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Feature

Welcoming the New Century with Thanksgiving

Bill Tseng

True church reached her 100th year of evangelism this year. International Assembly arranged a thanksgiving hymnal worship and service to be held March 25-26 during the 12-1 World Delegates Conference (WDC) in Taiwan. Brothers and sisters from around the world as well as local members in Taiwan gathered in one place and praised with one heart. We also continue to ask for God's guidance, so that we would receive double portion of the spirit which had moved our predecessors and would strengthen our hearts to keep the truth. May the Lord give us power to preach the gospel until the end of the earth.

One hundred years is the end to an era as well as the beginning of another century. It is a mark of thanksgiving as well as the beginning of another mission. Looking back at one hundred years of God's almighty hand, God has made True Jesus Church prosperous. We have been inheriting the Apostolic Church and raising up the banner of the church of correction to nations to lead people into the truth. In the hundred years, the Holy Spirit, truth, miracles and wonders led the true church into a firm foundation. Even though many blocks, persecutions, and difficulty was encountered, the truth has already preached to more than sixty countries and gained victory

through the Lord. However, the mission that God has entrusted to the true church, the ark of the end time, has not ended. We must rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to strive forward and await the coming of the Lord.

With thankfulness, let us welcome the new hundred years, a century that is full of challenge, yet filled with the blessing and grace of the Lord.

In the beginning of the new century, God let us see two favorable conditions for development. One is the revival of churches in the Eastern region. Second is the growth of social media. Through the first, we ask that God let us revisit the spiritual scene that occurred hundred years ago so that more resources and ability will be invested into world evangelism. The second shows that the world can quickly link everyone through the Internet. This is very beneficial for preaching the gospel during crucial moments.

To make the above two points become beneficial for preaching the gospel, there are two challenges. One is that the entire true church should be firm and unified in the truth. The second is that in this new world of the internet we need to develop new ways to evangelize and pastor. For the first challenge, the International Assembly, which has been working for fifty years, shall continue to play an active role; through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and proceeding with the direction of “solidification, correction, and unity,” the entire True Church will be unified in the truth and would proactively spread the true gospel. For the second challenge, gradually train the youth to pastor and evangelize in the area of internet ministry through social media. At the same time, we may put more effort in literary ministry so that the content used for pastoring can be digitalized and utilized on the multimedia scope of internet ministry. This is work that must be done diligently in this new century.

God’s will is to be done through His chosen servants; therefore, facing the mission entrusted by God in this new century, the most important thing is to ask the Lord to revive those who are determined to evangelize. Elder Shun-Dao Hsieh’s sermon during the thanksgiving service emphasized that in order to complete the mission of the true church, one must not only deeply believe that the true church will prosper through the promise of God, on the faith and holy work must also be passed on. The workers of previous generation had left many good examples, so for the future we must train more workers who are willing to strive forward. In addition to passing on the truth, the willing spirit of doing work and heart of sacrificing for the Lord must also be passed on.

Welcoming the new century with thanksgiving, all the believers who have been blessed must strengthen their faith and carry on the mission that the Lord has entrusted. Regardless of the

change of environment, we must bravely face the destruction of the evil one, rely on the Holy Spirit that works within us, and steer the ship into the deep sea. Pay attention to the direction of the wind, the water flow, and the reef; palm the rudder and spread the net, so that we can be fishers of men for the Lord.

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 *Church News*

Ministry in Thailand – Work Update

Shun-Rong Tsai

Thanks to God's love and mercy, God guided the fearless senior preachers so that the church works in Thailand may grow. A bountiful harvest was obtained after much sowing in tears.

Thailand Coordination Center is located in the Bangkok Church in Thailand. It is the liaison office which executes the affairs circulated by the International Assembly (IA) and Taiwan General Assembly (GA). It coordinates and develops the ministry with the churches in Thailand. The True Light Education Foundation is the gateway for opening another door of preaching the Gospel in the churches of Thailand. It supports the oversea mission and carries on the great commission of strengthening the ministry.

Idolatrous Buddhist sites prevail in the vast land, Thailand. Thailand is not only a favorite resort location for foreigners, but also the educational area for overseas technical staff and students' practical study. These factors make the Bangkok Church an important location of spiritual gatherings for oversea brethren.

Since 2013 in Thailand, under the blessing of God, more than 10 people had received baptism and became our church members in the central region. This year, we held special events such as: senior appreciation service, parenting activity, social youth & truthseekers fellowship, social youth football fellowship, E2 summer camp in Phrankratai, and an orphanage caring trip. In line with the conduct of these activities, we could cultivate the foundation of next generation's faith, establish a spirit of one family in the Lord, share God's love, and build up the bridge of brotherly love.

Phrankratai Church and Khao Khiao Prayer House emphasize on the teachings of religious

education and instilling the words of God in the believers' heart, so they may walk on the path of the Lord. This is the mission and the goal of the inheritance of our faith. Because of the remote environment and work factors, not every family has the ability to provide children to learn foreign languages. However, through the religious education, Chinese education courses were opened up to strengthen the children's language and communication skills. By practicing the simple words in hymns, through listening, speaking, reading, and writing, they would bravely interact with oversea brethren face to face and be closer to them. The works were completed under God's guidance against the challenges of the children's learning attitudes and schedule coordination.



Summer Special Service in Phrankratai Church and Khao Khiao Prayer House

Activities were carried out in accordance with the plan in northern Thailand. A joint E2 with senior appreciation service was held in Maemor Church in March. The National J2 Student Spiritual Convocation was held in April. In May, Korean youth helped the RE class and with networking activities. Through these training activities, the youth were inspired to promote God's work in the world with their international outlook to the future.

In order to promote the study of Chinese in the Maesai Student Center in the Northern Thailand, Taiwan GA held a Chinese Language Teacher's Training Seminar on April 10 at Zheng Bin Church. The materials were compiled based on the existing E1 three-year courses, and its contents were the introduction of new Chinese words and the essential teachings of religious education. With the Chinese teacher's fellowship and spiritual cultivation once a year and the rotation of the Chinese volunteer teachers, the teaching can be smoothly connected. May is the beginning of the new school year. With the existing teaching and learning methods, we try to enhance the quality of Chinese students in northern Thailand. May the Lord guide and

grant us wisdom, power, faith, and love , and may He remember our hard works.

In addition, the Evangelical Service and Spiritual Convocation is held by local churches and prayer houses every year in May and October in Thailand. Besides various evangelical events listed in the annual plan of the holy work, the truth-seeker classes are also held to cooperate with the need of the church and social youth.



Church members of Maemor Church

Thailand has a population of more than 68.4 million people, and there are only around three hundred believers of True Jesus Church, which are very few. Surrounded by Buddhist temples and the secular metropolis, along with changes in society, and coupled with the long-distance commute to church, the members are having a hard time receiving the truth. This is a great concern for the church in Thailand. It is also a great challenge for passing on the faith and the gospel. May the Lord lead the holy work of every local church. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will strive to promote the word of God, pastor more sheep of the Lord and preserve them in God's love, so the truth may be spread to the world.

We hope that the elders, deacons, preachers, church board members, and brothers and sisters can instill the members in Thailand spiritual food and encourage them with love and faith in Sabbath during visitations. This will lead to the members being motivated to promote the gospel works. In order to facilitate the gospel ministry, all the members are expected to work together and raise hands for prayer to save more soul and glorify the Lord. Amen!

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12-1 World Delegates Conference



12-1 World Delegates Conference held at Taiwan GA in 2017



The 12th IA Executive Council members, Standing Committee members, and departmental vice directors

The 12-1 WDC was held March 25-27, 2017, at Taiwan GA. Thanks to God's guidance, it went smoothly. There were 64 WDC representatives, 29 observers, and 5 auditors. The IA Truth Research Committee was held on March 22-23, and there were 41 TRC representatives and 54 observers. The IA Holy Work Symposium was held on March 24, attended by 110 people. The theme of this symposium was "100 Years—Spiritual Grace and Inheritance." Meanwhile, the International Youth Ministry Committee Meeting, attended by 23 people, was held March 25-27. This year is also the centennial anniversary of True Jesus Church. A thanksgiving concert and thanksgiving service were held and also joined by 112 accompanists from various countries.

The newly 12-1 IA Executive Council, Standing Committee, and vice directors of IA departments were elected as follows:

IA Executive Council members:

Fuming Tse, Ming-En Shaw, Steve Hwang, Joshua Phoong, Hong-Hsiung Ko, Shawn Chou, Nai-Hsin Chen, Ming Yang Chao, Bill Tseng, Yung-Ji Lin, Ming-Chang Wang, Jia-Lin Ma, Derren Liang, Peter Shee, Kar-Chung Tsai, Mial Liauw, Timothy Kim, Silas Chan, Nathanael Chin, Ezekial Chang

IA Standing Committee members and vice directors of IA departments:

IA Chairman: Fuming Tse

Director of Eastern Hemisphere Dept. of World Mission: Joshua Phoong Vice Director: Ezra Chang

Director of Western Hemisphere Dept. of World Mission: Steve Hwang

Vice Director: Fook-Fah Chong, Timothy Yeung

Director of Training Affairs Dept.: Hong-Hsiung Ko

Vice Director: Home Jer Hou, Ming-Chang Wang

Director of Literary Ministry Dept.: Shawn Chou

Vice Director: Jing Rong Chen, Stephen Ku

Director of General Affairs Dept.: Ming-En Shaw

Vice Director: Horn Hsieh, Jia-Lin Ma

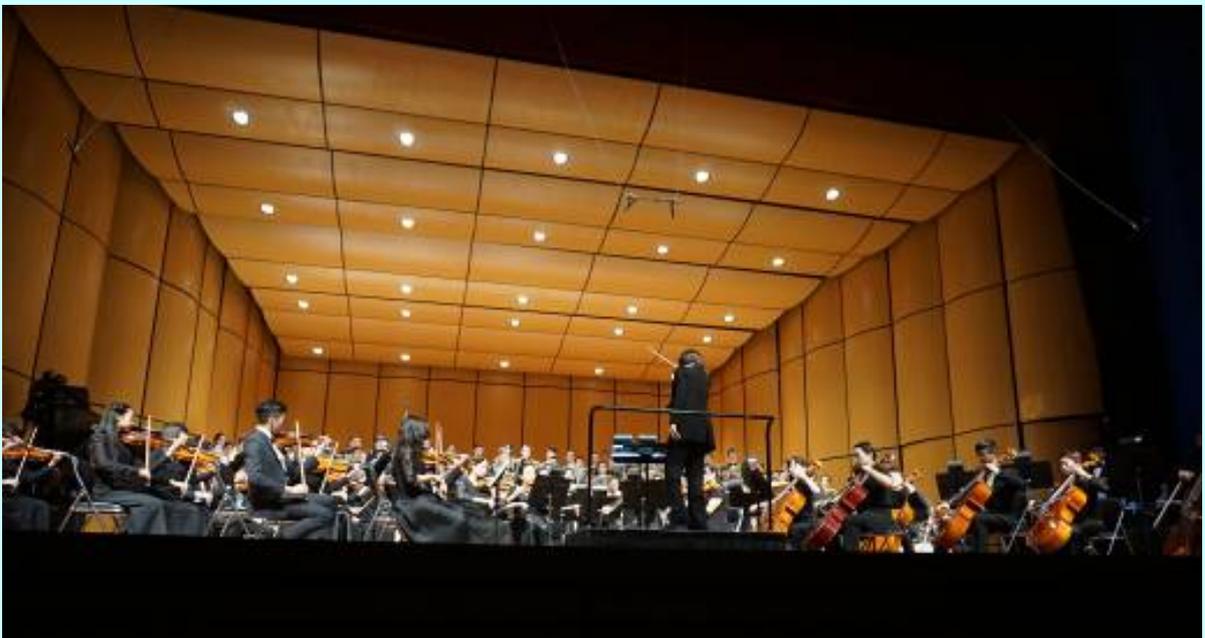
Director of Financial Affairs Dept.: Nai-Hsin Chen

Vice Director: Ming-Jen Wu

Please pray for the members of the 12 IA Executive Council. By the power of the Holy Spirit, they would work with God, serve the Lord faithfully with different gifts under a team spirit. May God shower His grace upon us and lead the ministry in every church, so the gospel can be spread to glorify God and edify men.



Centennial Commemorative Service held March 26, 2017



Centennial Thanksgiving Concert held March 25, 2017

 *Intercession*

1. Please pray for IA work assignment as below:

Date	Location	Program	Personnel
5/25-6/5	Malaysia	Tamil Members Pastoral	Nathaneal Enoch
5/26-5/28		Tamil Speaking Members Spiritual Meeting	Nathanael Enoch/ Lemuel Leong
5/5-5/29	Indonesia	Adult RE Teacher Course (youths/middle ages/seniors)	Di-Ming Lee
5/4-5/11	Australia	IA Pastoral Visitation(Brisbane)	Joshua Phoong
5/12-5/15		National Church Conference/ACB Council Meeting(Cannington) /Church Dedication (Perth)	
5/15-5/22		Attitudes to Evangelism/Crisis Management (Sydney)	
5/22-6/2		Evangelical Work & Truth-seekers Follow-up (Fiji)	
5/5-5/22	Thailand	Pastoral Visitation, Spiritual Convocation & Evangelical Service	Yao-Cheng Wang
6/4		Ministry Training	
5/11-5/28	India	Seminar on EA Unit Administration, Seminar on EA Department Administration/IDLM Seminar, Visit EA Unit & IDLM beneficiaries	Grace Ho
5/6-5/26	Philippines	PMCC Pastoral Visitation (Davao)	Pr Zacchaeus Sabah Trainee Preacher
5/9-5/14	Canada	Teacher Training Course (Napolan)	Zebedee Chong
5/12-5/14		Spiritual Convocation (Napolan)	Pr John & Dn Philip & Bro Dennis
5/20-5/21		Spiritual Convocation (Lapuyan)	Pr James & Bro Jarry

			& Sis Joyen
5/6-5/26		Chinese Pastoral Visitation (Manila)	Jin-Rong Chen
5/3-5/7		Spring ESSC (Toronto)	W. Yeh
5/5-5/7	Argentina	Spring ESSC (Edmonton)	D. Liang
5/17-5/21		Spring ESSC (Vancouver)	Enoch Hou
5/21-5/28		Pastoral Visitation & Youth Spiritual Convocation	Samuel Kuo
5/5-5/28	Brazil	Pastoral Visitation	GH Chen
5/29-6/5	FOZ	Pastoral Visitation	GH Chen/MT Kuo
5/12-5/22	Dominican Rep.	Evangelical Service/Spiritual Convocation	Raymond Chou
5/6-5/7	Austria	Special Service (Vienna)	HH Ko BQ Wang
May/June	Italy	Pastoral Visitation	HH Ko BQ Wang
May/June	Spain	Visit & Concern (Madrid/Albacete/Barcelona)	Chi-Jen Hsieh

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