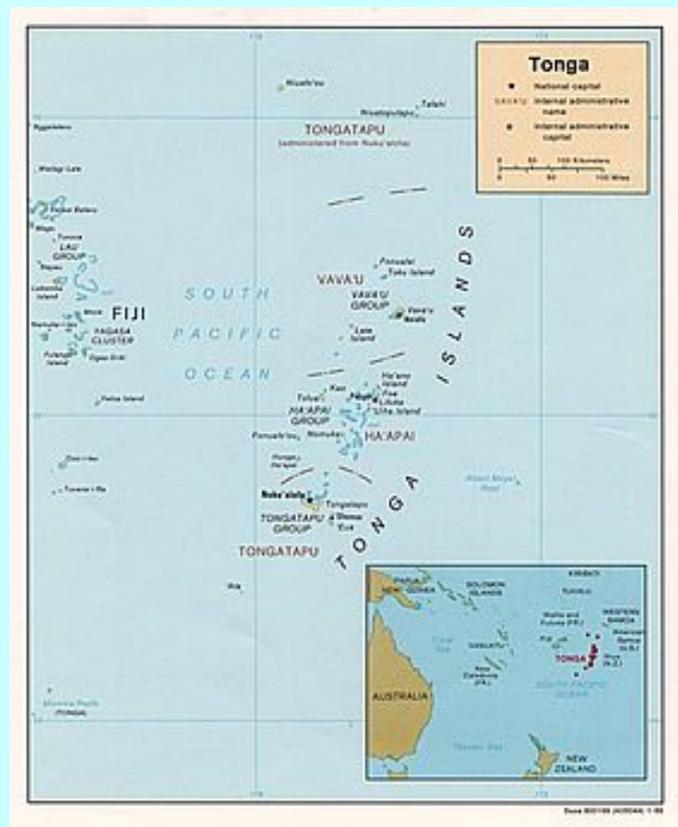
## Church News

# The Divine Work in Tonga and Samoa

## TONGA

Tonga is a nation in the Oceania region, located towards the north east of New Zealand. Comprising 176 islands, it has a population of about 104,941. 70% of the population lived in the biggest island of Tongatapu. The capital is Nuku’alofa located in this island. All our members live in this island.

The divine work in Tonga started in the year 2004 when we are invited by our Chinese members in Auckland to provide pastoral care to their relatives in Tonga. After arrival there, we are able to locate more than 30 Chinese members. Pastoral work began together with outreach when there are opportunities. We thank the grace of God, some local Tongans were baptized. However, they have now migrated to New Zealand.



Due to economic and political reasons, many of the initial members have returned to China leaving about 10 members here. But frequently there will be changes, with members coming and leaving. All of them are opening provision shop or work in related fields. Due to the nature of their work, they have to work from morning to late evening for 6 days a week. Sunday is a compulsory off day. Services are held on Saturday afternoon & Sunday in a member's house. When our workers came from abroad, nightly services were conducted. Pastoral remains the main focus of our work while seeking out opportunities for evangelism. The main problem we face here is language. While all our members who came from China speaks Mandarin, the local Tongans speaks Tongan and English.

Presently the divine work in Tonga is placed under Tonga Mission Committee set up by the 3 churches in New Zealand.



## SAMOA



Towards the north east of Tonga is Samoa. Samoa was in the Western Hemisphere but in December 2011 it decided to change its time zone by moving to the west of the International Date Line. Consisting of 10 islands, it has a population of 194,320.

Divine work here started in 2011, when our members in New Zealand informed us of the presence of our China members in Samoa. Presently we have 12 members residing here. Few truthseekers who are relatives of our members joined us in our worship. All members are

opening convenience store, supermarket or working in related business. They work long hours from early morning to late evening. The supermarkets open 7 days a week while the convenience stores opened 6 days a week. Services were held on Saturday morning and every night when our workers are sent over, in a member's house.

All our members are from China and speak Mandarin. The local members speak Samoan or English. Presently, we are only doing pastoral work & reaching out the relatives of our members.

The Tonga Mission Committee agreed to extend their missionary work to Samoa as well.



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## Church News

# The Current Church Situation in East Africa

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There are always fair shares of joy and sadness in every church of God. Joy overflows when the church is expanding in leaps and bounds. The comfort is enormously soothing to the souls when she is rooted in the word of God. However, sadness will kick in when conflict arises in the church. Workers that are not working in harmony, tossing the word of God aside, are particularly saddening. This is the struggle that the church is facing today before attaining to the level of perfection God desires.

Without exception, the churches in East Africa are having the mix of joy and sadness. The

recently established churches in Tanzania are showing signs of improvement: workers are enthusiastic about sharing the gospel of salvation to others. The RE is moving forward with the help of the Kenyan workers conducting the yearly Students' Convocation in Tanzania.

Although the local workers, in general, are in great need of further rooting in their faith, God has miraculously chosen for Himself true and genuine workers, who are faithful in the truth. These workers include regular brothers and sisters.

At present there are two chapels in Tanzania; they are very useful for the work of training and RE works. They are constructed under the supervision of some AMC workers and volunteers alike. The immediate plan ahead is to supply the brethren with reading material in Kiswahili. Seminars are to be conducted for the local workers who have expressed wishes for more training. On the one hand, training is done with a view to completely purge them of their old beliefs. On the other hand, by the word of God, their mode of thinking is constantly being refined to be suitable for good works.

In Kenya, the churches have their ups and downs. The greatest challenge to the AMC is how to put in place a proper system for the selection of workers. To introduce good and faithful workers, who have been trained, to the leadership positions requires the great wisdom of God. The shortage of workers is directly connected to the collapse of some places of worship. But the alarm has already been sounded forth to actively revive them. Above all, to have a change of heart to draw closer to God is always instrumental to overcoming obstacles.

The RE in Kenya is more established than most in other African countries. There are many trained local RE teachers. There are also local personnel who devote themselves in much time to oversee the RE works. The Students' Convocation, with different classes, has been on-going for the past many years. The convocation is conducted by the AMC workers and volunteers, as well as local workers. Although the result may not be readily quantified, one thing for sure is that many children have developed the love for prayer.

Like the works in pioneering areas, the work in East Africa is a tedious and, at times, draining one. To rise above all difficulties depends not on planning alone. It is very much about an exercise of putting the message of working together in unity into good use. This unity, in reality, must go beyond the confines of the AMC workers. It should be reflected in the care and concern of all the brethren and churches worldwide for the ministry work in Africa. Let us pray that God will continue to open the door of salvation in East Africa. Amen!

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 *Intercession*

1. Please pray for IA work assignment as below:

Date	Location	Program	Personnel
12/22– 2014/1/12	Australia	STTTC / NWYS / YTTC	Joel Chong/ Peter Shee/ Zephaniah Li
12/23-31	Myanmar	Year-End Spiritual Meeting	Isaiah Phan/ Philip Shee
12/21-26	Canada	SSC Counselors' Workshop/ SSC (Toronto)	Steve Hwang
12/21-25		SSC(Vancouver)	Jason Hu
12/3-11	Brazil	Pastoral Work/ Spiritual Evangelical Convocation	Derren Liang
11/28-12/2	Chile	Pastoral Work/Training	Derren Liang
12/26-2014/1/1	Germany	European Continent Spiritual Cultivation	HH Ko
12/5-30	Russia	Outreach/ Training/ Pastoral	Luke Chan
12/5 – 2014/2/28	South Africa	Pastoral ministry / Training	MH Chang
12/5 – 2014/1/5	West Africa	Student Convocation(Ghana/Togo)	Johnny Liu / Volunteer
12/4-30	East Africa	Pastoral ministry/Student Spiritual Convocation/ Training(Zambia)	Steven Shek / Volunteer

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