



# Newsletter

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## The Preacher as Pastor



proclaiming God's decision concerning life and death and declaring the message of God's judgment and acquittal.<sup>1</sup> In this way, the preacher has heard God's word, grasped its meaning in faith and passed it on without altering it whatsoever. At the same time, the minister must also respond to God's call and submit to it. When the Scriptures are faithfully preached, God will speak through Scripture and sermon and He will be present with the hearers.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, God's word is not a set of words, but rather an event in which God in Christ speaks to individuals, an event at which God is present with individuals and with the congregation as a whole.

Besides the "herald" image, I have been thinking about the image of a "pastor" or pastoral counsellor. I anticipate that HKBTS's faculty and students have both the images of a "herald" as well as a "pastor." In the last issue, I talked about "the preacher as herald" and here I want to explore further "the preacher as pastor."

### Concern for Hearers' Need and the Impact of Sermon on the Hearers

While the preacher as herald focuses on the biblical word, the preacher as pastor looks to the other end of the preaching spectrum to consider the needs of the listeners. To do both of these, the pastor must have a deep understanding of the

### The Preacher as Herald

In the school year 2010-11, the Seminary continues to move forward in the direction of "preaching." Our faculty team with one accord agreed to go in this direction and we continue to pray that we and our students will be worthy to proclaim the "foolishness" of the gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ. Besides the spiritual basis of preaching, I continue to explore certain rich images of preaching. The image of a "herald" particularly teases my imagination. I believe our teachers are "heralds" able to train and inspire our students to become reliable heralds empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of "heraldic preaching" is not merely to give moral advice, nor to express personal opinions on certain topics, nor to set forth religious "principles for living," nor to share one's own personal experience, nor to create, add, subtract, or argue about the advantages of the gospel message, nor to teach a lesson, nor even to present one's views on homiletics. This means that the preacher merely proclaims the central message of the gospel:



President's Word  
Joshua Cho

congregation. This requires that the preacher listens to the details of the daily lives of his congregation and becomes aware of their worries and dreams. The preacher needs to be in touch with the hearers so that he understands his congregation's real situations and needs and directs members to seek God's help so that they can be transformed to become a responsible hearer, living out ethical Christian lives.<sup>3</sup> In other words, the pastor's preaching shows an awareness of and a response to the existential condition of the hearers as he feeds God's people with God's word, filling their hunger and meeting their spiritual needs. According to the way each hearer perceives or understands the sermon, the preacher adjusts the message, making sure that the hearers can absorb the nutriment that help them grow in their lives.

Then too, the preacher as pastor needs to possess certain life qualities enabling him to have sincere fellowship with the hearers so that their lives can be healed and changed.<sup>4</sup> Ideally, the preacher is also a caring person, a counselor, a healer, and one with great sensitivity in listening, with good judgment, loving empathy and trustworthy integrity. These roles and qualities together with professional skills need to be developed and encouraged in ministers of the gospel. Very often, preaching could fail to gain entry into the listeners' hearts as the preacher fails to listen carefully to their needs and voices from their hearts. If the sermon is successful in conveying a faithful mood—"I know what you have experienced," the congregation will naturally be more willing to listen to the pastor's preaching. A truthful concern reveals a pastor's genuine humanness. With the help of scripture, God's spokesmen can often exhibit true humanness in their preaching: laugh, praise, discover, come to faith, awe, cry and repent as they listen to the people's needs and then declare the will of God and cry out for God. Our preachers should model after these faithful ancestors recorded in the Bible.

Furthermore, the preacher as pastor lays emphasis on "what I hope to occur in preaching" rather than "what I want to say." All pastors expect at the end of their preaching that the hearers receive healing, improve morally and find salvation.<sup>5</sup> The mission of preaching must result in creating something in the souls of the congregation deeper than the particular topic of the sermon.<sup>6</sup> For example, a sermon on joy does not try to analyze the definition of joy but leads members of the congregation to

experience a deep joy, that is a deeper joy than what they have experienced before.<sup>7</sup>

### **These Two Modes of Preaching Seems Diametrically Opposite**

Here, we can recognize a tension between the "heraldic preaching" and "pastoral preaching" which are on the surface diametrically opposed to each other. While the former may not be inclined to emphasize communication with the congregation nor to analyze members' needs but to intent on waiting to receive God's word for that moment. The latter, on the other hand, demands that the preacher make the effort to know the congregation well and to be concerned with their needs. While the former plays down the preacher's personality; the latter considers the preacher's personality and his relationship with the hearers as essential to the pastoral care process. As the former starts with the Bible as the source, the latter begins with the main real human dilemma experienced by the hearers and then turns to the Bible for solutions as the main source.<sup>8</sup> As the former regards preaching as an event in which God speaks to men in Christ, the latter underscores those things happening within the hearers.

### **The Condition of the Hearer's Inner World and the Power of the Gospel Message**

On the whole, one major strength in the pastoral preaching is that it simultaneously sees the inner dynamics of the hearers and the healing power of the gospel. Pastoral preaching points out the advantages of God's word to men. God's word is not historical data, nor noble ideas, nor interesting information, but it is instead an event related to men and involving the incarnated God. In pastoral preaching, the needs, pain, hungers and loneliness of the hearers are neither regarded as irrelevant nor as something that would distract from the gospel message. Rather, it is the very place where God's grace can be discovered. In this place preaching of God's word is imbued with power to bring healing to the hearers. To this end, pastoral preaching and heraldic preaching must both be biblical; the real significance of such biblical preaching is that it engages the hearers, speaking to their deepest needs.

Another strength of pastoral preaching is that it compels the pastor to preach in very practical terms. A preacher is concerned with patterns of communication, experimenting with language and structure, analyzing the

specific personal and social contexts of the congregation, and exploring different approaches, styles and tactics so that their lives can be transformed. In this way and by God's grace, His word can then enter the hearer's hearts. Therefore, the pastor preacher seeks to enliven the hearers so that they will say, "This is a sermon of good news!" (Of course, I must say that the gospel is always true even when men find themselves unable to or unwilling to believe it to be good for them.)

The advantage of this kind of preaching is that the pastor can be empathetic, standing beside the hearers to identify with them. Both solidarity and identification with the hearers manifest the pastor's honesty and loving heart. This kind of preacher clearly points out that the word of God speaks not only to brothers and sisters, but to himself as well. This means that the pastor will not become an authoritarian, furious father using the pulpit to take control and using the gospel as a resource to persecute, ridicule and humiliate others. This pastoral minister would never assume that he has no weaknesses or has committed no trespasses so that the congregation should respond only in the ways the minister expects since he regards himself as God's all wise spokesman.

### **Looking at the Ultimate Answer to Problems of Life from the Angle of Faith**

Clearly, pastoral preaching must neither reduce theology to anthropology nor reduce the gospel to merely meet the needs of man.<sup>9</sup> The image of a herald is not a one-directional model of preaching (that is to go from the audience's experience to the gospel). In this way, the gospel content will be reduced and the power of the gospel will also be seriously limited.

The relevance of preaching does not only consist in whether or not it can meet people's needs. On the one hand, the preacher should discern people's needs. At the same time, the minister should also know that man's needs are immense while the preacher is finite. The minister must remember that it is God's word which is infinite. On the other hand, the preaching that emphasizes real life situations must not settle for a narrow understanding of human needs. Not only should man meet life's crises and make suitable decisions, but he should be challenged to pursue life's deeper needs and its eternal purpose. This can be summed up in these words: humans need a vision to

lead them forward and an eternal hope based on the belief that God continues to care and to reign. In simple terms, man needs "God" and His "gospel." From a theological perspective, the kind of preaching that creates an intimate, individualistic, subjective qualities are often inadequate at preaching and may even lead believers toward moral and spiritual bankruptcy. Such kind of preaching plays down the value of man and squeezes out man's hope for God's abiding presence. Therefore, pastoral preaching must take place in a theological context and go beyond non-directive listening and an emphatic spirit. Instead, solid preaching seeks to face the ultimate answer to life's problem with theological insight and develop answers from a Christian perspective.

### **The "Herald" Is Also the "Pastor"**

In this way, the "pastor" or pastoral counsellor must also be "the herald preacher" described above. The two preaching models must never be seen as diametrically opposed but rather as mutually compatible, and even complementary. If we examine the two models carefully, we find that the "herald" is the "pastor" while the "pastor" is also the "herald."

My prayer is that teachers and students of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary continue to be both "heralds" and "pastors." The Seminary is resolved to train seminary students to be reliable heralds and pastors filled with God's love and care.

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# Piercing through Thorns



## New Students' Testimonies of God's Call

*Mung Kin-sang (M.Div. I)*

### **Full Time Ministry Seems Too Far Away**

I came to Christ one year before my university graduation. In retrospect, I must say I had a great passion for Christ in my personal devotional, attending Sunday School and getting involved in evangelism. One day in my home, I prayed, "O God! I am willing to serve you full time in the future!" At that moment, I was sure that God had listened to my prayer.

After graduating from the university, I became a secondary school teacher. One day, a minister asked me whether I would consider studying in a seminary. After a moment's pause, I replied, "Maybe seven years later!" He did not say anything more, but from the expression in his eyes I could tell he did not believe what I had said.

Seven years later, I was promoted and further promoted, and I then got married. Since I was focused with all my heart and mind on my work and family life, all thoughts about full time ministry had long been forgotten. Following my daughter's birth, all my thoughts were concentrated on her. A prosperous career and a family of love and happiness completely colored the portrait of my life at that time. However, the spiritual condition of my life had been on a steady decline. As the size of our former church was rather small, the pastor would not consider setting up a ministry for children. Taking into consideration our daughter's spiritual growth in the future, we decided to join a big church near to our residence. My church ministry then came to a stop. Once in a while when I heard preachers sharing message about full time ministry, I would recall my former promise to God. Then as I considered my life situation at that time, the thought of taking up full time ministry only seemed a remote possibility. Still, God had never forgotten. He simply waited silently.

### **God Changed the Hearts of the Whole Family**

In the twinkle of an eye I was 40, and God was beginning to change my view of life. Once I talked with the school principal, and this spiritual elder recommended that I read *Half Time* which talks about life as a football match that can be divided into two halves. In the first half, men work hard in pursuit of fame and wealth. During the intermission, it is time to think carefully and develop a strategy for the second half of one's life. The author contends



*Kin-sang, Bonnie and their daughter Carol*

that whether we win or lose in the first half, there can be a great change in the second half, and we should pursue a life of glory in God's eyes. This book changed the way I looked at life and I became more devoted to church life. Yet, when I considered my wife and my daughter, I realized I did not yet have the courage to face the challenge of "full time ministry."

Two years ago, my wife was inflicted with a life-threatening illness requiring that she temporarily take sick leave from her teaching career. To console her, I promised to shoulder the family's financial burdens and took good care of her. Therefore, the emerging thought of full time ministry was once again suppressed. But God's grace is beyond our imagination. He not only allowed my wife to recover smoothly but also led her to become all the more devoted to church life during her rehabilitation period. Her sickness made a deep impression on her life. Later she fully recovered and continued with her teaching career. When I mentioned my vow to serve God full time, she not only fully supported me, but she also encouraged me to log on the Internet to search for seminary information, showing even greater enthusiasm than I. She said, "If you formerly asked me, I would certainly object, but now I have a new understanding: a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions but rather in his obedience to God." This was what I could never have imagined! God changed not only me, but also my wife.

Besides, I was also worried that my daughter would not agree with my decision to quit my job and for fear that she would then ask me, "Once you resign, what about

the family's finance? Can you still afford to support me in my further studies?" However, as my daughter was growing up, she was more devoted to church life, joining more ministries and having a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. When my wife and I talked with her, contrary to our expectation, she eagerly accepted our decision and that relieved us greatly. I believed God blessed my family once again as He first changed me and then, my wife and my daughter!

### **To Rely on God with a Limited Amount of Money**

Although I got support from my family, the family's finance still worried me as I really hoped to secure enough money before studying in a seminary. The irony was that the more I relied on my own way to earn more money through investment, the greater the loss. The recent financial storm blew away quite a lot of my possessions and yet the whole thing made me learn one important truth: even though we keep working hard up to age 70, assuming to have saved up enough for future use, there is no guarantee that we will not lose much of it at 71! There is not a time when we can say we have enough money, so we should not count on worldly treasure. I believe it is the truth that God wants both my wife and me to understand and to learn to rely on God even with only a limited amount of money.

Although God kept paving the way by changing the thoughts of our family, my faith was still weak and hesitated to apply for seminary study. Thank God that He once again paved the way. When my wife urged me to consult the church pastor, the church resumed the Fellowship for Those Called by God after it had been suspended for more than ten years. That allowed those brothers and sisters who wanted to consecrate themselves to God could gather together to share and encourage one another and seek the pastor's advice. This was precisely a very "incidental" opportunity! In fact I had no idea about those questions like how to apply for seminary study, what to study or study for how many years. Fortunately, the Fellowship for Those Called by God helped answer these questions. It was through this fellowship that I came to know that HKBTS would conduct a student recruitment seminar and so I quickly applied.

This seminar was a great help to me. As I listened

to other people's sharing, I conjured up a picture in my mind of many past life episodes that helped me recollect God's grace in my life and His calling to me. I still remember one sister reminding me: in face of God's call, there are two choices: "one is to submit to God; one is not to submit to God." I responded in my heart: "O God, I love you and I am willing to submit to you!"

### **A Good Farmer Who Pierces Thorns**

Even when I was clear about God's call, I still had quite a lot of worries regarding applying for seminary study, and I even considered postponing my application for one year so that I could better prepare myself. For example, I worried about how I could manage my future family life. Even though my wife was very busy from Monday through Friday, she could take a rest on Saturday, Sunday and long holidays, but those days are the busiest ones for church ministers. How could we mutually adjust our schedules in the future? Then something happened when we were taking a sightseeing trip to Overseas Chinese Town in Shenzhen. We were surprised to come across my wife's secondary school classmate who was also a secondary school teacher while her husband was coincidentally a church minister. What a match for both of us! That evening we had a joyful sharing and their experience promptly gave answers to reduce much of our worries. This incident tells me that what we consider to be worries are in fact no worries at all. In my case they were just my excuses to postpone beginning seminary studies.

I believe the events described above were not coincidences but the acts of God, helping me cast away worries and affirm my resolution. For the grace and calling of God, I decided to apply for seminary study, hoping to have holistic training and proper nurture as good preparation for the future service to God.

Jesus used the parable of the sower to teach us a valuable lesson. In Matthew 13:7, it says, "Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them." If I am the seed being choked by thorns, God is the farmer who pierces the thorns! God has manifested His greatest grace in me, and it is my firm hope that I can bring His grace to a lot of other people.

## **New Students' Testimonies of God's Call**

# **Don't Be Slow to Pay Your Vow**

*Lee Tin-wai (M.Div. I)*



*Tin-wai and her parents*

### **How Real Is the God Whom My Parents Have Been Serving**

I have been blessed with God's grace by being born into and growing up in a Christian family. Going to church on Sunday and attending Sunday School were the mode of life I knew and accepted since I was a small child. As my parents are ministers, through their experience in trusting and serving God, I have seen how God cares for and blesses our family. Although our whole family lived on my father's income, God provided well for us so that we lacked nothing at all in our daily living. Later, God led my father to Australia to pastor a church and the whole family thus migrated there. In Australia, God had wondrously prepared enough money for my parents to buy a house which would be their living quarters when they retired. From this, I could see that God's provisions are perfect and beyond our expectation. All these have made me see that the God whom my parents have been serving is so real.

I made a vow to God to serve Him all my life in a spiritual revival meeting on April 28, 1990. It was when I was only 15. From then on, I harbored the thought that when I "grew up," I would serve God full time. However, when I really grew up, I forgot the vow that I had made to God. In my university days and later when I worked



*Peter, Tin-wai and her parents-in-law*

in society, I willfully led my own life, intoxicated by material enjoyment and living a life style no different from any non-Christian. The result was that I lost my freedom for I could not escape from the bondage of sin. As a result, I was tormented by the feeling of guilt and my heart was filled with struggles, emptiness and loss.

I must thank God that He did not forsake me but through the Holy Spirit's constant prompting, He called me to turn round and slowly guided me back to my true self. He rebuilt me through the words of 2 Timothy 2:21: "If a man cleanses himself from what is ignoble, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work." When I was truly willing to let the Lord Jesus rule over every part of my life, submit and follow the Bible's teaching, my Lord, who is so wonderful, began to change me step by step!

The thought of serving God full time once again emerged in my heart. I then enrolled in the Pre-Theological Education Certificate Program run by HKBTS's Lay Theological Education Department in 2004. This program is targeted for those who are dedicated to exploring full time ministry or seeking God's will in their lives and making clear God's call. During the study, I did seriously think about whether or not I would serve God full time. I felt I would not want to let go

my job and I was not mature enough to be God's servant. As an alternative, I took the Lay Theological Training Certificate Program (major in music ministry) to get myself better equipped so that I could both serve God in the church and did not have to forsake my career and steady income.

### **A Severe Warning: Job Limitations and the Reminder of Life**

In retrospect, I returned to Hong Kong to take the Master Degree Program in 1998 and took up a career in Social Work after graduation. Although it was a secure job, I always found that there was a limit to what a social worker could do. Merely counting on man's advice, theories and technique taken from psychology and counseling, I found that the result was not significant after all. However, when I could help students through my faith as a school social worker, for example when we prayed together and asked God to intervene in their lives, I could take the opportunity to testify to God's life-changing power and felt contented and excited. My life was then full of meaning. I repeatedly experienced that it is only God who can change a person's life! Even with professional training and with experience accumulating over the years, I was well aware of the limitations of my job. Then too I was not sufficiently equipped in knowledge of the Bible, I found myself unable to use scripture effectively to counsel and help people I met.

In August 2009, I found on the dining table a scripture card with these words: "If you make a vow to the Lord your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the Lord your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin." (Deuteronomy 23:21) These words of God were a severe warning to me as if God were speaking to me, "Tin-wai, will you honor the vow you made when you were young?" Although I put aside the vow I had made (I thought taking a part time theological study would be enough), God never forgot. God always takes our promises seriously.

### **Come and Follow Me: Exploring and Affirming God's Call**

Then, I began to pray fervently before God and to ask my church minister to pray with me and help me seek God's will. Two questions puzzled me:

1. Is God pleased to accept my vow to Him when I was young? Or is it only my wishful thinking or only my "wild imagination"?

2. How about the financial aspect? Could my family make it financially if I decided to study full time and to rely solely on my husband's income. We still had to pay for the house mortgage! Could I wait for one more year in order to save enough money for my seminary study?

To my first question, God gave us a response. Once when I prayed about my studies, a scripture verse came to me: "Take care of my sheep." Feeling it was a call from God, my heart was deeply touched.

Later in my devotional time, God spoke to me again through scriptures: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24) I also read the words Jesus spoke to the rich young man: "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." (Matthew 19:21) These two verses gave me one identical message: "Come and follow me!" I began to comprehend God's will. He had truly called me to serve Him and affirmed that He was pleased to accept the vow I had made many years ago.

Another verification came to me: God moved my husband and my parents who all along prayed for my consecration and gave me much support. It was especially touching when I shared how I had come to comprehend God's call, my husband immediately promised to support me wholeheartedly to set out on the road of consecration. This was clear to me when he told me that to offer oneself up to God is the greatest blessing in life.

### **After the Surgery: No More Waiting for This or That**

Later on, God further reminded me through the lyrics of "Who Is Your Lord": "You only have one heart; your life can live only once. In this world no one can serve both wealth and God together. In your heart, who is your Lord? If you love the world, how can you still love God? In fact your heart knows it well ..." God seemed to say to me, "Would you rather choose the world and its wealth or choose to follow the Lord Jesus?" In pondering when to respond to God, there was an episode that I had never anticipated.

In March 2010, I went through my fourth major

surgery: removing a benign tumor in my thyroid gland. The time from when the tumor was first discovered, to the diagnosis and then to the surgery was only two months. It all took place when I was not psychologically prepared for the events that happened so suddenly! In the past, I had made excuses for my procrastination as I was unwilling to offer my life up to God. Through it all, God in His incredible patience continued waiting — waiting for me to "grow up," waiting for me to save enough money and waiting for my spiritual life to be steady and healthy before I began my seminary study. But after going through this surgery, I came to realize that life is not in man's control. I could not assume that it was within my ability to control and plan "my future." I ask myself, "How long will I tarry before I wholeheartedly decided to serve God? Could I even wait till my retirement before I go to the seminary? Why can I not make good use of the best years of my life when I am in good health and full strength and offer myself fully to God for His use? At that moment I finally prostrate myself before the Lord and willingly let go of any of my own thoughts and my plans.

Then, what about the second question? It was true I had been worrying about my financial situation. Then I had a wonderful experience: after I had prayed and promised God and that I would let go of my job to follow Lord Jesus, the worries vanished immediately. That day when I resolved to set out on the road of consecration, God spoke to me through the words of a hymn "Because He Lives": "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future ..." The promise God gave me is this: fear not what the future will be because the future is in His control. God led me to remember how God had provided for my parents when I was small. (Even until this day, He continues to take good care of them.) Likewise, God will certainly provide for the daily needs of both my husband and me. Today, as I have been studying in the Seminary for three months, I can testify that God's provisions are truly sufficient.

I have always kept alive the hope that through these three years of theological equipping, my life is being transformed, molded and remolded by God. I pray that I will always strive to learn to be a servant after God's heart.



# Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Celebration 2011

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## **Spiritual Renewal and Bible Study**

**Conference** (jointly organized by Baptist Convention of Hong Kong and HKBTS)

Date : Feb 17-19 (Thu to Sat)

Time : 8:00 pm

Venue : Kowloon City Baptist Church

Theme : The Renewal of Baptist Churches — Reading the Book of Joshua

Speakers: Dr. Andres Tang, Dr. Wong Fook Kong, Dr. Sam Tsang

## **Thanksgiving Worship**

Date : Feb 20 (Sun)

Time : 3:30 pm

Venue : Kowloon City Baptist Church

Speaker : Dr. George Wilson

## **Thanksgiving Banquet**

Date : Feb 20 (Sun)

Time : 6:30 pm

Venue : Jade Garden, Grand Century Place, Mong Kok

## **Walk for Fundraising**

Date : Mar 5 (Sat)

Time : 10:00 am (takes about one and a half hours)

Route : Ma On Shan Park to Kam Tai Court (via Ma On Shan Waterfront Promenade)

Fundraising Target: one million dollars (for theological education fund)

## **Concert of Praise**

Date : May 16 (Mon)

Time : 8:00 pm

Venue : Kowloon City Baptist Church

## **Belote Lectures**

Date : Aug 23-26 (Tue to Fri)

Day Time Lecture : 10:00 am (Sai O campus)

Evening Lecture : 7:30 pm (Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church)

Speaker : Prof. Thomas Long

Theme : Homiletics

## **Diamond Jubilee Joint Programs Graduation Ceremony**

Date : Nov 27 (Sun)

Time : to be announced

Venue : Queen Elizabeth Stadium

Speaker : Rev. Lien-hwa Chow

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## Academic Affairs News

### 1. Student Recruitment Seminar

The Seminar, held on November 6, 2010 included an introduction of our study programs, time to talk with professors and students, and the sermon message. It was designed for those wanting to know more about God's call, and those dedicated to exploring full time ministry or seeking to find the right school for theological training.

### 2. Winter Intensive Program

The Winter Intensive Program ran from December 28 to 31, 2010. The course offered was "Seasons of Our Lives: Spirituality of the Wisdom & Poetic Literature" conducted by Dr. Wong Fook Kong.

### 3. Personnel Movement

Dr. Vincent Lau, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology (Christian Ethics), is on sabbatical leave from January to May, 2011.

### 4. Spiritual Renewal and Bible Study Conference

The Seminary continues to advance in the direction of a strong emphasis on preaching; through training in preaching and conducting related lectures and seminars, teachers and students can have deeper thought, learning and understanding of the preaching ministry. To our students, teachers are certainly strong role models. In the Spiritual Renewal and Bible Study Conference jointly organized by the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong and HKBTS, three of our teachers: Dr. Andres Tang, Dr. Wong Fook Kong and Dr. Sam Tsang will be the conference speakers, sharing the theme message with the brothers and sisters of our churches. It will be held from February 17 to 19 with "The Renewal of Baptist Churches — Reading the Book of Joshua" as the theme.

## Faculty News

- ◆ **Dr. Wong Fook Kong**, Associate Professor of Old Testament, has written a new book, *Ten Principles of Old Testament Interpretation*, published by Harvest Press in July 2010.
- ◆ The article of **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), "The Practice of the Church in a Financial Risk Society" appeared in the book, *Pastoral Ministry in the Midst of Socio-Economic Changes*, published by the Divinity School of Chung

Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Dr. Tang has also published two articles, "A Rethinking of Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: Rethinking the Construction of Sino-Christian Theology from Calvin Studies and Calvin's Theology" and "The Promotion of Buddhism by Nishitani Keiji and Its Meaning for Inter-Religious Dialogue" in *John Calvin and Sino-Christian Theology* and *The Wind Blows Where It Wills: Karl Ludvig Reichelt and Sino-Christian Theology* in 2010 by The Logos Publishers Ltd. and Pneuma Press respectively.

- ◆ Two books written by **Dr. Sam Tsang**, Associate Professor of New Testament: *Narrative Criticism and Interpretation: Selected Readings from Luke-Acts* and *Judges Characterized: Stories of Leadership, Women and Family* (co-authored with Nancy Ou) were published in October 2010 by The Worldwide Bible Society Ltd. and Logos Publishers Ltd. respectively.
- ◆ **Dr. Vincent Lau**, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology (Christian Ethics) spoke on the topic, "Discipleship: An Obsolete Teaching" in a seminar on The Prospect of Evangelism for Hong Kong Churches in the 21st Century organized by the Hong Kong Regional Committee of Chinese Coordination Center of World Evangelism on November 30, 2010.

## Visitors

- ◆ Prestigious Biblical scholar, Prof. Richard Bauckham, came to the Seminary to meet with our faculty and students on October 13, 2010.
- ◆ President Stanley Porter and Dr. Phil Zylla, Academic Dean of McMaster Divinity College, Canada visited the Seminary on November 3.
- ◆ Rev. Xie Bing-guo, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Christian Affairs Committee and President of East China Theological Seminary, led a team of eight people to pay a friendly exchange visit to the Seminary. The team was escorted by the Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union on November 4.
- ◆ Six church leaders from Chinese Grace Church in the People's Republic of Mongolia came to visit the Seminary on November 25.
- ◆ A group of 26 people from the Caring for Seminary Students Group, deacons, ministers and brothers and sisters from Kowloon City Baptist Church visited the Seminary on November 27.

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## Lay Theological Education Department

### Application for enrolment in the following programs:

#### ◆ Master of Christian Studies Program (Major in Christian Communication)

This course is designed to enable lay Christians with university education to integrate Christian faith with communication theories. This will help them engage in theological reflection on the present situation and setting of our society and communicate the Christian message more effectively.

Any student can take this program in the capacity of a part time student throughout the year and they can apply to choose the program as their major study in August.

#### ◆ Bachelor / Diploma / Certificate Program in Christian Studies

To provide training for those lay Christians eager to pursue the knowledge of faith and spiritual growth, with time to study hard, to put their Christian faith into practice and to dedicate themselves to Christian service. The program is a part-time evening program and students can choose from the following programs:

**Certificate Program:** Certificate Program in Christian Studies, Certificate Program in Music Ministry

**Diploma Program:** Diploma Program in Biblical Studies, Diploma Program in Music Ministry, Diploma Program in Care and Counseling Ministry

**Bachelor Program:** Students can choose to major in: Biblical Studies, Music Ministry, Care and Counseling Ministry

Those having completed the certificate / diploma program and wishing to apply to study in the diploma / bachelor program and succeed in gaining admission, related credits taken (for subjects that have been passed) can be exempted.

Any student can take this program in the capacity of a part time student throughout the year and they can apply to choose the program as their major study in August.

#### ◆ Diploma Program in Youth Ministry

To provide systematic training in ministry skills and basic theological knowledge for those lay Christians interested in doing youth ministry or in better understanding the youth community. It takes approximately two and a half years to complete the program and lessons begin in April on every Monday evening.

The program content includes the following: Family and Youth, Becoming a Good Leader, Counseling Process and Skills, Games and Adventure, etc.

The deadline for enrolment is March 15 or when the quota is filled.

#### ◆ Diploma / Certificate Program in Church Administration and General Affairs

To provide holistic and systematic training for those currently working or those wishing to serve as church administrative staff. The Certificate Program takes one year to complete and lessons begin in April on every Tuesday evening.

The program content includes the following: Individual Spiritual Formation, The Art of Relating to One Another in a Group, Personnel and Administrative Management Skills, Bible and Theological Studies, etc.

The deadline for enrolment is March 21 or when the quota is filled.

#### ◆ Diploma / Certificate Program in Mission Ministry

To provide training for those lay Christians interested in knowing, joining and promoting the Christian missions. The Certificate Program takes one year to complete and lessons begin in April on every Monday evening.

The program content includes the following: Church and Missions, History and Trends in Missions, Exploration of World Religions, Mission and Culture, Urban Mission and Cross-Cultural Research Activities, etc.

The deadline for enrolment is March 4 or when the quota is filled.

#### ◆ Diploma / Certificate Program in Elderly Ministry

To provide training for those ministers, lay Christians and Christians working in the social service sector who are interested in knowing more about the elderly and the challenges faced by our aging population. The Certificate Program takes one year to complete, and lessons begin in April on every Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Caring Ministry for the Elderly, Family Ministry for the Elderly, Gospel Ministry for the Elderly, Education Ministry for the Elderly, Church Music Ministry for the Elderly, Looking at Death from Different Angles, and Practicum.

The deadline for enrolment is March 11 or when the quota is filled.

For details, please log on the Lay Theological Education Website: [www.hkbts.edu.hk](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk) or call 2711 2552.

## Pastoral Continuing Education Center

### January to March quarter

Course/Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
Enneagram and Life Growth	Mr. Daniel Chu	Jan 3, 10, 17, 24 (Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Strategies for Church Development	Rev. Chan Chi-keung	Jan 10, 17, 24 (Mon)	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Megatrends and Challenges in Today's Mission	Dr. Albert Wu	Jan 31 (Mon)	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Doing Theological Thinking in Pastoral Ministry: Taking Church Worship as an Example	Dr. Andres Tang	Jan 31 (Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Healing through Prayer of Deliverance	Dr. Hong Kwai-wah	Feb 14, 21 (Mon)	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
The Biblical Basis for the Public Vision of the Church's Caring Ministry	Dr. Philip Chia	Feb 14, 21 (Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Old Testament Spirituality in Different Stages of Our Lives	Dr. Wong Fook Kong	Mar 7, 14 (Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Coping with Emotions and Stress	Dr. Mak Ki-yan Dr. Lai Tsz-kin Dr. Chen Yuk-lun	Mar 14, 21, 28 (Mon)	9:30 am - 12:30 pm

The course pamphlet was published at the end of November, 2010. Those interested can log on the pastoral continuing education center website: [www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce) to download the application form. For application and enquiries, please call 2768 5179, fax 2630 1391 or email to [pce@hkbts.edu.hk](mailto:pce@hkbts.edu.hk)

\* Members of Alumni Association of the Seminary, graduates of the Seminary, ministers and theological students of Baptist churches (including HKBTS students and students taking degree courses in our 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 course pamphlet.

## Distance Education Program

The new diploma programs will begin in March 2011 while the certificate programs can begin at any time

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

**Elective students** : Students can choose part of the subjects offered in the correspondence courses according to their own personal interests. For details, please log on the "Distance Education" website.

## On-line Program

On-line Certificate in New Testament Studies Program

## Program Description

An introductory program of the study of an individual book of the Bible in Chinese with a choice of either the traditional Chinese or the simplified Chinese versions. It is a diversified program providing an on-line resource room as well as a platform for communication between tutors and students.

## Date of Commencement

Students can begin at any time with fee concessions. Trial study of the on-line program is welcome: <http://distance.hkbtn.edu.hk>  
The User ID for the traditional Chinese version: 04YM0001 Code:guest  
The User ID for the simplified Chinese version: 04YM0002 Code:guest

For enquiries call 2768 5105 or log on the distance education program website [www.hkbtn.edu.hk/dist](http://www.hkbtn.edu.hk/dist).



## Publication News

The *Hill Road* will be available in February and the theme is "400th Anniversary of Baptists: Heritage Revisit." There will be six articles written by Prof. Robert E. Johnson: "The Freedom and Responsibility of the Baptist Individual to Engage in Training," "The Freedom and Responsibility of the Baptist Individual to Engage in Serving," "The Freedom and Responsibility of the Baptist Individual to Engage in Witnessing," "The Freedom and Responsibility of the Baptist Congregation Relative to the Question of Leadership," "The Freedom and Responsibility of the Baptist Community for Relationship with Like-Minded Faith Communities," and "The Freedom and Responsibility of the Baptist Community for Relationship with the 'Other'." There will also be three miscellaneous articles and several book reviews. For subscription or inquiries, call the Publication Office at 2768 5168.

## Alumni News

- Alumnus **Lau Shou-yan** (class of 1952) went to be with the Lord on November 25, 2010. May the Lord's peace and consolation be with his family.
- Alumna **Hou Wing-ye** (class of 2003) was ordained pastor by the Christian & Missionary Alliance Riviera Gardens Church on October 10.
- Alumnus **Wong Kwok-tung** (class of 2000), alumna **Tam Po-king** (class of 2002), alumnus **Kwok Wai-kit** (class of 2008) were ordained pastors by the Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong on October 24.
- Alumnus **Lam Shiu-yeung** (class of 1982) was ordained pastor by Hing Wah Baptist Church on November 14.



*Student Union's new Executive Committee members 2011*

## Student Union

### The Executive Committee members of the Student Union 2011

Chairperson	: Law Ming-yuen
Vice Chairperson	: Lee Yu-hoi
Secretary	: Tang Chung-sze
Treasurer	: Chang Kwok-pong
Spiritual Devotion	: Lo Tin-lam
Mission	: Cheng Shee-ming
Daily Living	: Leung Wing-seng



# Student Recruitment 2011-12

**Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies**  
**Master of Divinity**  
**Master of Divinity (Further Studies)**  
**Master of Religious Education**  
**Master of Pastoral Counseling**  
**Master of Christian Studies**  
**Advanced Diploma in Religious Education**  
**Master of Theology**

## **Date of Application for Admission**

Hong Kong : January 3 - June 17  
Overseas : January 3 - April 29

## **Date of Admission Examination**

Individual arrangement within the Seminary's office hours

## **Experiencing Seminary Life Camp**

**Theme: "Soaring on Wings of Faith, Hope and Love"**

Date : March 2-3 (Wed-Thu)

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

Fee : First Group HK\$200 per person  
(beginning 10:00 am March 2) or  
Second Group HK\$180 per person  
(beginning 7:30 pm March 2)

Application Deadline: February 22

## **Program Schedule**

### **March 2**

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

### **March 3**

7:45 am Morning Prayer  
8:30 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Introduction to Study Programs / Student Affairs / Field Education  
10:00 am Seminary's Morning Chapel  
11:00 am Sit-in Class Lecture / Rest  
12:00 nn Sit-in Class Lecture (cont.) or Rest  
1:00 pm Lunch  
2:00 pm Testimonies of God's Call  
4:00 pm Meet with Professors / Individual Meditation  
5:30 pm Consecration Meeting  
6:30 pm Adjourning the program

## **For Enquiries:**

Telephone: (852) 2768 5130  
Email: [admissions@hkbts.edu.hk](mailto:admissions@hkbts.edu.hk)  
Website: [www.hkbts.edu.hk](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk)



## DONORS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2010

## Education Fund (Church / Organization)

九龍國際浸信會	7,012.00
上環浸信會	1,500.00
大埔浸信會	10,000.00
屯門浸信教會	300.00
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	1,000.00
佐敦浸信會	1,000.00
沙田浸信會	7,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港仔浸信會	22,349.50
香港浸信教會	100,000.00
香港聖尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
荃灣浸信會牧愛福音堂	500.00
基立浸信會	5,000.00
基磐浸信會	1,500.00
慈雲山浸信會	8,000.00
愛群道浸信會	5,000.00
置富浸信教會	1,500.00
鐘鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
廣源邨禧年浸信會	2,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,413.00
基督教四方福音會彩坪堂	1,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	500.00
HK\$	<u>189,774.50</u>

## Education Fund (Donor)

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何偉明	200.00
何譚惠如	1,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00
呂志華	6,000.00
林威烈	1,000.00
胡文恩伉儷	500.00
徐詩雅	300.00
曹偉彬	4,000.00
楊謝金玉	1,800.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生	300.00
鄧建紅	600.00
鄭非兒	300.00
鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00
薛聲明	1,000.00
龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅凱慈	1,000.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
溫祥、黎琬珍	400.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	3,000.00
無名氏	15.10
HK\$	<u>28,955.10</u>

薛林美愛	US\$	<u>400.00</u>
無名氏	RMB	<u>4.00</u>

## Scholarship and Bursaries

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
HK\$	<u>5,300.00</u>

## Lay Theological Education Program

香港浸信會幼稚園教育協會	5,000.00
杜桂鵬	500.00
蔡麗桃	1,000.00
蕭桂娥	1,800.00
無名氏	3,600.00
HK\$	<u>11,900.00</u>

## Distance Education Program

何鏡輝伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	700.00
Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
HK\$	<u>4,700.00</u>

## Local Filipino Program

張智理伉儷	6,000.00
溫祥、黎琬珍	200.00
蒙恩人	50,000.00
HK\$	<u>56,200.00</u>

## Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

溫祥、黎琬珍	HK\$	<u>200.00</u>
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## DONORS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

## Education Fund (Church / Organization)

九龍國際浸信會	10,685.20
上環浸信會	1,500.00
大角嘴浸信會	8,506.00
大埔浸信會	10,000.00
屯門浸信教會	300.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
牛頭角浸信會	18,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	3,500.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	1,000.00
竹園浸信會	4,000.00
佐敦浸信會	1,000.00
沙田浸信會	7,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港天樂浸信教會	1,500.00
香港仔浸信會	23,356.60
香港西區浸信會	10,000.00
香港浸信教會	100,000.00
香港浸信教會顯理福音堂	4,500.00
香港聖尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
恩典浸信會	10,000.00
基磐浸信會	1,500.00
博愛潮語浸信會	5,674.00
置富浸信教會	1,500.00
鐘鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
灣仔浸信會	2,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,404.00
基督教四方福音會彩坪堂	1,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	500.00
HK\$	<u>238,125.80</u>

## Education Fund (Donor)

王群	500.00
白智信伉儷	500.00
何偉明	200.00
何譚惠如	1,000.00

吳國傑伉儷	500.00
呂志華	1,000.00
胡文恩伉儷	500.00
徐詩雅	300.00
曹偉彬	4,000.00
梁婉芬	200.00
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
鄭非兒	300.00
鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00
薛聲明	1,000.00
龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅凱慈	1,000.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
溫祥、黎琬珍	400.00
Vivian Holder	1,000.00
蒙恩者	500.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	11.10
無名氏	100.00
HK\$	<u>19,951.10</u>

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
HK\$	<u>5,300.00</u>

## Lay Theological Education Program

吳秀華	1,800.00
杜桂鵬	500.00
蔡麗桃	1,000.00
蕭桂娥	1,800.00
HK\$	<u>5,100.00</u>

## Distance Education Program

何鏡輝伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	700.00
Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
HK\$	<u>4,700.00</u>

## Local Filipino Program

張智理伉儷	6,000.00
陳麗英	200.00
溫祥、黎琬珍	200.00
HK\$	<u>6,400.00</u>

## Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

張智理伉儷	1,000.00
溫祥、黎琬珍	200.00
HK\$	<u>1,200.00</u>

Dr. Hung Hin Shiu Memorial Fund  
For Faculty and Student Development

孔楊邦鏞會佐	HK\$	<u>490,000.00</u>
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## Mrs. Sue Mau Memorial Scholarship &amp; Bursary

冒懷慶	HK\$	<u>20,000.00</u>
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## President Council

譚日旭	HK\$	<u>20,000.00</u>
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DONORS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2010

Education Fund (Church / Organization)

九龍國際浸信會	10,096.00
上環浸信會	1,500.00
大埔浸信會	10,000.00
元朗浸信會	16,000.00
屯門浸信教會	300.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	3,500.00
尖沙嘴浸信會	139,890.50
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	1,000.00
何文田潮語浸信會	5,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港仔浸信會	23,190.10
香港浸信教會	100,000.00
香港聖尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
恩約浸信會	5,000.00
茶果嶺浸信會	10,000.00
基磐浸信會	1,500.00
深水埗浸信會	21,330.60
新希望浸信會	500.00
置富浸信教會	1,500.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
灣仔浸信會	400.00
觀塘浸信會	9,477.80
鑽石山浸信會	7,500.00
香港伯特利教會榮光堂	1,000.00
基督教四方福音會彩坪堂	1,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	500.00
HK\$	<u>378,885.00</u>

Education Fund (Donor)

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白智信伉儷	500.00
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何譚惠如	1,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00
呂志華	1,000.00
李正行	500.00
招志強伉儷	1,000.00
林威烈	1,000.00
姜張艷芬	500.00
胡文恩伉儷	500.00
徐承順伉儷	10,000.00
徐詩雅	300.00
袁鳳蘭	3,000.00
曹偉彤	4,000.00
許鋒威	400.00
陳麗英	500.00
馮德華	300.00

黃華娟	100.00
楊謝金玉	1,800.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
鄭非兒	300.00
盧佩君	500.00
薛聲明	1,000.00
鄭雄輝伉儷	1,000.00
龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Dockerill	10,000.00
蒙恩者	500.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	3,000.00
無名氏	400.00
HK\$	<u>48,940.00</u>

Connie Pong K. L.

US\$ 200.00

LTED Book Fund

布興	200.00
朱水英	200.00
余美蓮	200.00
李天慧	100.00
李偉強	200.00
張秀琼	200.00
許秀喜	200.00
陸穎詩	200.00
馮正奇	200.00
楊偉香	200.00
楊瑞珠	200.00
葉韻琪	200.00
廖潔玲	200.00
樊展傑	200.00
潘有德	200.00
鄭建禧	200.00
關偉霖	200.00
Ho Yuen Man	200.00
HK\$	<u>3,500.00</u>

59th Graduation Ceremony

麥王麗蘇	HK\$ <u>500.00</u>
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Scholarship and Bursaries

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
HK\$	<u>5,300.00</u>

Lay Theological Education Program

何錦燕	1,000.00
杜桂鵬	500.00
楊美蘭	4,000.00
蔡艷桃	1,000.00
鄧詠天	1,430.00
蕭桂娥	1,800.00
HK\$	<u>9,730.00</u>

Distance Education Program

周宝娟	200.00
鄒小寶	700.00
何鏡輝伉儷	3,000.00
Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
死海古卷與聖經	680.00
第十屆畢業典禮	450.00
無名氏	1,200.00
HK\$	<u>7,230.00</u>

Local Filipino Program

張智理伉儷	6,000.00
陳麗英	200.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
HK\$	<u>6,400.00</u>

Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

溫祥、黎琮珍	HK\$ <u>200.00</u>
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Naming Donation

王五之	HK\$ <u>500,000.00</u>
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Ming Yee Theological Fund

北角浸信會	HK\$ <u>271,540.00</u>
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Seminary Extension Project

基督徒	HK\$ <u>200,000.00</u>
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Church Music Development

Kwan Yee Man	HK\$ <u>1,000.00</u>
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Campus Beautification

林大雅	HK\$ <u>6,955.00</u>
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Financial Report

General Fund, 1 August - 30 November, 2010

	HK\$
Income	8,620,692.42
Expenditure	9,474,823.68
Deficit	<u>(854,131.26)</u>

## Precious Moments

### September 17, 2010 A Day of Fun and Games for Teachers and Students



On this day when all teachers and students gather together, the goal is to enable teachers and students to know one another and merge with one another to nurture the HKBTS's team spirit as they play together.

### October 5-7 Baptist Heritage Week

The theme for this year's Baptist Heritage Week was "The Contribution of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to the Development of Local (Hong Kong) Baptist Churches (1950-1997)." The speakers were two of our emeritus professors, Dr. Jerry E. Juergens and Dr. Jerry E. Moye, and Dr. Vincent Lau, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology. The picture shows Dr. Jerry Moye speaking on the topic "The Contribution of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC to Hong Kong Theological Education."



### October 10 Parents' Day



Students invited their parents and family members to come to visit the campus on this annual Parents' Day for sightseeing, meeting and feasting. That day President Cho and teachers welcomed students' family members. In the meeting, a teacher shared the gospel message and students and alumni shared their testimonies, enabling students' family members to know that serving God is indeed a blessed journey.

**November 14 The Tenth Graduation Ceremony  
Distance Education Program**



The ceremony was held at the chapel of our Sai O campus. This year 32 graduates completed the Diploma and Higher Diploma of Christian Studies, Diploma of Biblical Studies, Certificate of Old Testament Studies or Certificate of New Testament Studies. Among the graduates, 9 completed the program in the correctional institutions. That day Dr. Tony Sher, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, exhorted the graduates on the topic, "The Goal Has Been Attained, But You Should Still Work Hard."

**November 21 Main Campus Programs The  
Fifty-Ninth Graduation Ceremony**

The Graduation Ceremony for the Graduate Studies Program, Ministerial Training Program and Pastoral Continued Studies Program was held at Kowloon City Baptist Church. This year we had 30 graduates. Rev. Tong Wing-mun, President of Baptist Convention of Hong Kong, gave the exhortation on the topic, "Pay More Careful Attention to the Truth We Have Heard."



**November 25 Thanksgiving Day**



In the meeting, the faculty, the staff and seven classes of students expressed their thanksgiving and praise to God in their own ways.

**December 5 Lay Theological Education  
Department Joint-Programs Graduation  
Ceremony**

This year there were 305 graduates, including those from the masters and bachelors programs, the diploma and certificate programs. In the ceremony, Dr. Eric Kwong, Associate Professor of Practical Theology, exhorted the graduates, speaking on the topic, "All for the Gospel."

