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Feature

Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 9:35-38)

Derren Liang

The Lord Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. The Lord Jesus brought the heavenly kingdom from heaven to earth, giving people a living hope of returning to our Father. God's kingdom is full of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit; therefore, we can receive heavenly life while living on earth (Rom 14:17). The gospel can transform our difficulties; those who are captives will be freed, the blind will receive sight, the oppressed will be liberated and the brokenhearted will be healed (Lk 4:18). Preaching the gospel will help us grow spiritually; the work of the gospel is warfare—men and God work together to fight over souls. To win the battle, we must grow in faith, equip ourselves with wisdom, spiritual power and spirituality. One person's life is more valuable than the world and spreading the gospel and saving souls makes life meaningful and valuable. Evangelism gives life to the church, and truth-seekers' faith and growth bring joy and glory to the church. We are unworthy servants, but through evangelism, we can improve our lives in many ways.

The Lord Jesus traveled through many cities. The gospel will save all who believe: There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28). The true church has been established on five continents of the world, but few have heard the full gospel. Paul made it his aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest he should build on another man's foundation (Rom 15:20). Paul's mindset and thoughts are the same as the Lord Jesus's mindset and thoughts when He traveled through many cities. We still have many areas that we could preach to, from the closest to the farthest regions, like believers who have non-believing family members, campus evangelism, community evangelism, and to newly developed areas in distant countries. When Caleb was 85 years old, he still had the goal to conquer the land of Canaan. During the centennial year of the true church, we must continue to follow the Lord Jesus's footsteps, preaching the gospel to the ends of the world.

The Lord Jesus shows mercy to everyone. The Father's love, how rich and profound, exceeds what we can measure! The heavenly Father manifested His love through His Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us, full of grace and truth (Jn 1:14). Our Lord looks upon us with mercy and compassion because we are like sheep without shepherd. He sacrificed Himself with compassion so we could receive the goodness of the gospel. Love is as strong as death, and God's love is steadfast and compels us to preach the gospel so that we are willing to sacrifice ourselves for the gospel with sound mind (2 Cor 5:13-14).

The Harvest Truly Is Plentiful, but the Laborers Are Few (Mt 9:37)

When the Lord Jesus began His work of evangelism, He chose disciples and told them to follow Him; after three and a half years of training, He sent them out! They went out to the world to preach and make disciples of all the nations. For three and a half years, 12 disciples followed the Lord every day, listened to His sermon, observed Him in casting out demon, lived with Him, learned to follow his example and service. Lord Jesus also gave them strength when He sent them to preach the gospel in pairs. After Jesus ascended to heaven, the disciples were entrusted to obey the guidance of the Holy Spirit and continued to preach the gospel of the kingdom, thus establishing the body of Christ—the Church.

The future development of the true church requires divine power as well as manpower. We currently lack workers in many different countries; if more members commit themselves to evangelism, we can continue to expand our reach in Africa; if there are more Spanish-speaking workers in Central and South America, we can expand the work. Where do these people come from? We plead to the Lord to send His laborers. As in the Book of Ezra, the Spirit of God moved King Cyrus of Persia to give the Israelites permission to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple, and provided the materials for it. When God's Spirit works, many will be moved to willingly participate in holy work. Therefore we should pray in one accord for more workers,

and then we will see the fulfillment of God's will.

Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. (Mt 9:38)

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🍌 *Church News*

News of the Holy Work in Central and South America

Central and South America, also known as Latin America, has 34 countries: Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Greenwood, Commonwealth of Dominica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Bahamas, Guyana, French Guiana, Suriname, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Belize, Antigua and Barbuda. There are more than 10 colonies and regions still under the rule of the United States, Britain, France, and the Netherlands. Therefore, there is a total of about 40 countries and regions.

Since 1980, the gospel of our church has spread here. Under the grace of God, the gospel sprouted and rooted in some regions, so churches, prayer houses, and worship locations were established within some countries in Central and South America.



Family Service in a member's house in Mexico

Last June, a worship location was established in Mexico City. Currently 15 members from China gather together in this location. Chinese from various provinces and regions in China have been populating in this city, and many of them are thirsty for the truth. Therefore, our

believers who live in Mexico also often spread the gospel to these immigrants. Since it is hard to achieve evangelical and pastoral works without a fixed worship location and assigned workers' assistance, during a workers' pastoral visitation in June, all believers decided to establish a worship location in Mexico City. We hope that GA can assign workers over here, so the holy works can be smoothly carried out to glorify God's name.



Family Service in a member's house in Mexico

Current update of Dominican Republic: After church dedication in 2016, for the need of holy work, the members unanimously passed a proposal to rent another worship location in the capital of Santo Domingo. After renting the location, the equipment and facilities were provided by our believers. Thank God! We have one more site for spreading the gospel.



Chapel and the believers in San Petro, Dominican Republic

The holy work in South America proceeds according to the annual work plan. The spiritual quality of our believers is gradually raised up in a steady manner. Assigned preachers' assistance to Argentina Church in May and June brought a great inspiration and encouragement towards Argentina Church.

Central and South America is considered a pioneering area, and many lands still remain unconquered. We ask God to send more workers to this place for spreading the gospel so all nations can receive salvation and the truth can be circulated to the ends of the earth, as the mission the Lord entrusted us for glorifying His name.

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Holy Work Update of Kampong Thom Province in Cambodia

Wan-Fa Chen

❖ **Seek, and you will find**

A lady named Sok Lang was a Christian. In October 2016, she fasted for three days and three nights for seeking the truth. Miraculously, through her friend, she was able to make contact with our church members, Theara and Sarun. Our church workers immediately met up with Sok Lang.



First ESSC in Kampong Thom Province in Cambodia on October 22, 2017

❖ **TJC has the truth and the Holy Spirit**

Theara and Sarun introduced the truth of the Sabbath according to the Bible. Sok Lang fully accepted the truth; since then, she started to keep the Sabbath in her home. Our church workers then started to share about the Holy Spirit, which is the promise of the Lord Jesus. Sok Lang, who was eager to accept the truth, fully believed in it after she comprehended it. Then she received the precious Holy Spirit after she again fasted and prayed for three days.

❖ **Spread the Gospel, assigned by the Holy Spirit**

After the truth-seeker Sok Lang received the Holy Spirit, she proactively spread the gospel and established three locations for observing the Sabbath. She attended Sabbath services in these locations in caring for them. Although she was not a TJC member yet, she was already firm in our church's beliefs. The pastor of her previous church hindered her in many ways; her mother and her siblings prosecuted her even to the point that her brother took a knife and chased her. Under God's grace, she passed through the dangerous crises safely.



First Baptism during ESSC in Kampong Thom Province in Cambodia on October 22, 2017

❖ **Had a stroke. After receiving baptism, was able to walk**

Sok Lang's cousin had a stroke for two years and was unable to walk and access her room, because there was a hole in the stairs. If she were not careful, she would fall when stepping on the hole, which was very dangerous. Therefore, she had to sleep under a tree for about two years. Then Sok Lang, who was still a truth-seeker, shared the gospel with her based on the Bible. She listened to it and believed in the power of the Lord Jesus. By constant prayers and trust in the Lord, unknowingly she was able to function as a normal person, and even could go up and down the stairs faster than a preacher. Hence, God's glory was manifested in that area.



Second ESSC in Kampong Thom Province in Cambodia on January 27, 2018

❖ **He who seeks the truth finds it**

Mr. Uh Mao believed in Jesus for 16 years. Later through his own Bible studying, he found that keeping the Sabbath is correct. Therefore, he started to keep the Sabbath at his home. During this period, he consequently consulted two pastors, and they all answered him that Sunday is the Sabbath day. Uh Mao continued to ask other people. One day among his contact list, he found Mali. And then Mali told Uh Mao, “My sister Sok Lang follows True Jesus Church’s practice to observe the Sabbath.” How amazing it is!

Then Sis. Sok Lang took hold of this opportunity to explain the truth of the Sabbath to Uh Mao by phone and contacted Theara and Sarun to have service at Uh Mao’s home. Thus, another location for worshipping on Sabbath day was established. They invited relatives and friends to attend the Sabbath service, and then more people believed in the Lord.

❖ **God opened up the Gospel in Kampong Thom province**

It is a fact and an absolute truth that the Holy Spirit promised by God is in TJC, as we see that Sok Lang, Mali, and Uh Mao who sought for truth, led by God, came to True Jesus Church which harbors the truth and the Holy Spirit. Three of them diligently spread the gospel of salvation. At present, seven worship locations were established along with 49 people baptized.



Second Baptism during ESSC in Kampong Thom Province in Cambodia on January 27, 2018

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 **Intercession**

1. Please pray for IA work assignment as below:

Date	Location	Program	Personnel
4/1-4/23	Sabah	Theological Seminary - Year 1, Batch 10 (Sabah GA)	Sheng Chuan Chen

4/1-4/30		Church's Pastoral Work (KK Subzone - South)	Daniel Chin
4/2-4/13		Preachers Seminar: Systematic Theology (Sabah GA)	HH Ko
4/12-4/24		(Sub Zone Sandakan) East Coast Zone Ordained Workers & Wivies' Spiritual Nurture - Working Together in Unity/East Coast Zone Divine Workers Seminar - And Even More Beautiful Servitude (Sibuga)	Fu Ming Tse
4/6-5/2	Malaysia	Regional Pastoral (Perak Region)	Tao Sheng Chen
		Pastoral & Training of Workers (Malay Speaking) 4/6-5/2: Pengkalan Hulu (Northern Region) 4/14-4/15: Tapah Batu 8 (Perak Region) 4/21-4/22: Petaling Jaya (Central Region) 4/28-4/29: Johor Jaya (Southern Region)	Hana Viviana/ Isaiah Chang
		Regional Pastoral (Central Region)	I Ju Fang
4/5-4/16	Korea	National Youth Spiritual Meeting/Spiritual Convocation (Geo Je)	Ming Yan Chao
4/5-5/14	Japan	Spiritual Convocation 4/20-22: Kansai 4/27-30: Sumida /Chiba 5/4-6: Yokohama 5/11-13: Tokyo /Kawaguchi	DC Lai
4/9-4/30	New Zealand	Bible Seminar/Evangelistic & Spiritual Convocation (Auckland, East Auckland)	Simon Chin
4/10-4/30	India	4/10-12: Preachers Seminar 4/12-30: Students Short Term Theological	Habakkuk Hee
4/1-5/31	Thailand	Hymnal Workers Training/RE Assistance	Hui Ju Huang
4/27-4/29	Canada	Spring ESSC (Calgary/Montreal/Kitchner Waterloo)	Jason Hu/ CCC/ Jonathan Chou

April	Ecuador	Pastoral Work	Ming Tao Kuo
April	Greece	Member Visit & Concern	BQ Wang
4/8-5/15	West Africa	Workers Training (4/8-5/2 Ghana, 5/3-15 Togo): Marriage Counseling, Job, Song of Songs, Hebrews	Michael Chan

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✧ *May our Lord remember your contribution and bless you abundantly!*

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