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Newsletter

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Testimonies of New Students

Speak, for Your Servant Is Listening

Wong Pak-ming (M. Div. I)

Taking the first step forward

"The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'" (1 Samuel 3:10) Many years ago when I heard my church pastor preaching on this experience of Samuel, I said to myself: If God were to call me, I would gladly reply in the same way, "I am here. Speak, for your servant is listening!" Until this day,

that incident continues to have a deep impression on my heart. I am sure that God has planted the seed of "I do" in my life since then.

I came to Christ in 1991. A year later, I began attending the Shamshuipo Alliance Church where I have continued to worship for the past fifteen years. In 1994, I was baptized and began my ministry in the children's worship service. Over the past ten years, God has continued to call me to serve him in many ways. As I focused on my family and work, I just responded God with an "I do" from the heart but without taking any practical action. It was not until my church's Mission Sunday in 2002 that I took the first step forward to become a full time minister.

A Mission Sunday is held every year in my church. When the "Mission Sunday 2002" came to a close, everyone was invited to fill out a form. One of the choices stated: "I am willing to serve God full time, to be a missionary." At that time, I picked this choice without any hesitation as I spoke to myself: If God would use me, is there any reason to reject him? Then, I shared my decision with my wife who encouraged me to respond to God with some practical action to verify whether it was really God's work in my heart. Meanwhile, members of the church's Mission Department approached me to express their concern about my decision. Soon I joined the Consecration Group in the hope that I could share and keep watch with like-minded fellows at church.

Jesus took the initiative to find his disciples

In September 2004, I was involved in an accident at work.

◀ Pak-ming and his wife together with daughter Yat-yan and son Chung-sang



I fell, was hospitalized, and could not walk for a period of time. During that time, I tried to evangelize my fellow patients, using the skills learned from Evangelism Explosion III and elsewhere. This experience made me understand more about hospital's patients' need for the gospel as I felt their struggles in life more deeply. I understood how they must long for real peace in their lives. Meanwhile, I further thought about two questions: Should I quit my teaching post, or should I choose a ministry in which I can directly preach the gospel of Christ?

Besides my ministry in children's service, in recent years I also joined the church's short term mission team to minister to the teachers of a mainland kindergarten and to reach out to factory workers in the same neighborhood. Through several such ministry opportunities, the Lord helped me see that I have a great concern for the lost souls.

Throughout these few years, this question remains in my heart: Why was it that on that Mission Sunday, only one other brother and I had showed a willingness to "serve God full time and be a missionary?" Should not every Christian choose to serve God as a matter of course? Why was it that only two persons made such a choice? Since that was the case, did it not indicate that God was calling me to serve him full time? Thank God that he gave me a considerate wife and a brother studying in the seminary who gave me so much help. Both of them encouraged me to take one step further to respond to God in order to seek his will in my life. In March 2006, I joined a consecration camp organized by a local seminary. Prior to attending the camp, participants were asked to read two articles, one of which left a deep impression on my heart. The article mentioned that it is Jesus who takes the initiative to seek disciples. Therefore, if Jesus did not actively look for me, I would not be willing to follow him. Thank God that he has solved my heart's problem helping me understand the reason that I have a willing heart. It is simply because Jesus seeks me. Moreover, in the camp, I could see that there were not just a few whom Jesus sought but I found many such co-walkers. I no longer felt alone. Rather I had much peace in my heart.

The unwillingness to depart made me retreat instantly

In my family, my wife Ho-sze knew what was in my heart. Since I had consecrated my life to Jesus, she has continued to stand by my side at all times. Although there would be changes

in our family finance as I study in the seminary, my wife has faith in God and encouraged me to take seriously God's calling. The burden of my family would by no means be light, but then if I postponed studying in the seminary because our children were still small, then two or three years later, we would also find other excuses. Thank God that he helped me and my wife to have the same heart so that I could choose the path of full time ministry with greater strength.

Although I was not accepted by the first seminary that year, I was not discouraged or disheartened. I understood that perhaps there might be some parts in my life that were not yet well prepared. Therefore I continued to seek and wait, trusting that God would prepare an appropriate time for me.

On a Saturday evening in November 2006, in the evening party to celebrate my school's fortieth anniversary, I had the opportunity to sing a song with a student and reflect on our friendship over the past few years. In an instant, many fond memories of campus life flooded my mind. I thought that if I would study in the seminary, I would have to part from the school and my students. I could not help recalling the times I shared my faith with them as together we walked and grew over the years. Instantly my reluctance to part from them led me to think that if I continued to work at school, I could still minister to my students and share my faith with them. Such thoughts made me again doubt God's calling once more.

Are there any more excuses to say 'No' to God's calling?

I thank the Lord for he is faithful and truly knows my weaknesses. It was during the Sunday Service the next day that my pastor preached on chapter fourteen of the Gospel of Mark, describing how a woman poured a jar of very expensive perfume on Jesus' head. This woman has offered all she had and seized the most appropriate moment to minister to Jesus, since after that, no one could ever anoint him. My pastor kept asking us this question: "As you are a sinner who has been graciously redeemed, why can you not do an even greater work for God?" Every word the pastor said seemed to speak to me personally. In face of the Lord's gentle calling and encouragement, my heart was being shaken, so that I could not stop the tears which rushed from my eyes. Could there be any excuses? Were there any more reasons to say 'No' to God's calling? I had to make good use of my youth to offer

what was most precious in my life to God.

In order to respond to God, I tried to know and understand more about seminaries in Hong Kong. As a result, upon my pastor's recommendation, I chose to apply to study in HKBTS.

May 31, 2007 was a crucial day. That was the day when my wife Ho-sze had the opportunity of a second interview for a teaching post. She had always hoped to switch to a Christian school, one completely devoted to serving Christ the Lord, but so far there had not been such a good opportunity. The day when she had the second interview was also the last day that she could resign from the school where she was then teaching. Similarly, if I wanted to study in a seminary, that was also the last day to submit my resignation from my school. We had never imagined that on that very day, that very last day, I would

receive my "admission notice" from HKBTS while my wife also would receive her appointment letter from the school where she most wanted to teach. Ho-sze and I excitedly exchanged our good news with tears of gratitude flowing copiously from our eyes. "Thank you, Lord." His preparation is always the best and his timing is always right. While I studied in the Seminary, my wife would have to shoulder the family's burden more than ever before. Now that the Lord has prepared her an ideal environment in which to work, my worries were greatly relieved. God's grace and consideration truly touched my wife and me.

May God continue to consolidate our faith and guide my study and ministry in the days to come. Through each moment and in each phase of the journey ahead, may I pleasingly and willingly respond to God when God speaks to me, "Your servant is listening!"

Testimonies of New Students

Do I Love My Lord

with All My Strength, Soul and Mind ? *Chung So-han (M. Div. I)*

White-clothed angels who accompanied me on the heavenly journey

I should offer my life as a sacrifice to God !

Thank God that after coming to Christ in 1985, I joined the Christian fellowship for nurses in Pok Oi Hospital, helping my spiritual life gradually grow there.

Having to do shift duty, I could not attend regular church worship services, and yet in the fellowship, there were a few veteran sister nurses who held my hand, cared for me and walked beside me on the heavenly journey. When we were on holiday, they would take me to a retreat camp, teaching me how to draw closer to God and read his Word. From their love, I saw their dedication to God; from their lives, I was able to see Christ who seeks no reciprocation but always gives. They made me aware that one who follows God can have such a good life, and I strengthened my resolve to follow him. Later, each of

◀ A picture of Kam-hing and So-han taken on campus

them went into different ministries: some becoming missionaries and some going on to further studies in a seminary. At that time, I really admired their courage to let go and let God. Still I did not yet have the faith to offer myself wholly to God and so was not ready to follow their footsteps on such a blessed path.

Nevertheless their commitment and ministry to God did encourage me to serve God diligently. Later on, I changed to a church situated near my house in order to have more time to draw closer to God. Through God's blessings, I became a member of the working committee in the youth fellowship, learned to serve God in the fellowship and two years later, was elected chairperson. As I went through different ministry experiences, I came to learn how horrible human sinfulness can be. No one doubts that non-Christians are living in sin, but some of those living in Christ can also hurt one another, living according to their selfish desires and sinning unknowingly. Having come to know such human weakness, I realized how precious it is for Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us sinners and how much we need his redemption. Only with Christ can our lives be made whole. It was through these ministries that I got a taste of how life should be nurtured. I realized all the more the greatness of our Lord Jesus' love.

Pass on the glow of God's love Let God's love be extended

In 1995, I prayed to God for the opportunity to study further in order to serve my patients with better nursing skills and medical knowledge. I had to thank God that a year later I was admitted to study in the three years' pre-registration nursing program in Yan Chai Hospital. I was among the final five to be admitted from among 138 applicants. Besides, on the day of the job interview, God protected me, allowing me to arrive safely even though a landslide had caused the Tuen Mun Highway to be closed. However, God allowed me to travel and return home unaffected by the accident. Otherwise I could have missed the interview and the opportunity for further studies. As a result, I was admitted to the pre-registration nursing program and began working in Tai Po Hospital after graduation.

At that time, Tai Po Hospital did not have a Christian fellowship for nurses. I was sad to observe that many of the Christian nurses I knew at work did not have regular church life and so their relationship with God was distant and alienated. Some even indulged in a secular life style too much like that of

the non-Christian nurses. In my heart, I had a strong sense of mission and longed to be of use to God to pass on the torch of his love. In the past, in Pok Oi Hospital's Christian fellowship, I had experienced God's love so that my spiritual life had grown, and on a certain day, God put a burden in my heart to extend such love to another hospital.

Finally in 2003, God led several Christian nurses and me to form the Tai Po Hospital's Medical Ward Christian Fellowship for Nurses. I was elected chairperson ministering to Christian nurses within the hospital and seeking to spread the gospel of Christ to non-Christian colleagues. I worked hard at this post, but I often felt weak because I was busy at work everyday and I had had no formal Christian ministry training. I always felt that I failed to do my best in fulfilling the mission entrusted to me by God.

A calling from God in the evening hour

In the twinkling of an eye, I had been a nurse for over twenty years. I loved my work and everyday I busily ministered to one patient after another. I witnessed their lives as they went through the cycle of birth, growth, old age, sickness and death. I realized that only Jesus Christ can offer redemption from sin. I gladly accompanied each of the patients on the journey of life but often felt regret. I never had the time and opportunity to share with them where they would go after death, and perhaps many of them feared they could then walk toward eternal death. As a subject of the heavenly kingdom, what could I do for them? My duty as a nurse could only help to take care of their bodily needs, but what about the redemption of their souls? God's special favor to me always reminded me of his love to me, but as I have been busily working day in and day out, what is the significance of such a life to the kingdom of God?

One evening about five years ago when I was walking from Tai Po Hospital to Tai Po Center to have supper, I passed by Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital. I gazed at the upper level of the hospital building and I heard a voice speaking to me: "You will have to bring these people who are ill and sick to me." I felt it strange in my heart and asked myself: Why did God say this to me? I felt a bit frightened and nervous but then I kept these words in my heart. After several months' prayer and thoughts, I felt the desire to dedicate myself to full time ministry grow stronger and stronger. Then I returned to my mother church at Sheung Shui and expressed my decision to

my former pastor but he bluntly noted that I was not suitable to be a minister. He did not clearly elaborate on the reasons why he said so and I did not pursue the subject with him. I felt hurt but I understood my need to reflect upon the condition of my spiritual life and seriously consider whether I was really willing to offer myself to serve God full time. And so I temporarily let go the thought of committing myself to full time ministry and began to closely examine my spiritual life before God.

What benefit does a life of comfort and stability bring to the kingdom of God?

In the past five years, I continued to commit myself to serve God in the hospital's fellowship. Throughout this period, I spent much time asking God whether I should embark on full time ministry and waiting for his reply. There were times when I was so busy with my work and ministry that I put aside such thoughts. After five years, I felt that I should come face to face with God to seek the direction of my ministry again. I loved the sisters in the fellowship and we had no barrier as we always share almost everything, from our dating and marriage, happiness and sadness in our work, experiences of growth in ministry and our orientation in life. Thank God for allowing me to have had such rich experience, in fact I had determined to serve him in this ministry post. However, God has commanded us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Matthew 22:37, 39). As such, how then should I offer my best to God? Why do I not equip myself the best I could? Since I always felt weak and inadequate in my ministry, why did I not concentrate on preparing myself for ministry?

The kingdom of God demands that more workers offer themselves to God and fully commit themselves to ministry. My present working environment is very stable economically and my working conditions are satisfactory. In fact, I do not have to worry about my life. What is more, I have a group of colleagues with whom I continue to get along well, and we all work hard unreservedly together. I would really miss them! But then if I continue enjoying myself in this comfort zone, what benefit does it bring to the kingdom of God? When I come to meet God face to face, can I say that I love him with all my heart, soul and mind?

He is the very best blessing I choose to have

I remember a few years ago when I resolved to serve

God full time, God allowed my former church pastor to thwart me. At that time, I chose full time ministry partly because of my response to God's calling and partly because I was fed up at work, unable to get along well with my colleagues. I hoped to move to a new environment to find a way out and to look for the meaning in life. But God has his good will for us and does not want us to choose him only when we are down and discontent at work but wants us to choose him at the time when everyone assumes that I am having a wonderful time instead – He must not be my very last choice since he is my very best blessing. What a great blessing it is to be able to walk on God's path!

I must thank God for everything in my life, especially for my husband, Kam-hing, who also loves God with all his heart. He had endured much hardship as we have faithfully walked along God's path. He gave up his career in the insurance business and resolved to serve God full time and went on to apply to study in the Seminary. He had been praying for God's guidance to move in this direction for years and was forced to wait because his mother was afflicted with cancer and there were also some other difficult reasons. Despite all these difficulties and twists and turns, his passion to serve God without yielding remained strong and I was moved by his authentic commitment. I am one who has been blessed and redeemed and has fully tasted God's many blessings. In many stages of my life, God has sent different angels to minister to me, care for me so that my spiritual life has grown. What can I give to repay God for his love to me? In the past I went my own way for quite a good distance; how many days do I still have when I can fully dedicate myself to serve God? It is needless to say that one day, that may be very soon, the Lord will come back but none knows when that day will come.

In the past I was satisfied with my working and living conditions, not hoping for any change. But God's love continued to drive and call me so that I once again resolve to offer up myself to God and no longer try to avoid God's calling. Even though I was once worried about the family's financial pressure as both my husband and I have decided to study in the Seminary and as we have not yet managed to sell the flat where we lived earlier, I now respond to God's call with joy and submit to his guidance. Maybe Kam-hing and I will supplement each other in our ministry later, or maybe I will go back to serve within the medical profession, the community that I have known so well and miss so much. No matter what the future holds, I am willing to offer up myself to God and glorify him all my life.

Snapshots of Student Union's Activities



September 19, 2007

Mid-Autumn Evening Party

The faculty and students enjoyed barbecue under the silver moonlight. The food prepared by each of the classes was so fantastic that it makes their mouths water as they now recall it.



October 15

Day of Silent Retreat

Up on Tao Fung Shan, we quieted down, waited and watched in silence, fell down and looked up to the Lord who has called us.

October 20

Joint-Seminaries Day

The Joint-Seminaries Day was held in our Sai O campus, and students treasured the opportunity to share and pray with one another.

October 24

Prison Ministry Sharing

In one of our noon time meetings, minister Cheng Kwan-yip shared with us about the needs of prison ministry.

November 13

To Pray for Students' Family Prayer Meeting

Closely following the Parents' Day, students prayed on the theme "Let Go the Shackles of 'Family'" and prayed for the relationship with their families.

November 11
Parents' Day

The programs on Parents' Day included a campus tour, a sharing meeting and dining together. That day is an opportunity for students to express love and respect for their parents.



November 21

A Sharing Meeting on Indonesian Domestic Workers' Ministry

In another noon time meeting, Ms. Yung Pui-sze, minister of E.F.C.C. Tung Fook Church, shared with us how she ministered to a minority community: the Indonesian Domestic Workers' Ministry.



November 15

The Seminary's Prayer Meeting

This year's theme was "To pray for 'the others'", the faculty, staff and students prayed with one heart for Hong Kong, China and the world today.

November 22
Thanksgiving Day

On that day, representatives from the faculty, staff and the student body took turns counting God's many blessings. There were joy of praise and also tears of thanksgiving.





Academic Affairs News

1. Academic Seminar

This year's second academic seminar was held on November 22, 2007. The speaker was Dr. Elizabeth Ngan, Associate Professor of Christian Scriptures of George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, speaking on the topic "Exploring the Biblical Exegesis of Asian Americans."

2. Graduation Ceremony

The Fifty-Sixth Graduation Ceremony was held on November 25 at Sai O campus. There were 42 graduates, including 16 students in M.Div. Program; 4, M.R.E. Program; 15, B.A.P.S. Program; 6, M.P.C. Program and 1, Advanced Diploma in Inter-Cultural Studies Program.

3. Appointment of New Faculty

Dr. Shum Shiu-lun has been appointed to be the Visiting Assistant Professor of New Testament since January 2008. Dr. Shum earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree at Glasgow University specializing in the study of Paul and Judaism. He has written a book, *Paul's Use of Isaiah in Romans – A Comparative Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans and the Sibylline and Qumran Sectarian Texts*.

4. Mission Week

The Mission Week will be held from March 11 through 13 with the theme "Evangelistic Ministry on Campuses in Mainland China." The speakers will be Dr. Peter Ng, Dr. Ying Fuk-tsang and Dr. Abel Lam.

Faculty News

- The book *Revelation: The Lord of Lords* (Ming Dao Publishing House, 2007) written by **Dr. Poling J. Sun**, Professor of New Testament, was awarded the Gold Award for the Original Works: Theology and Commentary Category at the Third Gold Book Awards organized by the Association of Christian Publishers Ltd. in October 2007.

- The book *Search for Origins – Past and Present of Christian Church* written by **Dr. Nathan Ng**, Associate Professor of Christian Thought (Christian History), was published by Logos Publishers Ltd. and Christian Times Ltd. in October 2007.
- Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), wrote an article "The Inspiration of Postmodernism to Ministry for Youngsters at Church" which was published in the book *Never Dying Flame: FES and Evangelical Student Movement (1957-2007)* (Fellowship of Evangelical Students (H.K.) Ltd., 2007). Besides, his article, "The Pure Land, the Kingdom of God and the Critique and Transformation of This World" was published in *Ching Feng*, N.S. (vol. 7, nos. 1-2, 2006).
- Dr. Joshua Cho**, Professor of Christian Thought (Systematic Theology), presented a paper "Missio Dei in China: A Reformed Perspective on Mission" in the Annual General Meeting of the American Academy of Religion on November 18, 2007.

Lay Theological Education Department

Student recruitment for the following programs:

- Youth Mentor Training Diploma Program**
To provide systematic training in ministry skills and basic theological training for those Christians who endeavor to join youth ministry or who are interested in understanding the youth community.

Content / Subject: Reaching the new generation, family and youth, counseling process and technique, games and adventure.

The program takes two years to complete, and the class will begin in April (the class meets every Monday evening). The deadline for enrollment is March 11 or when the class quota is filled.

- Church Administrative Affairs Diploma/ Certificate Program**
To provide holistic and systematic training for those Christians who have already been engaging in or who are interested in taking up church administrative duties.

Content / Subject: Personal spiritual formation, the art of community relationships, personnel and administrative management techniques, biblical and theological studies.

The certificate program takes one year to complete, and the class will begin in April (the class meets every Tuesday afternoon). The deadline for enrollment is March 12 or when the class quota is filled.

• **Missions Training Diploma/ Certificate Program**

To provide training for those Christians who want to understand, join and promote the missions ministry.

Content / Subject: New trends in contemporary missions, understanding other religions, emerging religions and folk religions, experiencing cross-cultural missionary life, ethics of missions, tent-making, and promoting missions at church.

The certificate program takes one year to complete, and the class will begin in April (the class meets every Monday evening). The deadline for enrollment is March 14 or when the class quota is filled.

• **Elderly Ministry Diploma/ Certificate Program**

To provide training for those ministers, Christian laymen or Christian social workers who want to understand and serve the elderly in preparation for the challenge of 2030 when the elderly population will comprise 25% of the total population in Hong Kong.

Content / Subject: Caring for the elderly ministry, ministry to the family of the elderly, ministry to evangelize the elderly, education ministry to the elderly, recreation and sports ministry to the elderly, church music ministry to the elderly, the many faces of death and field practicum.

The certificate program takes one year to complete, and the class will begin in April (the class meets every Tuesday and Thursday evening). The deadline for enrollment is March 23 or when the class quota is filled.

For inquiry or enrollment, call 2711 2552 or log on our website www.hkbts.edu.hk/lted.

Distance Education Program

The new diploma programs will begin in March 2008, while the certificate programs can begin at any time.

Correspondence and On-line Programs

Name of Program	Program Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Diploma in Bible Studies Program	Through an in-depth study of a specific book of the Bible, students are trained to do systematic hermeneutics and biblical study.	Secondary school leavers with a church pastor's recommendation	March and September	March semester: Hong Kong: February 10
Diploma in Christian Studies Program	Designed for equipping students for ministry, the program helps students strengthen their foundation in the Christian faith, doctrine and theology.			Overseas: January 25
Higher Diploma in Bible Studies / Christian Studies Programs	Further studies for students completing the diploma program	Completion of the Diploma Program and with a church pastor's recommendation		September semester: Hong Kong: August 10
Certificate in N.T. / O.T. Studies Program	Introductory programs in Bible book study.	All are welcome	Register at any time Concessions in fees are available. Enquiries are welcome.	Overseas: July 25
On-line Certificate in New Testament Studies Program				

Elective students: Students can choose correspondence courses according to their own interest. For details, please log on the "Distance Education" website.

Students can arrange their own study time, place and progress themselves, for details, log on our website www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist/

Trial study of the on-line program is welcome: <http://distance.hkbts.edu.hk>.

For inquiry, call 2768 5105 or email to deinfo@hkbts.edu.hk

Pastoral Continuing Education Center

Courses offered from January to March

Course	Lecturer	Date / Time
"Mentor of Life" (Basic Course)	Dr. Chan Chin-ming	Jan. 14, 21 & Feb. 18 (Mon) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:30 - 5:30 pm
Inspiration of Art Work to Young Children's Quality Education	Mrs. Yeung So Fu-lau	Jan. 16 - Feb. 27 (Wed) 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
12 Minor Prophets: Exposition & Preaching	Dr. Wong Fook-kong	Jan. 28, Feb. 25 & Mar. 31 (Mon) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Personality, Temperament & Pastoral Ministry (Basic Course)	President Alfred Kong	Mar. 3, 10, 17 (Mon) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:30 - 5:30 pm

A program pamphlet has been published; readers can also log on our website www.hkbts.edu.hk. For inquiry or enrollment, call 2782 9787 or fax 2630 1373 or email to pce@hkbts.edu.hk. Application form can be downloaded online.

* Members of the Alumni Association of the Seminary, graduates of the Seminary, ministers and theological students of Baptist churches (including students of Ministerial Preparation Programs and students taking degree courses in the Lay Theological Education Department, full-time students in the 14 member seminaries of the Hong Kong Theological Education Association) can have tuition fee concessions. For details, please refer to the application form in the program pamphlet.

Publication News

Hill Road (Issue 20) has been published in December 2007. The theme is "Theology and Art." There are five theme articles: "The Theological Aesthetics of Hans Urs von Balthasar" (Samuel Ho), "Telling God about his Own Disbelief - The Honest Praise to the Lord by R. S. Thomas (Wu Yin-ching), "The Christianness and Penetration of Christianity into Modern Chinese Literature: An Alternative Perspective of Rereading *Thunderstorm*" (Ng Mei-kwan), "On the Art of Translating Apologetics: Translating the Argumentative Rhetoric of G. K. Chesterton's *Orthodoxy* into Chinese (Chong Yau-yuk), "Relationship of Theology and Cinema: Means of Mutual Enrichment" (Jerry E. Moye). This issue also includes three miscellaneous articles and several book reviews. For inquiry and subscription to *Hill Road*, please call 2768 5168 or email at bts-inquiry@hkbts.edu.hk.



Student Union

Committee members of Student Union 2008 are as follows:

- Chairperson : **Chong Pui-kit**
- Vice Chairperson : **Ngai Chun-yip**
- Secretary : **Ho Po-ha**
- Treasurer : **Fung Kit-ying**
- Spiritual Devotion : **Au Chung-yan**
- Missions : **Wu Po-po**
- Daily Living : **Chan Wai-lun**



The Hand-over Ceremony



Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary Student Recruitment 2008-09

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

Date of Application for Admission
Hong Kong : January 1 – June 20
Overseas : January 1 – April 30

Date of Admission Examination
April 12
June 7

Experiencing Seminary Life Camp

Theme: Take My Life

Date : February 27 – 28 (Wed – Thu)

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

Application Deadline : February 20 (Wed)

Fee : **First Group** HK\$200 per person
(beginning 10:00 am February 27)

or

Second Group HK\$180 per person
(beginning 7:30 pm February 27)

Inquiry:

Telephone: (852) 2768 5130

Fax: admissions@hkbts.edu.hk

Website: www.hkbts.edu.hk

Program Schedule

February 27

10:00 am Registration (First Group)
11:00 am Get to Know HKBTS
12:00 noon Sit-in Class Lecture
1:00 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Testimonies of God's Calling
4:00 pm Meet with Professors / Individual Meditation
6:00 pm Recess
6:30 pm Supper
7:30 pm Registration (Second Group)
8:00 pm Worship, Praise and Short Message
9:15 pm Pray in Small Groups
9:45 pm Rest

February 28

7:30 am Morning Prayer Meeting
8:15 am Breakfast
9:00 am Introduction of Study Programs / Student Affairs / Field Practicum
10:00 am Seminary's Morning Chapel
11:00 am Sit-in Class Lecture
12:00 noon Rest
1:00 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Sharing with Our Students
3:00 pm Meet with Professors / Individual Meditation
5:00 pm Consecration Meeting
6:00 pm The Program Ends



Please Pray for the Seminary and Our Students

- Pray for new students' adaptation to seminary life and their study.
- Remember their "real base": pray for their homes.
- Pray for the ministry, bodily health and spiritual needs of our alumni.

- Alumnus **Chung Yiu-man** (class of 1997) was ordained pastor by Sharon Lutheran Church in July 2007.
- Alumna **Yiu Wai-sze** (class of 1993) and brother Cheung Pui-ye were united in marriage at Kowloon City Swatow Baptist Church on July 21, 2007.
- Alumnus **Sung King-cheong** (class of 1997) was ordained pastor by Aberdeen Baptist Church on December 25, 2007.

Mission Week Seminar 2008

Theme: Evangelistic Ministry on Campuses in Mainland China

March 11 Speaker: Dr. Peter Ng Topic: **Purposes of Church Schools Revisited — Case Studies of Chinese Christian Universities**

March 12 Speaker: Dr. Ying Fuk-tsang Topic: **Competition of Two Ways? — Historical Review of Chinese Christian Student Movements**

March 13 Speaker: Dr. Abel Lam Topic: **Evangelistic Ministry of Third Churches on Campuses in Mainland China: A New Development of Evangelistic Ministry Patterns on Campuses in Mainland China**

Date: March 11-13, 2008 (Tue – Thu)

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am

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

Inquiry: 2768 5161



Reply

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General Fund, 1 August - 30 November 2007

	HK\$
Income	8,674,714.22
Expenditure	<u>10,012,386.17</u>
Deficit	<u><u>(1,337,671.95)</u></u>

DONORS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2007

Education Fund (Church)

上水浸信會	7,000.00
上環浸信會	2,000.00
大埔浸信會	20,000.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	800.00
西灣河浸信會福音堂	4,174.00
佐敦道浸信會	750.00
沙田浸信會	7,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港仔浸信會	29,314.00
香港浸信教會	83,300.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
香港懷恩浸信教會	15,000.00
粉嶺浸信會	29,000.00
荃灣浸信會	40,000.00
基磐浸信會	3,000.00
愛群道浸信會	5,000.00
置富浸信教會	2,000.00
蓮頭塘浸信會	2,000.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
廣源邨禧年浸信會	4,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,134.00
鑽石山浸信會	3,750.00
香港宣教會恩磐堂	5,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	500.00
基督教宣道會觀塘堂	4,400.00
基督教會邨口堂	500.00
HK\$	<u><u>279,322.00</u></u>

Education Fund (Donor/Organization)

Rev. & Mrs. Lum Wai Chun	1,000.00
白智信伉儷	300.00
伍玉嬋	100.00

President Council

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

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
愛子	200.00
無名氏	3,000.00
HK\$	<u><u>8,200.00</u></u>

Music Camp

倪承恩	HK\$ <u><u>1,000.00</u></u>
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Lay Theological Education Program

年長者事工證書課程畢業同學	2,000.00
信徒宣教證書課程畢業同學	500.00
白智信伉儷	300.00
杜桂鵬	500.00
蕭桂娥	1,500.00
HK\$	<u><u>4,800.00</u></u>

LTED Bursary Fund

何譚惠如	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
HK\$	<u><u>1,500.00</u></u>

Distance Education Program

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	2,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
HK\$	<u><u>6,000.00</u></u>

Local Filipino Program

張智理伉儷	5,000.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
HK\$	<u><u>5,400.00</u></u>

HK\$ 75,760.00

DONORS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

Education Fund (Church)

九龍國際浸信會	14,330.40
上環浸信會	2,000.00
上瓜灣浸信會	22,000.00
大埔浸信會	10,000.00
大埔浸信會大澤福音堂	1,500.00
元朗浸信會	16,000.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
牛頭角浸信會	10,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	7,000.00
尖沙嘴浸信會	22,812.10
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	800.00
佐敦道浸信會	750.00
沙田浸信會	7,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港大樂浸信教會	1,036.00
香港仔浸信會	24,001.40
香港浸信教會	83,300.00
香港浸信教會顯理福音堂	4,500.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
恩典浸信會	10,000.00
粉嶺浸信會	29,000.00
基磐浸信會	3,000.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
樂滿浸信會	2,000.00
觀塘浸信會	1,966.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	500.00
基督教豐盛生命堂	4,500.00
HK\$	<u><u>286,695.90</u></u>

吳國傑伉儷	500.00
呂志華	1,000.00
胡文恩	300.00
徐詩雅	300.00
許鋒威	400.00
陳麗英	500.00
馮德華	300.00
黃華娟	100.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
蔡志強伉儷	500.00
鄭非兒	300.00
鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00
謝金玉	1,200.00
龐凌玉珍	500.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅美華	500.00
關德華	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	500.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	100.00
HK\$	<u><u>25,840.00</u></u>
USD	<u><u>150.00</u></u>

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Education Fund (Donor/Organization)

Mr. & Mrs. John Dockrill	8,000.00
白智信伉儷	300.00
伍玉嬋	100.00
江耀全伉儷	3,000.00
何譚惠如	2,000.00

President Council	
鄭崇羔伉儷	40,000.00
譚日旭	2,000.00
HK\$	<u><u>42,000.00</u></u>

Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

姚鳳麟	10,000.00
張智理伉儷	2,000.00
HK\$	<u><u>12,000.00</u></u>

Scholarship and Bursaries

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
香港浸信教會婦女部	12,000.00
愛子	200.00
HK\$	<u><u>17,200.00</u></u>

Lay Theological Education Program

白智信伉儷	300.00
蕭桂娥	1,500.00
HK\$	<u><u>1,800.00</u></u>

LTED Bursary Fund

杜桂鵬	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
HK\$	<u><u>1,500.00</u></u>

Distance Education Program

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	2,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	500.00
HK\$	<u><u>5,500.00</u></u>

Local Filipino Program

MYY	300.00
林小曼	1,000.00
張智理伉儷	5,000.00
陳麗英	200.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
HK\$	<u><u>6,900.00</u></u>

DONORS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2007

Education Fund (Church)

上水浸信會	7,000.00
上環浸信會	2,000.00
屯門浸信教會	1,500.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	3,500.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	800.00
佐敦道浸信會	750.00
沙田浸信會	7,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港仔浸信會	32,359.40
香港仔浸信會利群福音堂	3,200.00
香港浸信教會	83,300.00
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
深水埗浸信會	31,208.00
第一城浸信會	6,250.00
慈雲山浸信會	5,000.00
愛群道浸信會	5,000.00
豈當浸信教會	2,000.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
廣源邨禧年浸信會	1,951.00
觀塘浸信會	2,848.00
觀塘國語浸信會	10,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	500.00
HK\$	<u>221,866.40</u>
Chinese Indep. Baptist Church-S.F.	<u>USD 540.00</u>

Education Fund (Donor/Organization)

香港神學生聯禱會	2,000.00
Tham Lai Yuow	450.00
伍玉嫻	100.00
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
李錦崑	1,000.00
杜桂鵬	500.00

胡文恩	300.00
徐詩雅	300.00
許鋒威	400.00
陳麗英	500.00
勞家怡	5,000.00
馮德華	300.00
黃華娟	100.00
黃潘品梅	2,000.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
蔡志強伉儷	500.00
鄭非兒	300.00
鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00
薛聲明	2,000.00
謝金玉	600.00
龐凌玉珍	500.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅美華	500.00
羅凱慈	500.00
關志偉	1,000.00
關德華	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	500.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	35.50
無名氏	800.00
HK\$	<u>33,125.50</u>
無名氏	<u>CNY 200.00</u>
President Council	
譚日旭	HK\$ <u>2,000.00</u>

In Memory of Former Presidents

徐承順伉儷	HK\$ <u>200,000.00</u>
Rev. Paul Wong Memorial Scholarship	
黃鄭繼慈	<u>USD 300.00</u>
Mrs. Sue Mau Memorial Scholarship & Bursary	
冑懷慶	HK\$ <u>20,000.00</u>
Scholarship and Bursaries	
香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
愛子	200.00
HK\$	<u>5,200.00</u>
Baptist Heritage Week	
黃鄭繼慈	<u>USD 200.00</u>
Lay Theological Education Program	
婦女神學訓練証書課程畢業同學	50.40
劉家良	100.00
鄧炳光伉儷	11,000.00
蕭桂娥	1,500.00
HK\$	<u>12,650.40</u>
Distance Education Program	
Ernest & Sylvia Ho	2,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	33,000.00
鄒小寶	500.00
第七屆畢業禮炭奉獻者	100.00
HK\$	<u>35,600.00</u>
Local Filipino Program	
MYY	300.00
張智理伉儷	5,000.00
陳麗英	200.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
HK\$	<u>5,900.00</u>

DONORS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2007

Education Fund (Church)

九龍國際浸信會	17,092.80
上環浸信會	2,000.00
大埔浸信會	20,000.00
元朗浸信會	16,000.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	7,000.00
尖沙嘴浸信會	2,012.10
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	800.00
竹園浸信會	1,000.00
佐敦道浸信會	750.00
旺角浸信會	2,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港仔浸信會	26,840.10
香港浸信教會	83,300.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
柴灣浸信會	8,000.00
粉嶺浸信會	8,000.00
茶果嶺浸信會	10,000.00
基督浸信會	3,000.00
富安浸信會禧年堂	10,000.00
富亨浸信會	1,000.00
置富浸信教會	1,000.00
運頭塘浸信會	6,207.30
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
灣仔浸信會	400.00
觀塘浸信會	2,169.00
鑽石山浸信會	3,750.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	500.00
HK\$	241,521.30
Toronto Swatow Baptist Church	CAD 400.00

Education Fund (Donor/Organization)

L. Y. NG	500.00
Margaret Anderson	1,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Dockerill	6,000.00
Rev. & Mrs. Lum Wai Chun	1,000.00
伍玉嫻	100.00
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	300.00
徐詩雅	300.00
許鋒威	400.00
陳慧冰	5,000.00
陳麗英	500.00
馮德華	300.00
黃華娟	100.00
葉煥章	300.00

劉永生	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
蔡志強伉儷	500.00
鄭非兒	300.00
劉炳光伉儷	1,000.00
謝金玉	600.00
龐凌玉珍	500.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅凱慈	1,000.00
關德華	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	500.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	3,000.00
無名氏	1.00
HK\$	33,841.00

President Council

陳維智	100,000.00
謝兆祥伉儷	5,000.00
譚日旭	2,000.00
HK\$	107,000.00

Scholarship and Bursaries

北角浸信會-明義神學助學金	209,700.00
香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
黃挺安伉儷獎助學基金	100,000.00
愛子	200.00
無名氏	31,138.00
HK\$	346,038.00

56th Graduation Ceremony

(Ministerial Training Programs)	
九龍城潮語浸信會	4,000.00
伯特利神學院	300.00
牧職神學院	300.00
HK\$	4,600.00

Lay Theological Education Program

香港西北扶輪社幼稚園	2,500.00
寶田幼稚園	2,500.00
耀興幼稚園	2,500.00
吳秀華	840.00
蕭桂娥	1,500.00
HK\$	9,840.00

LTED Bursary Fund

無名氏	HK\$	<u>500.00</u>
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LTED Graduation Ceremony

李愛慧	100.00
招詠儀	200.00
林婉薇	2,900.00
張慧英	100.00
梁敏英	200.00
黃敏儀	100.00
黃勝恩	100.00
楊佩雯	100.00
羅耀娣	1,000.00
羅觀蓮	500.00
HK\$	5,300.00

LTED Book Fund

丘美好	200.00
岑國娥	200.00
張愛美	500.00
張麗清	300.00
黃凱施	200.00
關偉霖	200.00
蘇新發	200.00
HK\$	1,800.00

Distance Education Program

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	2,000.00
Kim Tan	329.00
何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
梁玉笑	500.00
鄒小寶	1,000.00
十週年感恩崇拜奉獻者	420.00
HK\$	7,249.00

Local Filipino Program

IBC Filipino (HK)	400.00
九龍菲語浸信會	390.00
第一城浸信會	1,575.00
張智理伉儷	5,000.00
陳麗英	200.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
HK\$	7,965.00

Precious Moments



◀ October 9-11, 2007 Baptist Week

This year's theme was "Snapshot of Early Baptist Leaders to China and Hong Kong (II)." Professor Jerry E. Moye, Rev. Lau Siu-hong and Professor Jerry E. Juergens introduced the contributions of Dr. James Belote, Rev. Lau Yuet-sing and Dr. Jaxie Short respectively.

▶ October 28, 2007 The Seventh Graduation Ceremony Distance Education Program

This Graduation Ceremony was held at Sai O campus with 34 graduates receiving diplomas and certificates. Dr. Wong Fook-kong exhorted the graduates and preached on the topic "The Parable of the Talents."



▶ November 24, 2007 Tenth Anniversary Thanksgiving Meeting Distance Education Program

During the thanksgiving meeting, President Kong, students and instructors shared one after the other. Students who shared included those visually impaired and former prison inmates. The sharing was spiritually touching, carving a wonderful imprint on our DEP's tenth anniversary.



▶ December 9, 2007 Lay Theological Education Department Joint-Programs Graduation Ceremony

The Joint-Programs Graduation Ceremony was held at Sai O campus with 250 graduates receiving degrees, diplomas and certificates respectively. Rev. Lam Sau-kong exhorted the graduates as he spoke on the topic "A Reflection on Further Ministry."



▶ November 25, 2007 HKBTS's Main Programs Fifty-Sixth Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation Ceremony for the Ministerial Preparation Programs and the Pastoral Continuing Education Program was held at Sai O campus with 42 graduates. Dr. Choi Shui-yik, President of the Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary, exhorted the graduates as he spoke on the topic "From Seminary Students to Ministers."