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Feature

Take up the Mission of the Religion that Corrects All

Yong Ji Lin

The True God's salvation plan has longed been revealed in the Old Testament: in the end times, God would first save the Gentiles, then lead the Jews into salvation. Based on biblical prophecy, God has revived His church in the East (Ezek 43:1-4; Rev 7:2).

We deeply believe that such prophecy has been fulfilled through the true church. We know that among the brethren at the true church, there are not many with wisdom, power or honor derived from the flesh, but all are chosen by the Lord (1 Cor 1:26); they must follow the truth of salvation received from the Lord and rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to take up the great mission of correcting the religious teachings of all nations. Who can take up such a great mission? The Bible tells us: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts." (Zech 4:6). Since the Lord has entrusted in us, we must honor Him and accomplish this great mission.

The truth is the Word of God. It can bring people a vibrant life. It is the only guide that leads people to heaven. The truth of salvation is God's gift. As we have been inspired by the Holy

Spirit, we should expand it out.

In order to take up the great mission to correct all religions, the theological school must first place emphasis on theological education. The deepening of theological education lies in the depth and breadth of the cultivation of truth. In such a way, the cultivation can bring forth outstanding teachers who, in turn, can cultivate a greater number of preachers with high spiritual qualities; these preachers will be familiar with and abide by the teachings and truth of salvation so they can take up the mission of correcting all religions.

At the same time, we cannot neglect the popularization of theological education. The elders, deacons, and church council members must have a correct understanding of truth in order to effectively take up their respective duties. This is a key part of enhancing the spiritual quality of believers.

The preachers, elders, deacons, and church council members must regularly teach believers to attach importance to the establishment of family altars and read the Bible and pray daily to familiarize themselves with the contents of the Bible. In addition to holding various Bible seminars at church, the church should also hold regular hermeneutics sessions to eliminate any blind spots in the understanding of the truth. In this way, the members not only can discern right and wrong, but also grasp the key points of the truth of salvation. For those teachings with no consensus reached at this moment, truth research meetings must be held regularly so that consensus may be reached. Only in this way can we become one in the truth.

When we have laid a solid foundation of truth, we should be motivated by Christ's love and mercy and take initiative to participate in various religious seminars to become acquainted with people of different religions. At the right time, we can hold truth symposiums and invite people of various religions to attend. As early as 40 years ago, our predecessors strived to initiate interaction with people from various religions to discuss the truth through such symposiums. When we share the truth that we have received with those that long to know the truth, the Holy Spirit of Truth will surely lead them into the truth, providing a better chance to promote unity in the truth.

In promoting the work of correction, we will inevitably encounter those who oppose the truth. If the Lord is willing, they may be turned from enemies to friends, just as Paul, the head of sinners, who persecuted Christians as an unbeliever was transformed through God's mighty power and mercy; he surrendered at the Lord's feet and became a useful vessel of the Lord.

Therefore, the International Assembly initiated the establishment of a working group for

correcting all religions. It assists the General Assemblies and Coordination Centers around the world and actively sets up a work plan for correcting other religions so that emphasis can be paid to this important holy work.

The International Assembly's working group sets a plan in motion to assist the churches in various countries to solidify the foundation of the believers' understanding of the truth; this facilitates pastoralism and evangelism. Taking it one step further, we also actively befriend contacts from various denominations to open up discussion in respect to the truth. Going with such flow, the Holy Spirit will surely lead us into the truth, enhancing the overall understanding of the truth for our members and making us into great people of truth who boldly take up the mission of correcting all religions.

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2018 Second Half Sabah Holy Work Briefing “Working with the Lord from Year-to-Year”

The Sabah GA has completed what was entrusted in the second half of 2018. God's abundant grace and amazing guidance was along the way and recorded in the format of a journal.

2018 Saba Church Status

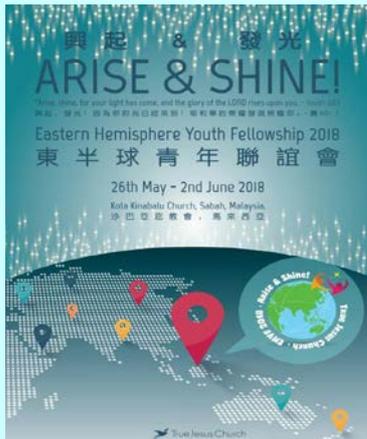
There are 110 churches and prayer houses, 17,735 members, 10 elders, 26 pastors, 3 retired pastors, 153 deacons, 4 evangelical/pastoral assistants, and 4 theological students.



Eastern Hemisphere Youth Fellowship

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Eastern Hemisphere youth fellowship was held from May 26-29 at Kota Kinabalu church. The theme is “Raise the Light!” 157 attended from Sabah, East Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Indonesia, Australia, UK, and Canada. The speakers and lecture topics were: Raise the Light (Pastor Limuiler Leong), Step into the Red Carpet in the Chapel (Pastor Thomas Hong), The Challenges Faced by Truth Jesus Church Youths in Passing Down the Holy Work (Deacon Isaiah Pan). There were a total of 35 youths that participated in the five day visitation and tour trip.



Visitation Group at the Port

All State Pastor's Wife Spiritual Cultivation Seminar

Pastor's Wife Spiritual Cultivation Seminar was held on December 9 at Tamparuli church with Pastor Hong-Jen Chao as the main speaker. Pastor Chao shared the spiritual food in detail and with much heart. His wife also accompanied him on this trip, which speaks more than words. The attendees gained much out of this seminar, may the Lord remember the Pastor's labor.

All State Holy Worker Meeting

Holy Worker Meeting was held on November 18-19 at Sabah GA with 143 attendees. After the completion of the meeting, a Holy Worker Seminar was held with the topic “Reviving the First Love”. Holy workers had discussions, sharing, and exchanged reflections on pastoring the churches.



Short Term Theological Seminars for Students

The seminar was held from November 26 to December 16 in the following locations. Kota Kinabalu hosted for second and third year students. Penampang church hosted the first year students. The training center in Keningau church hosted the first and second year students in the inland regions. 513 students participated with most having the Holy Spirit. 57 received the Holy Spirit. Thank the Lord and may all the glory be unto the Lord's holy name that the seminars were completed with the guidance of the Lord Jesus Christ.

44th Sabah Church Delegate Conference

Under the guidance of the Lord, the annual delegate conference was held on December 22-23. There were a total of 137 delegates and observers. Other than discussion of the work of God's household, there were also reviews of the annual work and five major proposals. There were also discussions of filling the position of pastors who are bilingual in Chinese and English. This explains that the work is great, but with few laborers. Everyone is responsible for the work of God.



Ninth Sabah GA Theological Seminary Graduation Ceremony

On evening of December 23, the Ninth Theological Seminary Graduation Ceremony was held at Kota Kinabalu church. Pastor Limueli Leong gave encouragements on behalf of the chairman and reminded the students "God's servants should have the characteristics of the four living creatures. Pursue after the spiritual authority like the lion; learn to offer ourselves like the Ox, have the heart of the Father and love and care for the members like the man, and have a sharp sense of vision to learn the spiritual distinction like the eagle." The Dean, Pastor Thomas Hong congratulated two students, brother Aidey Resin and Simzin Simon for completing three years of the Theological Seminary courses and ready to be sent as intern pastors. The Dean reminded the students that "even though they have graduated, they should never cease to learn with humility. Constantly elevate their spiritual wisdom, strength, and virtue. Do not treat others with carelessness. Pastor with love and speak the truth with love. Keep the truth firmly

and courageously point out the wrong instead of trying to please others.” Pastor Yeh also mentioned “Servants must obey with humility in order to see the grace of God. Get used to everything through the Lord and constantly stay alert and reflect. Have an honest heart and fear the Lord in order to complete what is entrusted to them.” Finally, the students presented a hymn and received laying hands from the pastors through prayers and blessing and were then officially sent off.



Two Graduated Theological Students and Families

May all glory and praise be unto the heavenly Father! Amen!

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Philippines Holy Work Briefing

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Mindanao Island is the second largest island in Philippines. Through the abundant resources and land, Filipino called this place the promised beautiful land. Due to the political instability, it caused 60% of the residents to live in poverty. In this beautiful land, kidnapping and battles against the government is constantly happening. However, God especially loved the residents of Mindanao Island. In 1983, a Pentecostal pastor came to seek the truth in Bacolod and became our member. He then brought back the Gospel to Pagadian within the island. There are 8 churches established in Mindanao Island and 6 prayers houses, 9 place of worship, 3 pastors, and 2 theological students. This is the most prosperous region in Philippines in terms of holy work.

Cagayan De Oro Prayer House Holy Work Status

Since 2010, sister Jenny Lin who came from Imelda, Zamboanga Sibugay prayer house married to Cagayan De Oro, which is the northern part of Mindanao Island. There was no true church at that time, so Jenny Lin and her cousin Melanie Padilla insisted on observing Sabbath at their own home. In 2014, Pastor Ezekiel visited them and Pastor Zacahi Yang and other holy workers also assisted in pastoring.

In 2016, Sister Jenny Lin's father, Jaime Pasad Opmia was inflicted with headache. The local doctor diagnosed it as high blood pressure. However, the illness got worse and he would often vomit and was not able to function normally and was bedridden. Sister Jenny Lin took care of her father at her home in Cagayan De Oro. Through the diagnosis of the doctors there, they confirmed that this was brain tumor and hospitalized him. The doctor informed them that he needed a high risk brain surgery. Jenny Lin and her family were greatly worried at this news. They were sad when they thought about how their father labored his whole life and haven't had a chance to enjoy life. They prayed to prolong the father's life. The entire family relied on God with one heart and requested intercession from churches of various areas. After one month of prayer, her father's illness was obviously getting better. They went for another scanning and the doctor confirmed that the brain tumor disappeared! Her father was then discharged from the hospital. This miracle has strengthened the members in Cagayan De Oro.

In 2016, Jenny Lin's house was not enough for use, so they built a simple hut at the land near by with three white cloths and worshipped there for one year. In 2017, the members increased to 15, so they bought a land together and established a small chapel 12x16 feet. They put on the True Jesus Church sign and raised the name of the Lord.



The Hut for Service in 2016



Current Chapel

Second Wave of the Work of Holy Spirit

In 2018, a spiritual wind arises again. On October 25, Philippines Evangelical team received a letter from a worker in IA informing them that a pastor named Rececco Regino from Cagayan De Oro started studying our doctrines after receiving our Mana Magazine. He would use the information from Mana Magazine to teach his members during service. This pastor wrote a letter on October 3 to our IA office and got in contact. November 20-21, Philippines Evangelical team sent Pastor Ezekiel, Pastor John, and Deacon Joseph to Cagayan De Oro to meet with pastor Rebecca Regino and 6 other pastors. They held two days of seminars where the attendees were very diligent in learning, especially pastor Rebecca Regino. There were no debate during this trip. They raised questions on the topic of God and were able to humble themselves to kneel and pray for the Holy Spirit. They then agreed to hold monthly seminars after this trip. The next day, another pastor came and inquired on the topic of Sabbath and infant baptism. Several days later, pastor Rebecca Regino texted and expressed the willingness to baptize the entire family into True Jesus Church.



Doctrine Seminar



Two pastors with our workers

Mindanao Island residents lived in a lack of material abundance for a prolonged period of time, however, their hearts longed and thirst for pursuing the faith and hope of heaven. Like most Filipino, they love to sing; therefore, they sing mostly regarding the heavenly kingdom. From this, we can see that their hearts desires for the promised beautiful land of heaven. Let us raise our hands of prayer and hold on to the brethren in Philippine churches. May the name of the Lord Jesus be more glorious in Philippines.

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Australia Holy Work Report

Zephaniah Li

Australia Coordinating Center includes five churches, one house of prayer, and one worship place. It also takes care of the pioneering work in Fiji. Aside from the routine pastoral, evangelical, and training work last year, I will briefly introduce the status of each church, prayer house, and pioneering areas.

First is the Adelaide prayer house, which had its dedication in May, 2016. They began to diligently establish the church holy work, including Religious Education, Children Bible Camp, Spiritual Convocation, Gospel Tea Fellowship, and all types of seminars. There is also regular pastoral visits to Roxby Downs (5 hours away from Adelaide) to care for a family that emigrated from Philippines.

Golden Coast worship place, which belongs to Brisbane church, started having regular Sabbath services from December 2015 until now. It currently has consistent truth seekers attending services. Brisbane church also established construction funds for Gold Coast in 2018, hoping that a stable worship location will be established in the near future so that the growth of all the holy work will be more complete.

There is ten members in the Darwin worship place that used to worship at a location provided by a member for the past ten years. Since 2018, the member returned to use the place for himself, so Darwin members will take turns to worship at different members' houses. The Darwin working team is seeking a solution for this. For example, having video Sabbath services face to face with the assigned workers every two weeks. As well as regular video conference for Religious Education Service every Sunday. They are hoping to find a suitable

location to hold regular services so that the Gospel may be spread out.

About twenty years ago, Fiji pioneering region was entrusted to Australia by East Region Evangelical Department. Australia coordination center established Fiji Evangelical team to be in charge of the pastoral and evangelical work in Fiji. Thank the Lord, through God's great guidance, it has been nineteen years since the start of the work in Fiji. It started with only one family that emigrated from Taiwan, to having local residents that studied the truth and believed. In addition, nine years ago, a few brothers from Fuching, China started their sand mining business from Fiji Navua. Until now, more and more members immigrated from china to Fiji. Currently there are 35 members and 7 regular truth seekers at five service regions. Thank the Lord, these members also brought their children to study here; therefore, the Religious Education work will be one of the important works in the future.

Melbourne church has been growing in the area of evangelical work. Many members also moved from other areas to reside in Melbourne. Therefore, Croydon church that was dedicated in 2012 is starting to get full. The church council has been diligently looking for another service location in North Melbourne, hoping that there will be an additional service location in the Melbourne region through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Perth currently has two churches, Dianella church and Cannington church. Although Dianella church has fewer members, the church is proactively establishing the training work, especially for evangelical work. Cannington church was dedicated in 2017. Thank the Lord! The church purchased an additional three bedroom house in the back of the chapel to solve the lack of RE classroom location issue. There is also quite a few truth seekers who would attend service consistently. Of that, three truth seekers are non-Asian, may the Lord continue to guide them.

Bexley church that was branched out from Sydney church has recently completed the renovation of the chapel in September 2018. It will start having Friday night Sabbath service in November and plan to officially start Sabbath and RE services on January 26, 2019. Thank the guidance of the Lord, the work of branching out was clearly guided by God. For example, there were 83 members that attended service the first time Bexley held service. After that, there would consistently have 70-75 members. If adding the members from Parramatha church that used to have about 75 members attending service, it would be more than the 100 member attendance in the old Parramatha church. The council members intend to re-organize the work flow between the two churches in the future. If all the planning work becomes stable, Bexley church will be dedicating its chapel in 2020. May God work greatly in Sydney and branch out a third church in the near future.

There are members from three families that moved from China in Waga Waga, which is in New South Wales, a five-hour drive from Sydney. In order to provide pastoral care, Sydney church holds weekly video conference religious education as well as sending volunteer workers to their location for service. The three families also hold group audio prayer sessions every night. May the Lord greatly care, guide, and bless the work in Waga Waga.

Thank the Lord! Australia has a great land with abundant resources. It is a country with a high level of financial growth. We believe that God will be willing to flourish the work in Australia. Not only to allow immigrated members to enjoy a stable life, but also to use the abundant blessings from God to carry out their entrusted mission. We hope that churches from all over the world will pray for the work in Australia so that it will become a place that will carry out the promised mission entrusted to the True church of end times.

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Intercession

1. Please pray for IA work assignment as below:

Date	Location	Program	Personnel
2/8-2/18	Korea	Evangelical Practical Seminar	Lin Chang Wei
2/25-3/14		Theological Seminar	HH Ko
2/20-3/5	Australia	RETSN for trainee teachers/Holy Communion/Pastoral (Perth – Dianella & Cannington)	Elisha Shim
2/7-3/10	New Zealand	Short Term Residential	En Chao Yang
2/8-3/15	Canada	TTP Course (Vancouver)	FF Chong
2/8-3/11	Brazil	Pastoral Work	GH Chou (2/19-3/11)/ Pablo Chou
2/12-2/18	FOZ	Pastoral Work	GH Chen/ MT Kuo
2/17-4/1	Dominican	USGA TS Internship Training	Francisco Macias

2/18-2/21	UK	National Adult Theological Training (Sunderland)	Enoch Hou
2/23-2/24	France	Spiritual Convocation	Michael Chan
2/6-2/27	West Africa	Pastoral Ministry/Training (Ghana, Liberia, Togo)	Timothy Yeung/ Volunteer
2/21-3/3	Mauritania	Pastoral Work	Johnny Liu/ Silas Chan

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