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God's Wondrous and Abundant Love Befalls Me

Fung Kit-ying (M.Div. Program)

I. Background of My Faith and Growth

In my primary school days, my teacher took me to Tai Kok Tsui Baptist Church. I continued going because the church people were so friendly. Owing to my mother's opposition, my church life was unstable and later came to a halt. I became a Christian during my secondary school days. In 1982, I encountered emotional problems and was unable to trust anyone. In this crisis, remembering that God's love never changes, I longed to return to God, yet feared my mother's intervention. Silently I prayed, asking God to help me find a way back and making this promise: "If you lead me back to church, then I will gladly serve you there."

After praying for half a year, I finally plucked up the courage to go back to Tai Kok Tsui Baptist Church, determined never to leave my spiritual home. I always thank God that I could grow up in a nurturing church. The following year, I began to take up various responsibilities in the Christian Fellowship and even today continue to minister in the Fellowship. Not surprisingly, my mother strongly opposed my going back to church. She continually scolded me and refused to care for me. I began to turn to my Heavenly Father, allowing Him to comfort my sad heart and empower me. In 1987, I was baptized and spent four years in discipleship training. In 1994, I was appointed as

an advisor and group leader. Five years later I was ordained as a deacon and I began helping the pastoral staff provide care to fellow church members.

After graduation, I began working in a bank, based in Mainland China. Five years later, I was promoted to the management level. In 1997, I was further promoted to the highest management rank. Before I entered the commercial field, I had made a firm commitment to stand up for my faith. I thanked God that despite my growing responsibilities, I could witness for God in my post. I was able to set up a cell group and to invite staff colleagues to a luncheon gospel meeting. I liked my work and enjoyed having a marketplace mission as my deepest life goal.



Kit-ying and her husband

2. My Experience of Being Called by God

A. *The Desire to be Renewed*

Soon after my promotion in 1997, I came to a milestone in my Christian commitment. During a worship service that year, I was deeply moved by the Holy Spirit to come forward to re-commit myself to serving God, asking God to revitalize the church and me. Meanwhile I had fallen in love with Brother Shui-man, and in 2000 we were married, against my mother's will. This marriage was yet another big decision in my life, a crucial decision to follow God's will even if it meant forsaking my own family. To my delight, my husband fully supported my Christian ministry. Strengthened by his encouragement, I became even more vibrant and cheerful, able to experience God's incomparable love and eager to be used fully by God. Towards the end of 2001, while attending the "God's Grace to All Nations" meeting, I was profoundly touched when we sang "Do Something New in My Life." After I returned home, the song continued to ring in my heart, calling me to be renewed by God and to deepen my commitment to Him.

That year I joined the "Experiencing God" Discipleship Training Program in my church. This program helped me re-establish the most important thing in my life — my relationship with God. In the years that followed, God began to set me free from all my bondages. I was no longer entangled in the relationship with my mother. I could overcome the need for my mother's approval. Instead, I learned to treasure God and follow Him, letting go of everything that had held me back from following Him. I must thank God that He has untied the knot deep inside my heart and set my soul free!

Since untying this knot, God continued to help me manage my life properly. He has allowed me to see my sins and the dark side of my heart filled with pride, lack of faith, self-centeredness and willfulness. I continued to humble myself before God, asking Him to cleanse me and govern my life.

B. *The Tension at Work and the Continual Summons of the Soul*

It was also in 2001 that my bank underwent a major re-organization. As a result, I was assigned a new post putting me in charge of more than four hundred people

and requiring that I worked from morning till night for long periods of time without a break. I found myself becoming physically and mentally exhausted as I was pulled apart by the growing tension between my work and my ministry. I wished to devote more time to ministry and to care more for my colleagues and Christian brothers and sisters. However, I would always need to finish my arduous work first. Even though I tried hard to commit myself to my work, I found my life becoming increasingly meaningless. I always felt tensed up and worn out. I cried before God, asking for His guidance.

In the following year I attended a retreat camp organized by my church. While reading the scripture for meditation, I heard God saying to me: "You are like the rich young man who comes to Jesus. He seems to be fine in every way but lacks one important thing. Jesus looks at him and loves him." I became aware that the Lord was speaking to me when he said, "One thing you lack . . . then come, follow me." (Mark 10:21) At that moment, I knew the Lord Jesus also loved me and was looking at me, summoning me to leave everything to follow Him. Wasn't it true that there were things I had not yet forsaken? Yes, certainly. Although I was still reluctant to give up my job, I considered the matter in my heart and kept praying to God. Soon after that, when I attended a meeting on missions and a commissioning ceremony, my heart was again deeply stirred.

In 2003, when I again set up a Christian cell group at my workplace, I felt I had given it my best. However, deep in my heart my emotions kept stirring. In retrospect, there had long been a feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction. God's love had kept urging me to experience Him more and serve Him more completely. The idea of quitting my job and serving God full time kept emerging in my heart. In fact, throughout this period of endless inner struggles, God had been using a number of experiences like the facets of a diamond to deliver one simple message: "Offer your best to me. Don't be afraid. Experience my resourcefulness and abundance."

C. *Asking for Verification in the Process of Struggles*

All along God had been blessing my work. I was worried that if I let go of more than twenty years of banking

experience and the long relationships with my colleagues, it would be a great waste. Was I just trying to escape from my arduous job by seeking an asylum? Thank God that a book I was reading provided a clear answer to my question: "To come to a halt does not mean to come to an end. It is merely a new beginning." Certainly, as long as I follow God's plan, He will reveal His vast wonders. God has great blessings in store for me. I am also convinced that my experience in the marketplace will never be wasted, since he will certainly use it. According to His good will, nothing is ever wasted. God is my only true Lord and boss. Knowing the Heavenly Father sees what is good for us, I should do what I am told. All I need to do is to obey my Lord.

Several times I had mentioned to my husband the idea of entering a seminary as a full time student. Each time he would remind me that I must not be impulsive. I knew I should not use the seminary as an asylum from my demanding job but needed to receive a clear calling from God. In 2004, the thought of entering a seminary for full time study intensified. Once while praying with my pastor, I responded to God: "Lord, if it is your will, I am willing to respond." After that prayer, I experienced a new feeling of peace and rest. On my way home, I continued to feel peace and lightheartedness. I felt insignificant and yet knew that God loved me so much that He even allowed me to be His servant. How glorious I was! When I met with my pastor, he encouraged me to share this with my husband. I then began to pray to God that He would begin to work in my husband's heart. Being a woman of little faith and great timidity, I asked God for explicit verification. Since being God's servant is a life-long commitment, I did not want to have regrets later. Neither did I want to put God's name to shame. Therefore I needed to be absolutely sure of God's calling before resolving to commit myself to stepping onto the road of full time Christian ministry.

D. God's Unlimited Mercy: Repeated Verification

One evening in November, I gained the courage to share my restless thoughts with my husband Shui-man. As we were praying together, I heard him pray for the first time: "Oh God, if it is your will that Kit-ying should serve you full time, I pray that you give her peace in her heart!" I could not control my tears, knowing that God has caused

Shui-man to be willing to walk with me with the same heart on the road ahead. In the middle of that month, we joined a camp for married couples. There I reaffirmed the importance of our marriage union and our mutual commitment through lives. I had given my husband the highest priority which I had previously given my mother to take control of my life. Thank God my husband is a dedicated Christian. Together, we made an oath to serve God with one heart. A week later, God brought me face to face with another important decision which would affect my future.

Toward the end of November, my supervisor proposed sending me abroad for further studies. Past experience told me that such training would require that I sign an agreement to work for the company for several years after completing the training. Realizing this, I was extremely unsettled. During this crisis, I was especially impressed with Shui-man's strong reaction to the proposal. He immediately rejected it, reminding me that I had promised God to do seminary study. If I accepted the offer, I would no longer be responding wholeheartedly to God's call. As I needed to reply the next day, I resorted to fasting and praying without ceasing throughout the night. As I wrestled with the decision, God gave me the following scripture: "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26) God led me to remember that everything in this world is transient and fleeting while God's kingdom is everlasting. To do further studies overseas with an assured promotion was certainly enticing, but did it match the highest goal for my life? Was it not true that by accepting this opportunity, I would defer responding to God's calling until my retirement? In fact, how could I be sure that I would still have the opportunity then? All along, God's prompting had been explicit, telling me that going overseas should not be seen as a promotion opportunity but rather as a temptation to put God second. I realized that what people in the secular world would regard as a "better" opportunity was clearly not part of God's ultimate preparation for me. Later, when I shared this opportunity with a friend in the States, she strongly advised me not to give in to this temptation. After we prayed together, I decided to reject the offer and to wait for an

even better proposal from God. At that moment I was overwhelmed by a sense of God's peace and ease. Upon hearing my decision, my husband agreed with me that I had chosen the right path.

E. Submitting Myself to God's Selection

After I was willing to submit myself to God and had taken the first step forward, God generously revealed to me the next step I should take. A week after making my decision, I just happened to read HKBTS's *Chinese Newsletter*. One page particularly captured my attention, the page announcing the "Student Recruitment Talk for the Academic Year 2005-2006 at HKBTS" being held the following Saturday. The theme of the talk was "Running the Race for God." I found these words extremely jolting and explicit, leaving me no excuse at all. I felt that God had given me one more strong indication that He was planning to guide me and equip me on the road to full time ministry. What was I waiting for? That Saturday, Shui-man and I

attended the Recruitment Talk. During the talk, Dr. Kevin Mok pointed out that what a servant of God needed most was a heart of compassion. His words reminded me that I had a strong concern for people and a burning desire to help them discover God's transforming love. In the worship and praise session, I once again offered my life to God. With tears streaming down my cheek, I sang: "Oh God, I whole-heartedly surrendered to you, with no fear of walking the narrow road ahead as I consecrate all to you. Take pity on me. Here and now I pray that You will use me. And I will always seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

This year is the thirtieth year since I came to Christ. To be able to offer myself up as a living sacrifice, to be equipped to be a minister of God, and to take part in expanding the kingdom of God — these are the things I never dreamed of and blessings I could never deserve. May all the glory and praise be given to our Redeemer!

From Fisherman to Shepherd to Cancer Patient to Seminary Student

Walter W. Wong (M. Div. Program)

My calling began in 2000 as God spoke to me directly through the Bible and personal experiences. It became clear to me that God loves me so much that He wants me to be closer to Him and to serve Him throughout my life. Then in 2004, when I was diagnosed with cancer, God even demonstrated through this horrible disease how much He loves me and made me trust him wholeheartedly. God has been teaching me that He wants me to know that, no matter what happens or whatever I become physically, He



Walter and his wife

will never forsake me! He has even given me courage to pass the test of faith and respond to His calling. Today, I hope that while I am still young, I can fully equip myself in the seminary to offer up my best to the Lord and serve Him throughout my life.

A Fisherman: A Fisher of Men

One day in 2000, during my devotional time, I was reading the fourth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. At

that moment, I perceived my call when I read the words of Jesus:

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men. At once they left their nets and followed.” (Matthew 4:19-20)

I wanted to ask God two questions about these verses:

1. Who are these “men” whom Jesus called?
2. Where do we today catch such “men”?

After raising these two questions, I continued to pray earnestly until the answers came a few months later:

Who Are the Men?

The answer came when I was attending the funeral of the father of one of my Christian brothers. The time came for the people attending the funeral to come down and walk around the coffin to pay their last respects. It was then that God placed a picture in my mind. I saw it clearly that those people mourning the dead would also die one day. If they did not know Jesus as their Saviour, what would be the difference between these people and the man lying in the coffin? They too would leave this world without Jesus’ redemption. At that moment, I recalled the first question which I had asked while reading the book of Matthew. God had answered my question as I watched the procession of mourners that day. I could not stop crying about the lost condition of these souls and thinking how precious they are in God’s sight.

Where to Fish?

Later, when I was strolling along the Wan Chai waterfront, I pasted the Expo Promenade where I saw several people fishing. Some used professional spinning rods and reels, trying to catch fish in the deep water; some just used string to fish near the pier. I expected those professional anglers to catch more fish than the others. To my surprises, those fishing near the pier had caught more fish. This scene puzzled me, a person knowing nothing about fishing.

At that moment, it became abundantly clear what God wanted me to understand: It is He who directs us where we can catch the most fish (lost men and women). It is neither the fishing method nor the “bait” that matters so long as God directs us to fish. How amazing it was! My

two questions — the “Who” and “Where” questions had just been answered.

After God had replied to my queries, I asked Him to continue to speak to me. I promised to be particularly attentive in order to understand His calling.

A Shepherd: Rod and Staff

Then, in 2003, God began to speak to me from Psalm 23:

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

God was saying to me: “You are to receive the rod and staff that I give you.” Through this scripture, God put these words in my heart. I understand that a staff and rod are used for pastoring and caring for sheep. Though I was still afraid to take up the pastoral ministry, I continued praying for God’s guidance and my openness to such a call.

I had a growing perception that God was inviting me to take up a pastoral role, using the rod and staff to pastor the sheep at church. Besides trembling with fear, I was beginning to feel a certain gladness. As I looked back at my church ministry and my company cell group, I realized I had already found great satisfaction in caring for others and ministering to their needs.

At the same time, as my company was going through some re-organization, I decided to resign from my job and began to have a one-hundred-day “Sabbath”. Throughout this period, God continued to speak to me through Psalm 23. I was able to listen carefully and respond to His calling with a deep sense of peace. At the end of 2003, I accepted God’s invitation. After making such a decision, my heart was free from all worries and fears as I received His rod and staff. I am confident that I will one day take up the role of pastoring God’s loved sheep.

The story does not end here because I still lacked the courage to begin my pastoral ministry. Although my faith was so weak, God understood my weakness, He allowed me to receive a card with a scripture verse where Jesus said:

“Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say

to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:19-20)

This scripture encouraged me even as God continued to strengthen my faith through my serious illness, allowing me to experience His power and letting me know Him all the more deeply.

A Cancer Patient: a Great Journey to Experience God's Wondrous Love

In a body check I had in October 2004, I learned that my white blood cell count had reached 326, while a normal count ranges from 4 to 10. I was diagnosed with blood cancer, that is chronic myeloid leukemia.

This unexpected bad news caused me to experience indescribable shock. That afternoon my wife and I were overwhelmed by darkness and a sense of hopelessness. We had believed in Jesus for about twenty years. At a rational level, we knew God would never leave us alone, but at that moment we could not claim the truth of that promise from God.

Before I entered the hospital, my home church pastor together with a group of our beloved Christian brothers and sisters gathered to support us at our home. We prayed and cried together. Then I was rushed into the hospital. My body went through ten days of intensive treatment, including injecting glucose and saltine solution one after another, blood washing to kill the cancer cells, and taking bone-marrow sampling. The treatment process was as emotionally earthshaking as it was physically and mentally painful, yet surprisingly I came through the treatment spiritually refreshed!

During this period, God showed me His great love. I could feel His love through everything happening around me:

- Brothers and sisters at church and in my company as well as my family members prayed for me eagerly and continuously.
- All the medical personnel gave me the best professional treatment and care possible.
- My lying sick in bed seemed to bring out the best in others. Some cooked, others prepared soup, others said the right words at the right time, and still others gave me the things I really seemed to need.
- The pain I had to endure during treatment enabled me to feel the pain that our Lord Jesus endured because of His deep love for us as he died on the cross. Remembering Christ's suffering, my pain seemed to lessen.

After being discharged from the hospital, I needed to return for regular check-ups. Thank God that my doctor-in-charge told me that I had no increasing risk to infection and my chances of recovery looked good. He even told me that I could start to work again.

A Seminary Student: Offer my Best to God

Throughout my journey of seeking to know God's calling and leukemia treatment, I discovered that God was not just walking with me then but had been with me all the time. I thanked God for the opportunity to recognize His goodness: He was so trustworthy and kind, above everything else that I had ever experienced. In the past, I had served Jesus as well as Bill Gates, the wealthiest man in the world. Now I really hope to serve my Savior Jesus Christ throughout the rest of my life.

I would like to offer my best to the Lord. The best thing I can offer is my body, heart and soul. I pray that God will help me fully equip myself in the seminary and learn in the months and years ahead to be one who obeys God's calling to be a faithful fisherman and shepherd.



Academic Affairs News

1. Academic Lecture

The first academic lecture in the new semester was held on October 7, 2005 with the Master of Theology graduate of 2004-05, Danny Tam Ting-wai speaking on the topic, "A Literary Study of Exodus 1:1 to 6:25." The second lecture was held on November 29, 2005 with the President and Editor-in-Chief of the *Hong Kong Christian Times*, Mr. Lee Kam-hung speaking on the topic, "Voice is Power." Dr. Philip Chan, Associate Professor of Church Music, will speak on the topic, "The Harmonic Language in Claude Debussy's Piano works" on February 16, 2006.

2. Graduation Ceremony

The Fifty-fourth Graduation Ceremony of the seminary was held on November 27, 2005 at Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church. There were forty graduates from the programs of Master of Theology, Master of Divinity, Master of Religious Education, Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies, Master of Pastoral Counseling and Higher Diploma in Cross-cultural Studies. Besides, the Joint-programs Graduation Ceremony of the Lay Theological Education Department was held on October 2, 2005 at Kowloon City Baptist Church. There were sixteen graduates from the Master and Bachelor of Christian Studies Programs, Diploma of Bible Studies Program and Diploma of Music Ministry Program and a total of 290 graduates from other diploma and certificate programs.

3. Belote Lectures

The upcoming Belote Lectures will be held in October as one of the activities celebrating our Fifty-fifth Anniversary. We are honored to have invited the world-renowned theologian, Professor J. Wentzel Vrede van Huyssteen, as the speaker. Professor Huyssteen is the James I. McCord Professor of Theology in Princeton Theological Seminary. He delivered the prestigious Gifford Lectures in 2004. More details will be released later.

4. A Practicum Topical Lecture on Spiritual Warfare

Rev. Tong Wing-man of Wan Chai Baptist Church was the speaker of the practicum topical lecture held on December 1, 2005. Speaking on the topic, "Spiritual Warfare," Rev. Tong shared his experience in the work of demolishing idols in the homes of his congregation members and the related pastoral care ministry that followed.

Faculty News

Dr. Andres Tang, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), presented a paper, "Paul Tillich and Martin Heidegger's Thought between Being and Nothingness" in the Conference on Paul Tillich and Sino-theology organized by the Institute of Sino-Christian Studies on October 24, 2005.

Visitor

Dr. Earl Davey, Provost and Vice-President of Tyndale University College & Seminary in Canada paid a visit to the seminary on October 6, 2005.



Lay Theological Education Department

I. Christian Woman Theological Training Program

- The Alumni Association of the Christian Women Theological Training Program together with those currently studying in the Program jointly organized a Christmas celebration on December 13, 2005. President Alfred Kong was invited to share the Christmas message and officiated the handing over ceremony of a new term of office for the office bearers of the Alumni Association. Apart from the Christmas Worship Service, there was also a bazaar. Half of the revenue generated will be contributed to the student fund to help those with financial difficulty to pay for the tuition; the other half will be donated to the seminary's Educational Fund.
- The following courses are offered by the Christian Women Theological Training Program in the January-March quarter:

Course Name	Venue	Lecturer	Date
Christ is the Lord of Our Home	North Point Baptist Church	Mrs. Tong Ng Wai-tze	Jan.10-Feb.28 (Tue.)
The Many Facets of Emotion	North Point Baptist Church	Ms. Chan Suk-haan	Feb.9-Mar 16 (Thur.)
Spiritual Gifts and Ministry: Discovering Ministry Gifts and Coordination in Ministry	Mong Kok ATEC	Mrs. Sun Chan Yuk-Ngor	Feb.14-Mar 21 (Tue.)
Hymns and I	Mong Kok ATEC	Mrs. Helen Wan	Jan.12- Mar 9 (Thur.)

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2. Talk on “From Fake to True God: Leading the Elderly Influenced by Chinese Folk Religions to Christ”

- Jointly organized by the seminary and Christian Alliance North Point Church, the talk will be held on March 5, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Christian Alliance North Point Church with Rev. Mak Shiu-fai of Kowloon City Baptist Church as the speaker. The talk aims at helping Christians to break the barriers of Chinese folk religions (such as ancestor worship, fung shui, religious rituals, taboos and so forth) that may hinder the elderly people from coming to Christ. Those hoping to bring their elderly parents to Christ or those who are interested in or presently engaged in ministry to the elderly are welcome. For inquiries, call 2711 2552 or visit our website www.hkbts.edu.hk/ited to download the enrolment form. The deadline for enrolment is February 24 and is done on a first come first serve basis.

Alumni News

- Alumnus **Cheng Chi-keung** (class of 2003) and alumna **Ho Wan-sze** (class of 2002) got married on November 5, 2005. The wedding ceremony was held at the seminary chapel.
- Alumnus **Man Chan-yun** (class of 1996) was ordained as pastor on November 27, 2005 by the International Chapel of Calvary (Hong Kong) Limited.
- Alumnus **Chan Wing-yip** (class of 1952) has gone to be with the Lord because of illness. May the Lord comfort his family.

Distance Education Program

Breaking Barriers of Space and Time, Popularization and Diversification of Programs

Correspondence & On-line Programs	Program Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Diploma in Bible Studies Program	Through an in-depth study of a specific book in the Bible, students are trained to do systematic hermeneutics and Bible study.	Secondary school leavers with church pastor's recommendation	February and September each year	February school term: Hong Kong — January 15 Overseas — December 15
Diploma in Christian Studies Program	Designed for equipping students for ministry, the program helps students consolidate their foundation in the Christian faith, doctrine and theology.			September school term: Hong Kong — August 10 Overseas — June 30
Higher Diploma in Bible Studies / Christian Studies Programs	For further studies of students completing the certificate program.			Having completed the certificate program and with pastor's recommendation
Certificate in N.T. / O.T. Studies Program	Introductory programs in Bible Study. Students are trained to do Bible study that helps consolidate their faith and church ministry.	All are welcome	Register at any time	
On-line Certificate in N.T. Studies Program				

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You are welcome to visit our on-line website: <http://distance.hkbs.edu.hk> for a trial study.

Pastoral Continuing Education Program

Courses offered from January through March

Course Name	Lecturer	Date / Time
Theology of the Cross and its Inspiration to Pastoral Care	Dr. Andres Tang	Jan 9 (Mon) 2:00 - 4:30 pm
Pastoral Ministry to Singles	Dr. Yan Fung-ling	Jan 16 (Mon) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Trinitarian Theology and its Inspiration to Pastoral Care	Dr. Andres Tang	Jan 16 (Mon) 2:00 - 4:30 pm
Topical Lectures of the Clinical Pastoral Education Program: Life Script	Rev. William Lam	Feb 13 (Mon) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Personality, Temperament and Pastoral Ministry (Foundation Course)	President Alfred Kong	Feb 13 - Mar 20 (Mon.) 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Creative Thinking for Pastoral Workers	Dr. Chan Jaam-kit	Feb 20 & 27 (Mon) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Premarital/Newly-wed Counseling Series 2: Important Issues in Pre-marital Counseling	Ms. Fok Yuk-lin	Mar 13 (Mon) 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Preaching and Teaching: The Book of Isaiah	Professor Wong Yee-cheung	Mar 20 & 27 (Mon) 2:00 - 4:30 pm
Basic Training in T-JTA Personality Analysis	Rev. Lam Wing-shu	Mar 27 (Mon) 9:30 am - 12:45 pm

Certificate Course in Clinical Pastoral Education

Course Advisor : Dr. John Moody
 Course Instructor : Rev. William Lam
 Date of Course : February through November (every Monday or Wednesday, class suspended between mid-July to end of August)
 Course Format : Class will meet half a day every week for 31 weeks, including lectures, clinical practicum and retreat camp.

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“Calling from the Lord of Harvest”

Experiencing Seminary Life Camp

An Experiencing Seminary Life Camp with the theme, “Calling from the Lord of Harvest,” will be held from March 1 through March 2 at Sai O campus. It was specially designed for those who are considering serving God full time and planning to receive theological training. There will be worship, short talks, class auditing, talking with professors personally, sharing with seminary students, individual meditation and reflection, attending the morning chapel and sharing the calling of God. It is hoped that through these various program items, participants can explore the wonderful will of God for themselves. For inquiries, call 2768 5130 or visit our website www.hkbts.edu.hk.

Theme: Calling from the Lord of Harvest

Scripture: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8)

Recruitment of New Students for the Academic Year 2006-07

Master of Theology

Master of Divinity

Master of Religious Education

Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies

Master of Pastoral Counseling

Advanced Diploma in Religious Education

Application Deadline: May 30 (Hong Kong applicants)
April 28 (Overseas applicants)

Admission Test: April 1 & June 3

Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary Experiencing Seminary **Life Camp** 2006-07

Date: March 1-2, 2006 (Wednesday through Thursday)

Venue: Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary
1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N.T.

Deadline for application: February 22, 2006

Fees: Group 1 HK\$200 (beginning at 10 am on March 1)
Group 2 HK\$180 (beginning at 7:30 pm on March 1)

Publication News

Hill Road (Issue 16) has rolled off the press in late December. The theme of this issue is *Phronesis*. There are five theme articles exploring the theme, which needs to be further developed by the Chinese Christian community, from the perspectives of the Old Testament, the inter-testamental period, New Testament, philosophy and theology. There are several miscellaneous articles and book reviews in this issue. For inquiry and subscription to *Hill Road*, please call 2768 5168 or email hkbts-poinfo@hkbts.edu.hk.



Psalms of Personal Prayer (I), written by Dr. Samuel Tang, was the tenth volume in the *Psalms Among Psalms* series, which is a selected reading of the psalter. The book will be published in March. Each volume discusses a number of psalms categorized according to their specific genre. Eight volumes together with a volume of general introduction were published from 1999 to 2003. As there are still 48 psalms yet to be discussed, Dr. Tang plans to write three more volumes to complete the series. *Psalms of Personal Prayer (I)*, the first volume, includes 18 psalms. Following the format used in the series, each individual psalm will be discussed under four sections: "general introduction," "commentary," "spiritual messages," and "digest".



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Financial Report

General Fund, August - October 2005

	HK\$
Income	5,432,249.82
Expenditure	<u>6,717,319.46</u>
Deficit	<u><u>(1,285,069.64)</u></u>

DONORS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2005

Education Fund (Church)

九龍國際浸信會	16,635.20	許鋒威	400.00	
上水浸信會	6,000.00	無名氏	230.00	
上環浸信會	2,000.00	無名氏	2,943.68	
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,500.00	無名氏	1,000.00	
以馬內利浸信會	7,000.00	無名氏	400.00	
尖沙嘴浸信會	20,000.00	無名氏	300.00	
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	800.00	馮德華	300.00	
佐敦道浸信會	750.00	黃華娟	100.00	
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00	葉煥章	300.00	
香港仔浸信會	18,556.80	熊希汶	200.00	
香港浸信教會	75,000.00	劉永生	300.00	
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00	劉建紅	600.00	
恩典浸信會	10,000.00	蔡志強伉儷	500.00	
荃灣浸信會	40,000.00	鄭非兒	300.00	
荃灣浸信會基石福音堂	1,500.00	謝金玉	500.00	
基磐浸信會	3,000.00	羅佩珊	100.00	
第一城浸信會	6,250.00	羅美華	500.00	
富安浸信會禧年堂	30,800.00	羅凱慈	500.00	
富亨浸信會	1,000.00	關德華	140.00	
置富浸信教會	500.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	500.00	
運頭塘浸信會	5,000.00	溫凱旋	1,000.00	
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00		HK\$ 31,263.68	
觀塘浸信會	1,652.00	Dr. & Mrs. William J. Lacy	<u>US\$1,000.00</u>	
觀塘國語浸信會	1,000.00			
深恩浸信會	646.00			
基督教宣道會觀塘堂	5,000.00			
	HK\$ 262,290.00			
Chinese Indep. Baptist Church-S.F.	<u>US\$540.00</u>			

Education Fund (Donor/Organization)

Lo Ying Hum & Wong Shui Kau	5,000.00	<u>Building Naming</u>		
Mr. & Mrs. John Dockerill	6,000.00	龐凌玉珍	HK\$ 250,000.00	
伍玉嬋	100.00			
江耀全伉儷	3,000.00	<u>Scholarship Fund</u>		
何惠珍	2,000.00	大學浸信會	8,000.00	
何譚惠如	2,000.00	愛子	200.00	
吳國傑伉儷	500.00		HK\$ 8,200.00	
呂志華	1,000.00			
胡文恩	250.00	Mr. Man Ah You Academic Award &		
徐詩雅	300.00	<u>Scholarship Fund</u>		
		萬張美珍	HK\$ 400,000.00	

Inland Distance Education

尖沙嘴浸信會	HK\$	<u>40,000.00</u>
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Lay Theological Education

九龍城浸信會		5,300.00
觀塘浸信會		200.00
長者事工基礎證書畢業同學		1,150.00
青少年導師訓練證書畢業同學		900.00
信徒宣教進深證書畢業同學		1,965.30
信徒宣教證書畢業同學		2,200.00
信徒普及神學訓練證書畢業同學		1,000.00
婦神訓練進深證書畢業同學		1,000.00
教會幹事訓練證書畢業同學		759.00
蒙召與裝備證書畢業同學		800.00
吳秀華		420.00
李淑儀		1,507.40
杜桂鵬		500.00
陳國權		500.00
蕭桂娥		1,500.00
	HK\$	<u>19,701.70</u>

BCS Theological Education Usable Fund

何譚惠如		1,000.00
呂美玉		500.00
	HK\$	<u>1,500.00</u>

Distance Education

Ernest & Sylvia Ho		2,000.00
第五屆遙距課程畢業同學		290.00
無名氏		500.00
鄒小寶		1,500.00
	HK\$	<u>4,290.00</u>

Local Filipino Program (D.E.)

MY Y		300.00
張智理伉儷		5,000.00
	HK\$	<u>5,300.00</u>

Green Seminary

香港神學生聯誼會		2,500.00
何建宗		2,000.00
	HK\$	<u>4,500.00</u>

DONORS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2005

Education Fund (Church)

上環浸信會	2,000.00
大埔浸信會	16,666.60
大埔浸信會天澤福音堂	1,000.00
大埔國際浸信會	375.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,500.00
牛頭角浸信會	7,500.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	800.00
西灣河浸信會福音堂	4,008.00
佐敦道浸信會	750.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港仔浸信會	19,571.70
香港浸信教會	75,000.00
香港浸信教會顯理福音堂	4,000.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
柴灣浸信會	3,000.00
粉嶺浸信會	20,667.00
基督浸信會	3,000.00
愛群道浸信會	8,000.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
觀塘浸信會	1,393.00
深恩浸信會	646.00
香港宣教會恩磐堂	5,000.00
HK\$	<u>182,577.30</u>

Education Fund (Donor/Organization)

Mak Kit Ling	1,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Dockerill	6,000.00
Wong Ming Kuen	1,000.00
方敬亮	5,000.00
王百合	4,000.00
伍玉嬋	100.00
印尼短宣隊	249.40
江耀全伉儷	3,000.00
何譚惠如	2,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00

呂志華	1,000.00
胡文恩	250.00
胡路雲	300.00
徐詩雅	300.00
張啓明伉儷	300.00
許鋒威	400.00
無名氏	70.40
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	300.00
馮德華	300.00
黃華娟	100.00
葉煥章	300.00
雷麗珍	40.00
劉永生	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
蔡志強伉儷	500.00
鄭非兒	300.00
謝任生伉儷	1,000.00
謝金玉	500.00
鄭振華伉儷	3,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅美華	500.00
羅凱慈	500.00
關德華	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	500.00
溫凱旋	1,000.00
HK\$	<u>36,349.80</u>

President Council

譚日旭	HK\$ <u>2,000.00</u>
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Scholarship Fund

愛子	HK\$ <u>200.00</u>
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Academic Award Fund

香港浸信教會婦女部	HK\$ <u>12,000.00</u>
鄭任年聖樂獎-Peter & Janet Chung	<u>CAD750.00</u>

Mission Dynamics & Resources Centre Usable Fund

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	HK\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
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Lay Theological Education

香港浸信會幼稚園教育協會	5,000.00
杜桂鵬	500.00
蕭桂娥	1,500.00
HK\$	<u>7,000.00</u>

BCS Theological Education Usable Fund

何譚惠如	1,000.00
呂美玉	500.00
HK\$	<u>1,500.00</u>

Distance Education

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	2,000.00
無名氏	500.00
鄒小寶	1,500.00
HK\$	<u>4,000.00</u>

Local Filipino Program (D.E.)

Summer Sward Ltd.	10,000.00
MY Y	300.00
張智理伉儷	5,000.00
HK\$	<u>15,300.00</u>

Lay - Book Fund

吳貞梅	HK\$ <u>200.00</u>
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Green Seminary

Summer Sward Ltd.	HK\$ <u>10,000.00</u>
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DONORS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2005

Education Fund (Church)

上水浸信會	6,000.00
上環浸信會	2,000.00
大埔浸信會	8,333.30
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,500.00
以馬內利浸信會	3,500.00
石澳浸信會福音堂	5,000.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	800.00
佐敦道浸信會	750.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港仔浸信會	24,110.90
香港浸信教會	75,000.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
粉嶺浸信會	4,000.00
基磐浸信會	3,000.00
置富浸信教會	1,000.00
運頭塘浸信會	1,100.00
筲箕灣潮語浸信會	500.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
廣源邨禧年浸信會	3,000.00
灣仔浸信會	1,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,432.00
鑽石山浸信會	5,000.00
浸信宣道會恩禾堂	4,000.00
深恩浸信會	646.00
HK\$	<u>160,372.20</u>

Education Fund (Donor/Organization)

眾安發展有限公司	20,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Dockerill	6,000.00
伍玉嬋	100.00
江耀全伉儷	3,000.00
何譚惠如	2,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00

徐詩雅	300.00
張潔群	10.00
梁婉芬	100.00
許鋒威	400.00
陸錦滔伉儷	2,700.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	300.00
馮德華	300.00
黃華娟	100.00
葉煥章	4,000.00
劉永生	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
蔡志強伉儷	500.00
鄭非兒	300.00
黎練桂蓮	2,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅美華	500.00
關德華	140.00
溫祥、黎琼珍	500.00
溫凱旋	1,000.00
HK\$	<u>47,150.00</u>
Sue Y.S. Mau	<u>CAD300.00</u>

President Council

譚日旭	HK\$ <u>2,000.00</u>
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Scholarship Fund

愛子	HK\$ <u>200.00</u>
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Mission Dynamics & Resources Centre Usable Fund

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	HK\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
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Lay Theological Education

杜桂鵬	1,000.00
周偉信	800.00
張蘊英	1,000.00
梁偉賢	75.00
第九屆幼師課程畢業同學	1,615.20
無名氏	400.00
蕭桂娥	1,500.00
HK\$	<u>6,390.20</u>

BCS Theological Education Usable Fund

何譚惠如	1,000.00
呂美玉	500.00
HK\$	<u>1,500.00</u>

Lay-Women Theological Education

Scholarship Fund

王協平	HK\$ <u>500.00</u>
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Distance Education

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	2,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	23,000.00
譚梁玉笑	500.00
HK\$	<u>25,500.00</u>

Local Filipino Program (D.E.)

MYY	300.00
張智理伉儷	5,000.00
HK\$	<u>5,300.00</u>

Hill Singer

以馬內利浸信會	HK\$ <u>800.00</u>
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Precious Moments

October 16, 2005 Distance Education Program's Fifth Graduation Ceremony

Twenty six local and overseas students have completed the Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma Programs. Graduates took a picture with those officiating the ceremony, guests and staff after the ceremony.

October 18-20 Baptist Heritage Week

The theme for this year is "The Baptists: From a Dissident Sect to a Global Denomination." The speaker was Professor William H. Brackney, Professor of Religion in Baylor University.



November 13, 2005 Prayer Meeting for the Whole Seminary

All faculty, staff and students shared God's blessings, offered thanksgiving to God and prayed for the needs of one another in the Chapel hour.



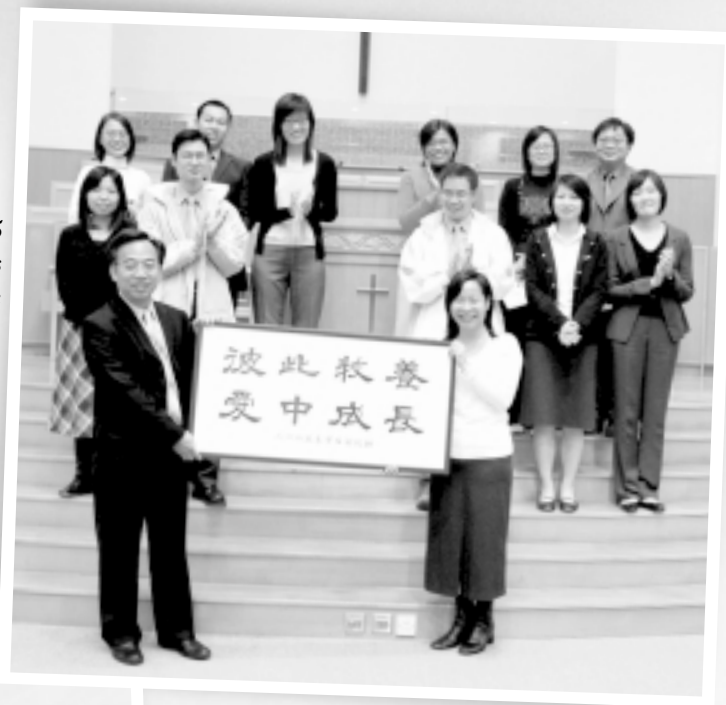
November 27, 2005 Graduation Ceremony of our Ministerial Training Programs

The Graduation Ceremony was held at Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church. There were forty graduates with over 1,100 people attending the Ceremony. A group photo including those officiating at the ceremony, the faculty and graduates was taken after the ceremony.



**December 1, 2005
Taking up Duties for the Student Union's
New Executive Committee**

At the ceremony, the new executive committee members of the Student Union officially took up their responsibilities and took a picture with last year's committee members.



December 3, 2005 Students Recruitment Talk
The theme for the Recruitment Talk was "Calling from the Lord of Harvest." 38 people attended this meeting. In the picture, Dr. Joshua Cho, Dean of Academic Affairs, is giving attendees a warm welcome on behalf of the seminary.



December 19, 2005 Christmas Worship Service
The faculty, staff, students and alumni joined the Christmas Worship Service to commemorate the birth of Christ Jesus. The service was followed by the annual Christmas feast. In the afternoon, there were basketball matches and table tennis games. The upper picture: The alumni choir is singing praise to the Lord during the worship service; the lower picture is of a friendly, basketball match between faculty and students.