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# The Christian Mission for Disciples

Joshua Cho

The Gospel of Matthew ends with the Great Commission (28: 16-20). The Great Commission is not a notion that appears from out of nowhere as the book comes to a close but it is the climax of the gospel of Matthew. It is in fact the “conclusion” of the core message and the key to an understanding of the whole gospel book. For the listeners, after listening to chapter 28, they will have listened to the recapitulation of the content of the whole book: Jesus’ disciples will have to proclaim to all the nations what they have learned from Jesus and make them Jesus’ disciples.

“To make disciples of all nations” was the focus of the Christian mission that Jesus gave His disciples. Jesus told them to put into practice the disciples’ mission through these actions: “go,” “baptize,” and “teach.” The command to go, baptize and teach describes the actions required in order to accomplish the mission of “discipleship.” These actions are analogous to three interlocking hula hoops pointing towards a common goal, that is “to make disciples of all nations.”

Then, what is “to make disciples of all nations?”

## “All Nations” in the Phrase “to Make Disciples of All Nations”

On the one hand, “all nations” (*panta ta ethne*) in the phrase “to make disciples of all nations” points to the nature that the Christian mission has no

boundaries. “All nations” is “all peoples”; “all peoples” include Jews and gentiles.

The term “all nations” owes its root to an Old Testament revelation, reminding us of God’s promise to Abraham that all families on earth will be blessed through Abraham (Gen 12: 1-3). This promise of God’s blessing is granted to all the families on earth.

Jesus sent his disciples first to the family of Israel to find the lost sheep (Mt 10: 6, 15: 21-28). This is Jesus’ early order to his disciples. Later, Jesus himself began his mission from Galilee (a gentile region; 2: 23, 4: 15-16, 12: 18-21, 21: 43). In the parable of the goats and the sheep, Jesus talked about his ecumenical judgment (chapter 25) and *panta ta ethne* refers to the whole world, including the Jews and the gentiles. When he rose from the dead, Jesus quickly commanded his disciples “to make disciples of all nations” (28: 19b). In short, Jesus’ Christian mission is ecumenical with the entire human race as his target. The gospel of Matthew emphasizes that Jesus Christ is both the Messiah of the Jews (1: 17, 2: 2-6, 21: 4-9, 27: 37) and also of all nations.

## “To Make Disciples” Is “Training of Disciples”

On the other hand, “to make disciples” in the phrase “to make disciples of all nations” implies “the training of disciples.”

“Disciples” are those who honor Jesus Christ as



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the Son of God and follow him as their master and Lord. As Jesus Christ followers, disciples constantly learn to face their limitations, lack of faith, doubt and fear. They received the teaching of Jesus Christ and unflinchingly believe and put into practice his words (7: 24-27). His disciples shared the authority of Jesus' mission. Their ultimate Christian mission is not only "preaching the word of God," but more importantly to have people's lives transformed, to follow the model of Jesus Christ and to submit to God's kingdom in every way.

Therefore, "to make disciples" is an education for a disciple's whole lifetime, an education for life with no graduation date, and the kind of training in different stages of his life so that he comes to learn the mode of living in the kingdom of heaven. It is neither a learning of theories nor the mastery of correct doctrines. Instead, it is orthopraxis derived from putting orthodox doctrines into practice and is the way of life in the kingdom of Jesus. Hence, discipleship is to follow the footsteps of Jesus "in an orthodox way" and to walk along the path that Jesus has walked.

### **The Christian Mission Is to Walk along the Path That Jesus Has Walked**

What after all is the path Jesus has walked? The path he walked is the path of suffering. He took upon himself the incomparably heavy cross for the sake of the world and led people to forsake everything but to take up his cross. The path he walked is the path of love so that people in sickness can get healed; those in the force of darkness can be set free and redeemed. The path he walked is a path of serving with humility so that people are willing to be a lowly person among the lowly. The path he walked is the path of commitment, one that cares for neighbors and consecrates oneself for the sake of others. This is pointed out in one verse in Matthew 25: 31-46: "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

The Christian mission is to walk along the path that Jesus has walked. When we care for the poor, the needy, the oppressed in the world, we are participating in and modeling after Jesus Christ's action and taking part in God's action of deliverance. The Christian mission is to be in the presence of God and of our neighbors. When we respond to those in need, we are in the presence of God.

### **How to Walk the Path of Jesus Christ in an Age of Globalization?**

But then, in an age influenced by the present globalism, how will we "walk the path that Jesus Christ has walked?" This is a most pressing problem.

Today, economists and political science scholars criticize the globalism movement both positively and negatively. Amongst them, not a few scholars are worried about the negative effects as they regard globalization as a means of economic exploitation and political suppression. In the process of globalization, the powerful nations take control over the financial system and international trade; the powerful trans-national companies aided by powerful nations manipulate the development and control the fate of the poor nations. The result is that the gap between the poor nations and the affluent nations increasingly widens and the disparity between the rich and the poor keeps deteriorating.

Globalization also implies cultural invasion. Globalization can become a process when one culture topples and erodes another culture. The result is that through this process it ends up with a mono culture dominated by the western culture so that the diversification of some other cultures will be reduced or wiped out.

Globalization also brings about the destruction and pollution of the ecological environment. Along with economic development and the expansion of industrialization, all the living species besides humans will become "objects." Resources like forests and oceans will be insatiably consumed in exchange for immediate profit. The outcome is that the ecological environment is to be destroyed, the climate turns abnormal and endangered animals and plants become extinct.

### **"Discipleship" Is to Resolutely Approach God and Our Neighbors**

In the context of globalization, the phrase "to make disciples of all nations" in the Christian mission is to walk the path that Jesus has walked by caring for those who are poor,

needy, oppressed in this world and taking part in God's action of deliverance. It means to remind those "powerful" people who have access to power to take care of the "weak and lowly." It also means that to challenge and call upon other people to join together to stand up for justice in our world with its diversified cultures, to construct a partnership relationship that highlights equality, to establish a harmonious community and protect the ecological environment. "Discipleship" is to resolutely approach God and our neighbors, to discern and participate in God's presence and power, and to commit ourselves to His kingdom. When "God's kingdom" is increasingly manifested through disciples' lives, these disciples will increasingly discover the new rule and new horizon of loving God and loving their neighbors.

In other words, we are commissioned to the world just like Jesus Christ was commissioned to the world to serve our neighbors. The great commission of Jesus Christ teaches us to go across social, cultural, ethnic, regional and political boundaries and to make an impact on people in different conditions of life so that they can be made disciples of Jesus. Out of God's love, we "go," we "go across," we regard our neighbors as God's creation and presence. We are concerned with our neighbors' holistic well-being, including the well-being of their body, soul and community. This is a natural mode of loving our neighbors. This kind of love enables men to break through barriers, to pursue a more perfect social structure and system, and show forth peace, justice, dignity and freedom. This is the very credibility of the Christian gospel. Not only can this gospel be preached, it can be seen. Those who preach the gospel will not only care for the human soul but also the physical body, the well-being of the environment and community in which the person lives. Therefore, the Christian mission does not narrowly refer to how an individual becomes a new creation and that he has an eternal life in Christ, it also takes note of his need, taking into consideration the condition of injustice, suffering and oppression that he may endure. In short, it shows mercy to those who have fallen by the roadside.

In the past few years, our teachers, students and staff have increasingly recognized that the Seminary is a community of disciples. I earnestly pray that HKBTS can be part of our Lord's Christian mission and share God's mission, open up God's presence in the world, take part in the transformation of life so that men are set free and we continue to make disciples of all nations.



## How Hard It Is to Leave behind the Nets Immediately

*Cheung Wai-shun (M.Div. I)*

### **The Re-emergence of a Thought Repressed for 11 Years**

It was 1997 when I went to study in Seattle, U.S.A. and lived with my elder sister. In October that year, my sister and I joined the church choir to go on a friendship tour of churches in Vancouver together. On the homeward journey, a Christian brother drove a Christian sister, my own sister and me back to Seattle. As the brother was driving, the sister jokingly said, "Brother, you drive well, don't you?" The brother responded, "Don't worry, we have eternal life!" After a while, he exclaimed, "No, the little brother at the back still has not come to Christ. Little brother, do you want to be a Christian?" Without hesitation, I nodded and said, "Yes." When we arrived home, they led me to pray the sinner's prayer and it was then that I became a Christian.

Two years after coming to Christ I joined a winter camp. In his message, the pastor challenged believing



Wai-shun and his wife, Bik-ye

Christians to commit themselves to serving God full time. I was then twenty years of age, having lofty ideals and high aspirations, responded by raising my hand. Without doubt I would love to serve the Lord but I was afraid that my parents would be against this idea. Added to the fact that my English proficiency was not good at all, I was worried that I could not manage. The thought of seminary study was suppressed and deeply buried in my heart. In the twinkling of an eye, eleven years had passed during which time I had completed my studies in two degree programs, had returned to Hong Kong and worked for eight years, and had had a blissful marriage. It never crossed my mind that God would uncover this long-repressed dream from deep in my heart and then place it clearly in front of me.

In 2010 I joined a discipleship training course. The teacher often challenged me to be a leader of believers. I could not quite understand – was I not a teacher of teenagers and the head of the youth fellowship? What further leadership did God have in mind? Back then, I had no idea. In July the same year, a course on spiritual gifts was offered in my church. The instructor of the course helped my wife and me to realize that we both had the gift of teaching and had encouraged us again and again to consider how to make good use of God's gift. At that moment, the thought of serving God full time began to re-emerge.

### **How Hard It Was to Leave the Nets Immediately**

In early September, the minister in charge of the youth ministry resigned from the church. When I considered that

there was a lack of ministers to care for our teenagers, I began to feel that the lambs in the church were in need of shepherds to guide them, and as their teacher I had to try my best to teach them. Therefore, I went to inquire about the part-time, master's level study programs in a seminary. However, for a number of reasons, I had to give up the idea of seminary study for the time being. First of all, my wife had already resigned from her job, leaving me as the only breadwinner of the family. Then, my boss put aside my monthly bonus using the excuse that it was the company's operational policy and so our family budget continued to tighten,

In mid-November, God graciously enabled my wife to find a new job so that our financial load was slightly reduced. Towards the end of November I joined the "Holy Land Tour" organized by The Baptist Convention of Hong Kong and had the opportunity to set foot in Israel – the Promise Land. At the Church of the Primacy of Peter in Galilee, I meditated on how Jesus had urged Peter to feed his lambs, and began praying to God, asking God to lead me and show me how to serve Him.

Throughout those days God kept blessing both my wife and me so that we lacked nothing in our daily lives. Every day during my prayer time, I continued to seek God's will and to be open to His call. When I once again read the Scripture of Jesus calling Peter and Andrew, I wondered how they could "leave the nets immediately" and follow him (Mt 4:18-20). How hard it was to do this! How I wanted to be of use to God so that parched souls could be cared for. Yet, being timid and of little faith (Mt 8:26), I was still afraid to let go of what I had got.

### **The More One Gets the More One Gives up**

I was still sure that if I quit my job to begin studying at a seminary to prepare for the ministry, my parents would never accept my new life. Besides, my wife and I had to manage the monthly mortgage repayment. Once I had no income, my parents would be awfully anxious. It was March 16, 2010. At that time, my mother even asked me to increase my mortgage repayment. I had to tell her that I was planning to quit my job in order to enter the seminary. I told her I did not want to exacerbate my financial worries. My mother reacted strongly against my plan and still insisted that I should increase the mortgage repayment. As I was at the exploratory stage and as I was not certain whether I would actually study in a seminary, I could only yield to her demand. Back home, I prayed with my wife asking for God's guidance. Much to my surprise, God answered my prayers much sooner than I had expected.

The next day when I went back to my office, a company director gave me a letter informing me of a promotion and a pay rise. I did a calculation and found that the pay rise, after putting aside my monthly offering and the mandatory fund payment, was exactly the amount of the raised mortgage repayment. God's plan seems to fit into mine! On March 19, when I shared this with my church pastor, he reminded me that "the more one gets, the more one gives up." I did not accept his opinion. I said to myself, "Who knows when God's call comes, only He Himself really knows!"

### **Can You Respond Immediately?**

The next day was Sunday and I had originally planned to lead the teenagers' fellowship that day. However, there had been a swap between the ministering leaders a month before, and this left me with the opportunity to join the Sunday worship service instead. During the service, the congregation was led to sing, "God's Grace Is Too Beautiful." Since I had sung this song over a hundred times, and since the worship leader was not all that skilful, I should not have been so touched by the song. However, without knowing why I seemed to have come to the fields and seen the picture described in the song – God's immeasurable harvest was right before me. I must listen attentively to God's commission. Never had my heart been so touched that tears rolled uncontrollably down my cheeks.

The preacher that day was the President of HKBTS, Dr. Joshua Cho, speaking on the topic, "The Vision of the Gospel." President Cho shared his vision of the gospel, about how he resolved to be a preacher when he was young. I could identify with him as I recalled raising my hand promising to consecrate myself to God when I was 20. In his message, he mentioned that the Apostle Paul in Acts was sent by God to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. He reminded us that the gospel has the power to go beyond the boundaries of gender, ethnic group, and social status and reminded us that any relationship can be set free. With God's help, this is all the case for individual believers or for churches. I found myself weeping during the message. Then when President Cho gave the closing prayer I thought I could take a deep breath and relax. However as soon as I closed my eyes I heard him say he was going to make a consecration call. Upon hearing the words "consecration call," my heart was like a boat caught in a surging sea and I could not control the tears rolling down my cheeks. I asked God why this call came so soon after I had just been promoted and had received a pay rise. I

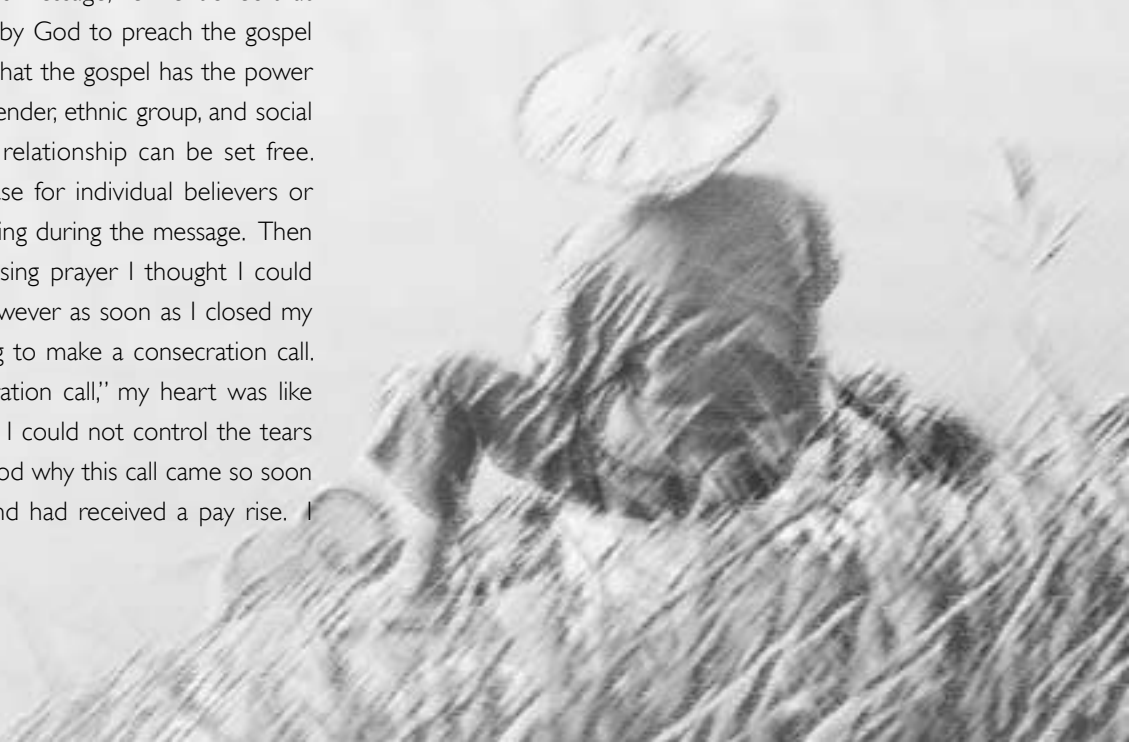
seemed to hear God saying, "Haven't your prayers been granted in no time? If you are called to serve me now, can you respond immediately?" At that very moment, I found my body, heart and soul in surrender to the Lord. I raised my hand in response and accepted God's call.

### **An Immediate Response to My Prayer**

In retrospect, the reason God grants me the opportunity of promotion and pay rise is not that I should keep on working to cope with the increasing mortgage burden. Instead, He wants me to know that He is God who answers our prayers. He also wants me to believe that He is willing to grant us our desires and to give us sufficient grace at any time to supply our needs. Ever since I began considering consecrating myself to God, the following verse had been with me all along. "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." (Jh 15:16) Right now, my heart has never been so resolute; I know clearly that it is time for me to leave behind my nets. I also know that it is God who has chosen me and called me to be His servant to feed His lambs.

After I entered the Seminary as a full time student, my family gradually began to come to understand the reason for my seminary studies and they changed from strong opposition to growing encouragement. I truly thank God for this. I am convinced that such a change did not come from my own work but only from God who has once again answered my prayers quickly.

*Translated by Carmen Wong*



## A Lingering Spiritual Urge



*Cheung Ting (M. Div. I)*

### **A Narrow Escape at Alice Springs**

Having come to Christ 20 years ago, I have always been an active ministering Christian. Perhaps, when people saw me actively committing myself to evangelistic ministries, they could not help asking me if I would consider being a minister. Without exception, I resolutely replied, "No!" I had never felt any call from God. Moreover, I single-heartedly wanted to be a "super woman," thinking that if I resolved to excel in my profession and agreed to serve God faithfully in my church ministry after office hours, that would certainly be good enough. Therefore, I had never seriously thought of becoming a minister until I experienced "the miracle" and I clearly heard God's call for the first time.

"The miracle" refers to my experience of being involved in a serious car accident in which I narrowly escaped death. The accident took place on March 6, 2009 at around 3 pm in the Australian desert area in the vicinity of Alice Springs. I was driving a married couple on a sightseeing tour. This trip was the final leg of my ten-month work-and-driving-tour of Australia. I never dreamed that the car would suddenly go out of control on the highway, slide forward at a high speed in a zig zag pattern, then make three complete somersaults and finally settle in an upside down position. After the accident, I managed to crawl out of the car through a broken window only to see that the car roof and its body had broken apart so that

the car installations and all our luggage had been thrown twenty to thirty meters off.

"Are you still here?" I yelled in disconcertment and yelled, fully aware that this was likely to be a fatal car accident! Praise the Lord that soon the married couple came crawling out of the car and to my relief, I realized all three of us had survived the accident. Before we could recover from the trauma, we noticed that the left side of my body from head to foot was covered with blood! I felt a severe pain in my head and could not stand up. So I simply picked up a scrape of clothing nearby to bandage my wounds to try to stop the bleeding. We all wanted to cry for help but no one was in sight and we had no means of communication.

Just then, two vehicles passed by, one after another and both stopped. The first vehicle was carrying a group of tourists. A German doctor in the group immediately came to my rescue. The second was an empty bus and the driver immediately agreed to take the German doctor and me to the nearest medical emergency station. The couple left alone at the scene later told me that no other vehicles passed by for two to three hours. I then thanked God for allowing those two vehicles to come by; otherwise, I would certainly have bled to death. It was hard to believe it took us an hour to reach the nearest medical emergency station. On the way, the German doctor made sure that I did not bleed to death and that I stayed awake so I would not lapse

into a coma. Since I suffered from anemia, it would not be easy to stop my bleeding. At last, we arrived at the medical emergency station. Unfortunately, the station was poorly equipped with only one nurse on duty. After determining the condition of my wounds, the German doctor made an emergency call to the flying medical service corps. Finally at 11:00 pm that night, I was taken to the emergency room of the nearest municipal hospital. Thank God that even though I had lost a great deal of blood and was exhausted, I managed to stay awake until I was admitted to the hospital.

### **I Realized That Death Had Just Knocked at My Door**

At 2 am, I was transferred from the emergency room to the intensive care unit. I was given an oxygen mask and a cervical collar, and my chest and limbs were connected by jet tubes to emergency equipment. My hemorrhage continued and my lungs were blocked, causing my breathing to be shallow and weak. However, the doctors were delighted to discover that despite my severe wounds, not a single bone had been fractured. That was certainly a miracle! As a matter of fact, the tissue around my cervical vertebra had been broken and it was clear that if the force of the collision had been greater, I would have died instantly or else ended up completely paralyzed. I realized that death had just knocked at my door. I understood as never before how little control we have over life or death. Since that day, everyday when I wake up and can still breathe, I give thanks to God. From the moment of the car's collision to my admission into the hospital, I was spaced out and the only memory that flashed in my mind was what people in my Chaozhou hometown used to say, "May the Lord grant peace!" I thanked God with all my heart for giving me peace. Although alone at that time, I was being kept alive, and I was convinced that the Lord would protect me and bring me safely back to Hong Kong.

Four days later I was transferred to a general ward and the doctor told me that after my discharge from hospital, I needed to go back for follow-up treatment. He asked me where I lived. I had no idea except to say I was from Hong Kong. I had never been so unclear about the road ahead. By that time, the doctor had decided I could stay in hospital until I recovered. However, God had another plan for me. He had arranged for a Christian

couple, Kerry and Michael, to help me. This couple had once worked in the hospital and still lived nearby. I learned that on the day of the accident, they had driven past the wrecked car and had helped my two friends who had been left behind. Later they made a special visit to the hospital to see me. Seeing my dilemma, they agreed that I should stay with them the following three weeks. During that time, they took very good care of me. I was naturally touched by their unconditional love and patient care. Obviously, only God's love could have motivated them to take such good care of me, a total stranger. They were my two Good Samaritans.

### **I Nodded My Head While I Said "YES!"**

On Sunday, March 22, Michael and Kerry took me to their church. It was by all appearances a very ordinary Sunday worship service, yet the lyrics of one of their hymns spoke to me. The words were taken from Isaiah 6:8: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I found myself saying, 'Here am I. Send me!'" The lyrics of that song touched my heart leading me to shed tears of gratitude for God's great love to me for saving my life and making me whole. Suddenly, the pastor extended a call to consecration, "Are you willing to be the Lord's servant to be of use to Him all your life? If you are willing, please come down to the front so that I can pray with you." Right at that moment, I felt a strong impulse to go forward as tears rolled down my cheeks.

At that time, Kerry who was sitting at a short distance from me came to my side and surprised me by telling me, "I have heard God's voice, telling me to come and ask you if you want to go down to the front. I will go with you." What a shock this was! I nodded and said "YES!" I walked down to the front and made a commitment. This was the first time I had clearly heard God's call. After I returned to Hong Kong, this experience remained deeply engraved on my heart. I continued to pray silently about this remarkable incident. And yet, I still felt conflict in my heart.

### **Facing the Lingering Spiritual Urge**

On November 28 of that same year, I joined HKBTS's Talk on Full Time Ministry. I prayed the following prayer: "Dear God, if ever you want me to study in seminary, let your Spirit move me in this meeting." Upon



leaving the Seminary that evening, I was thrilled not to feel any special spiritual urge. Walking out of the main gate, I told God, "Oh Lord, since you have not moved my heart, off I go. I am free. Goodbye!"

It soon became apparent that God would not allow me to dodge His call. On February 13, 2011, during a Spring Festival spiritual revival meeting at my church, my heart was once again stirred when my pastor spoke. Earlier I had used "not feeling moved" as an excuse to run away from God, but this time the church's pastor made a clear consecration call: "Are you looking for God's call in your life? If at this moment I tell you to enter a seminary to study and equip yourself to be a minister, do you think that it is God's call to you through me? If you have this urge but it does not last long, then you can put this idea out of your mind completely. Yet, if the urge lingers for quite a long while, then you ought to face it squarely and openly." This time, I completely accepted God's second call. I thanked God for His grace and love as well as for His affirmation although my faith was still weak.

Then on April 24 after the Easter Service, I sat all by myself in the sanctuary, facing the cross and asked God to speak to me as I poured out my soul to Him. I randomly flipped open the Bible and saw that it was the book of Jonah. Reading through the whole book, I found myself, like Jonah, trying to run away from God. Remembering that Jonah was angry with God, I reminded myself that I needed to learn to be more humble. I then understood profoundly the words of Job 1:21: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." I also recalled the first English scripture passage I committed to memory on my Australia tour. It was taken from Philippians 4:11-13, "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

### **Father's Attitude Had Unexpectedly and Suddenly Changed**

It was true that I had little faith. Even when God spoke to me a few times, I still asked for one more

verification: my father's support. In fact, my father was a Christian and had never interfered with my ministry. A few years before, he had pointed out that it was one thing to have a burning desire to serve God through Christian ministries, but it was altogether a different matter to become a full-time minister. He added that my mother who was in heaven had agreed with his view. His remark made me feel a lot of pressure and made me hesitate about applying for seminary study. In mid May when I hinted about studying in seminary to be a minister, my father gave me no further feedback. He only asked me to think about it again. Toward the end of May, my father gave me a clear-cut answer and chose to take a hard and negative stance. He considered that my present focus should be "looking for a life-long partner" and said I had to find one at once. Suddenly I was at a loss as to what I should do and even doubted that it was the right time for me to apply for seminary study. My only way out was to plead with God to open the way for me!

On June 6, the time of the Dragon Boat Festival, my father once again brought up the matter of my applying for seminary study. He said he had asked the opinion of his elder sister and elder brother in his hometown, and they both supported my decision. He then went on to say that he recalled how my grandmother asked the Lord to bless me before she went to rest in God's presence. Therefore, he would no longer object my request. To my great delight, my father's attitude had unexpectedly and suddenly changed! I had to thank God for exercising His power once again and bestowing upon me His gracious blessing.

Whenever I look at the indelible scar left by my accident, I cannot help but recount God's blessings when He rescued me from that near fatal car accident! I am now willing to learn to be more humble. I ask Him to teach me to let go of my ego so that I can courageously respond to His call with all my heart and soul. Moreover, I pray that my soul can be set free so that I can freely serve the Lord and be His servant submitting myself to His will. I draw strength from Romans 12:2 which commands us: "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will." Amen!

# Diamond Jubilee Joint Graduation Ceremony



The Joint Choir sang "A Prayer of Thanksgiving"



Rev. Timothy Lau, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, gave the welcoming speech



President Joshua Cho delivered a speech of encouragement to the graduates

Rev. Chow Lien-hwa spoke on the topic "Be an Unashamed Workman" as an exhortation to the graduates; Rev. Yip King-tak did the interpretation in Cantonese.



Graduate representative Wong Mun-lun gave a thanksgiving speech

The Diamond Jubilee Joint Graduation Ceremony was held on November 27, 2011 at Elizabeth Stadium, Wan Chai. This Joint Graduation Ceremony was specially held to commemorate HKBTS's Diamond Jubilee celebration. The ceremony included the Seminary's Main Campus Program, the Lay Theological Education Department and the Distance Education Program. That day, Rev. Chow Lien-hwa delivered the message to the graduates. A Joint Choir formed by 14 Baptist churches and the Seminary's Choir sang out Dr. Cainan Mui's new song, "A Prayer of Thanksgiving" specially written for the Seminary.

In 2011, there were 56 graduates of degree programs and 292 of diploma and certificate programs. We praise the Lord that around 3,000 guests attended the ceremony and joined us as we offered thanksgiving and praise to God.

Graduates of degree programs took a group photo after the ceremony



## Academic Affairs News

### 1. The Talk on Full Time Ministry

The Talk on Full Time Ministry was held on November 5, 2011. The talk included a survey of the Seminary's study programs, an introduction of campus life, a keynote message, testimonies by students, conversations with our professors and students. This detailed presentation allowed participants to understand more about God's calling and full time ministry.

### 2. Diamond Jubilee Joint Graduation Ceremony

The Diamond Jubilee Joint Graduation Ceremony was held at Elizabeth Stadium, Wan Chai on November 27. Last year there were 56 degree-holding graduates and 292 graduates being awarded diplomas and certificates. We invited Rev. Lien-hwa Chow to be our special keynote speaker. There was also a joint choir from 14 Baptist church choirs and the Seminary Choir to perform "A Prayer of Thanksgiving," written especially for the Seminary by Dr. Cainan Mui. An estimated 3,000 guests attended the ceremony.

### 3. Winter Intensive Program

The Winter Intensive Program was held from late December 2011 to early January in the current year. The course, "Chronicles 1 and 2" was taught by Dr. Wong Fook Kong, Associate Professor of Old Testament.

### 4. Faculty Movement

Dr. Andres Tang, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), will be on sabbatical leave from January to May this year.

### 5. Baptist Mission Week

The Baptist Mission Week will be held from March 27 to 29 (Tuesday to Thursday) with the main theme, "Reflection and Hope in Baptist Mission."

The speaker will be Dr. Brain Stanley, Professor of World Christianity and Director of the Centre for the Study of World Christianity, School of Divinity, The

University of Edinburgh. The Morning Lectures with the theme "Turning Points in Understanding the Great Commission" will be held from 10 am to 12 noon at our Sai O campus. The evening lectures with the theme "God's Missions and Ours" will be held from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Immanuel Baptist Church (1 Fortune Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon – MTR Cheung Sha Wan Station Exit B2).

## Visitors

- A 30-member short-term visitation and mission team visited the Seminary on August 12, 2011. The team was led by Rev. Ming-Kuang Shiue, senior pastor of Ching-Mei Baptist Church, Taiwan.
- Professor Thomas Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching, Candler School of Theology, Emory University was invited by the Seminary to deliver the Diamond Jubilee Belote Lectures held from August 23 to 26, 2011.
- Professor Sylvain Allaboe, President of West African Baptist Advanced School of Theology, visited the Seminary from August 27 to September 5.
- The Rev. Roland Chang, former senior pastor of New York Chinese Baptist Church, visited the Seminary from September 6 to 7.
- The Rev. Abraham Chiu, Pastor of Crosspoint Chinese Church of Silicon Valley, visited the Seminary on September 7 and delivered a sermon at the Morning Chapel.
- The Rev. Caleb P. N. Tang, our overseas alumnus, paid a visit to the alma mater on October 26.
- A group of 15 ministers from "lianghui" (The Three-Self Patriotic Movement and the China Christian Council) of the Yunnan, Guangxi and Hainan provinces paid a good will visit to the Seminary on November 18.
- Mrs. Frances K. C. Wong, our overseas alumna, visited the alma mater on November 21.

- Thirteen missionaries supported by the Hong Kong Baptist Church visited the Seminary from November 22 through 24. On November 22, they met our teachers and students in the Morning Chapel where Dr. Jerry Moye and Rev. Pak Loh specially prayed for these missionaries.
- The Rev. Chow Lien-hwa, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary, was at the Seminary from November 25 through 28 to present the sermon message to our graduates at the Diamond Jubilee Joint Graduation Ceremony on November 27.

## **Faculty News**

- **Dr. Roy Chan**, Associate Professor of Practical Theology (Life Coaching and Recreational Ministry), spoke on September 24, 2011 on the topics “The Strategies of Winning Basketball Matches for Coaches” and “The ‘Must-Do List’ for Sportsmen in Competition” in topical seminars for coaches and sportsmen respectively. The event was organized by the Macau Sport Development Board.
- **Dr. Sam Tsang**, Associate Professor of New Testament, spoke on October 17 on the topic “What Is Literary Exegesis to Do with Me?” in a seminar organized by the Worldwide Bible Society. He also spoke at a seminar on November 11 and 18 on “Commonly Misinterpreted Texts” organized by Logos Ministries Ltd. Dr. Tsang’s new book *Reflections on Leadership Based on Ezekiel* (Taipei: Campus Evangelical Students, 2011) was published in December 2011. His article, “The Art of Listening: The Responsibilities of the Preacher and the Listeners” appeared in *Behold* 52 (November 2011).
- **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture) spoke on the topic “The Significance of Dao in Our World” in a seminar on “The Dao Consists in How We Live And How We Nurture the Heart and Our Abilities” organized by Yuen Yuen Institute and sponsored by Hong Kong Society of Humanistic Philosophy. His articles “The Theological Principles of Social Protest: A Few Fundamental Reflections” and “What Kind of a Time of Great Peace and Prosperity Are We in Search for?” appeared in *Candle Network* 81 (November 2011) and in *Reflection* 123 (December 2011) respectively.
- **Dr. Nathan Ng**, Associate Professor of Christian Thought (Church History), wrote the interpretation of the book of 1 Corinthians for the *Chinese Daily Bread* of the Scripture Union of Hong Kong. The interpretive booklet was published in the issue of January-March 2012.

# President Cho Has Hung up His Soccer Boots

On October 13, 2011, after President Cho had given a sharing in the morning chapel, a simple ceremony was held. Not wanting teachers and students to worry about him, President Cho decided to formally say farewell to his favorite sport, soccer.

Earlier, on September 30, on the Seminary's annual Day of Fun and Games for Teachers and Students, President Cho had played a game of soccer with a group of teachers and students and had even scored two beautiful goals. During the break, he suddenly fainted and his heart stopped beating for a short time. At that critical moment, God sent angels dressed in white to rush up to Dr. Cho. Three students trained as nurses immediately came to his rescue. Even though President Cho's heart had stopped beating, they still persistently and unyieldingly rubbed and pressed his chest until his heart began beating again. Meanwhile, all the teachers and students were extremely worried and anxious. They knelt and prayed together earnestly and together called out to God for help.

Thank God for His wondrous care and protection. When President Cho later came to himself in the hospital, there was no brain



damage or any physical wound. The doctor pointed out that one of the blood vessels in the heart had been blocked, causing President Cho to faint. Under such a pressing and critical condition, the probability of the President's survival would have been remote without the intervention of those three nurses. Having gone through such a dangerous adventure, God led the whole seminary community to experience the sweetness of mutual watch-keeping and loving care in time of danger and crisis. Through it all, the Seminary community also experienced God's presence as the Lord who listens to our prayers and keeps constantly watching over our Seminary.

We thank God as He has allowed President Cho to continue managing the Seminary's internal and external affairs as usual. President Cho is still committed to lead the faculty team to go forward in unison, following our Lord. Moving together shoulder to shoulder, members of the faculty team strive to nurture a new generation of church leaders and workers. At this point, we would like to express our gratitude to all the churches and brothers and sisters in Christ for your concern for HKBTS, especially for President Cho. We deeply appreciate your intercessory prayers and your accompanying walk with the Seminary.



## Pastoral Continuing Education Center

Courses and talks offered from January to March (teaching is conducted in Chinese)

Course / Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
Playing with Creative Ideas	Mr. Wu Yue-yung	Jan 16 (Mon)	9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Conflict Resolution and Turning Crisis into an Opportunity	Mrs. Vivien C. Chan	Jan 30 (Mon)	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
The EQ and AQ of Ministers	Mr. Charles Yu	Feb 6 (Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Creative Management	Dr. Ricky Sze-to	Feb 13 and 27 (Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Marriage Counseling	Ms. Wong Lai-cheung	Feb 20 (Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Imitation of Christ: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit and the Spiritual Qualities of Ministers	Dr. Ho Kit	Feb 27 (Mon)	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Church and Politics: A Reflection of the Church and Political Participation	Dr. Vincent Lau	Mar 5 (Mon)	2:00 - 5:00 pm
The Book of Judges and the Contemporary Church: Exegesis and Preaching	Dr. Robert Lo	Mar 12 (Mon)	9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Readers can log on our webpage: [www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce) for details.

For application or enquiries, you can contact us at 2768 5179 by phone, 2630 1391 by fax or [pce@hkbts.edu.hk](mailto:pce@hkbts.edu.hk) by email. Application forms can be downloaded from the Seminary's website.

\* Tuition fee concessions are available to Alumni Association members and graduates of HKBTS, ministers of Baptist churches and seminary students (including students in our ministerial training program and students taking degree programs in our Lay Theological Education Department, and full time students in the 14-member seminaries of the Hong Kong Theological Education Association). For details, please refer to the application form in the program pamphlet.

## Lay Theological Education Department

Application for study in the following programs has begun:

- **Diploma / Certificate in Women Theological Training Program**

January to March quarter (auditing is welcome)

Subject	Lecturer	Venue	Date / Time
O.T. Studies: Selected Reading of the Book of Isaiah	Rev. Chung Chi-kwong	Applied Theological Education Center	Feb 7 – Mar 27 (Tue, 8 lessons) 9:30 am – 12:00 nn
The Cornerstone of Faith: The Foundation of Christian Faith	Rev. Lam Yim-fong	Mong Kok Education Center	Feb 7 – Mar 13 (Tue, 6 lessons) 9:30 – 11:30 am
The Unparalleled Lord in the Book of Hebrews	Rev. Au Pak-ping	The New Zone of Deepwell Emmanuel Church	Feb 2 – Mar 1 (Thu, 5 lessons) 9:30 am – 12:00 nn
Understanding Cultural Trends	Mr. Leung Pak-kin Mr. Choi Chi-sum Mr. Lee Kam-hung	Mong Kok Education Center	Mar 8 – Apr 5 (Thu, 5 lessons) 9:30 am – 12:00 nn
Accompanying Him on the Way: Exploring Pastoral Care in the Event of a Crisis	Mrs. Chow Gong Sau-kam	Mong Kok Education Center	Feb 3 – Mar 23 (Fri, 8 lessons) 9:30 am – 12:00 nn

\* **Diploma / Certificate in Lay Theological Training Program**

January to March quarter

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date / Time</b>
Self-Understanding and Developing One's Potential	Mr. Cheung Hon-wa	Mong Kok Education Center	Jan 30 – Mar 19 (Mon, 8 lessons) 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Christian Teaching and Learning Methods	Ms. Chan Po-hung	Mong Kok Education Center	Feb 6 – Mar 26 (Mon, 8 lessons) 7:15 – 9:45 pm
Meaning and Significance of the Church	Rev. Chan Che-keung	Mong Kok Education Center	Jan 4 – Mar 14; class suspended on Jan 25, Feb 1 and Feb 15 (Wed, 8 lessons) 7:15 – 9:45 pm
Survey of the Old Testament	Ms. Vivien Tsang	Applied Theological Education Center	Jan 5 – Mar 1; class suspended on Jan 26 (Thu, 8 lessons) 7:15 – 9:45 pm
Church Music Ministry for the Elderly	Mrs. Lin Lau Yuen-sheung	Mong Kok Education Center	Jan 5 – Mar 1; (Thu, 8 lessons) 7:15 – 9:45 pm

**Class Meeting Locations:**

Mongkok Education Center (10/F, Chung Kiu Commercial Building, 47-51 Shan Tung Street, Mong Kok)

Applied Theological Education Center (8/F., Christian Building, 56 Bute Street, Mong Kok)

The New Zone of Deepwell Emmanuel Church (Flat 2A, Chan Kee Commercial Center, 48 Castle Peak Road, Sham Tseng, New Territories)

## Student Recruitment

- **Master in Christian Studies (Major in Communication)**

It is a part-time evening program to engage lay Christians with a university education to integrate their Christian faith with communication theories. This will allow them to engage in theological reflection about the present social situation and conditions so that they can communicate the Christian message more effectively.

- **Recruitment into B. A. / Diploma / Certificate of Christian Studies Program**

A part-time evening program in which students can enroll to study in the following programs:

**Certificate Program:** There are a Certificate in Christian Studies, a Certificate in Music Ministry.

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

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

After completing the Certificate / Diploma program, students may apply to study in the Diploma / Bachelor Degree Program.

After acceptance and admission, students may transfer credit hours for relevant subjects passed in the Certificate / Diploma programs.

The above programs accept part-time students who may go on to seek full time student status in August each year.

- **Youth Ministry Diploma Program**

To provide systematic training in ministerial skills and basic theology for those Christians interested in understanding the youth community and have committed themselves to entering the youth ministry.

It takes approximately two and a half years to complete the program and lessons take place every Monday, beginning in April.

Its content includes "The Family and Youth," "Leading a Lively Worship Service," "Process and Skills in Counseling," and "Games and Adventure."

Deadline for enrolment: March 15 or when the quota is filled.

*The teaching of all these programs is conducted in Chinese.*

For inquiries or application: call 2711 2552 or log on our website: [www.hkbts.edu.hk/ited](http://www.hkbts.edu.hk/ited) to download an application form.

## Distance Education Program

### Student Recruitment for Spring Term 2012

The new diploma programs will begin in March 2012 while the certificate programs can begin at any time

Name of Program	Program Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Diploma in Biblical Studies Program	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
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 10 September semester : Hong Kong: August 10
<b>NEW</b> Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies and Higher Diploma in Christian Studies Programs	Further studies for students completing the diploma program	Completion of the diploma program and with a church pastor's recommendation		Overseas: July 10
Certificate in N.T. / O.T. Studies Programs	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 interest. For details, please log on the "Distance Education" website.

On-line Program	Program Description	Date of Commencement
On-line Certificate in New Testament Studies Program	It is an introductory program in which an individual book of the Bible is studied. The course is in Chinese with a choice of either the traditional Chinese or the simplified Chinese version. It is a diversified program providing an on-line resource room as well as a platform for communication between tutors and students.	Students can begin at any time with fee concessions. Trial study of the on-line program is welcome: <a href="http://distance.hkpts.edu.hk">http://distance.hkpts.edu.hk</a> The User ID for the traditional Chinese version: 04YM0001 Code guest The User ID for the simplified Chinese version: 04YM0002 Code guest

## Publication News

*Hill Road* (Issue 28) was published in mid February with "Biblical Theology" as its theme. There are seven thematic articles: "Theological Significance and Development of Demons in the Old Testament" (Wong Tin-sheung), "The Spirit of the Law: Teachings Regarding the Poor in the Pentateuch" (Wong Fook-kong), "Messianism in the Old Testament" (Pan Chou-wee), "The Unrighteous Will Not Inherit the Kingdom of God" —Towards an Understanding of Paul's Soteriology" (Shum Shiu-lun), "A Rhetorical Study of Philippians and Its Theological Implications: A Preliminary Study" (Mak Kai-sun), "Community Socialization in the Theology of the Pastors: A Rhetorical-Canonical Reading" (Sam Tsang) and "The New Biblical Theology Movement" (Lindsay Robertson). There are two miscellaneous articles and five book reviews. *Hill Road* is available in local Christian book stores or it may be obtained at the Seminary or one of its urban centers. For enquiries or subscription, call 2768 5168.



## Student Union

The Executive Committee members of the Student Union 2012 began their term of office in January.

Chairperson	: Hui Kin-cheong
Vice Chairperson	: Chan Wei-chee
Secretary	: Ng Chi-hoi
Treasurer	: Cheung Wai-shun
Spiritual Devotion	: Leung Yu-ching
Missions	: Chiu Shun-kin
Daily Living	: Cheung Wai-lun



Student Union's new Executive Committee members 2012



# Baptist Mission Week 2012



Speaker: **Dr. Brian Stanley**

Professor of World Christianity,  
Director of the Centre for the Study of World Christianity,  
School of Divinity, The University of Edinburgh

Main Theme: **Reflection and Hope in Baptist Mission**

Date: March 27 – 29

## Morning Lectures

**Theme : Turning Points in Understanding the Great Commission**

Time : 10:00 am – 12:00 nn

Venue : Campus Chapel (1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N. T.)

Topics :

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| March 27 (Tuesday)   | 1792 — William Carey and the Rediscovery of the Great Commission   |
| March 28 (Wednesday) | 1910 — New Partners in the Great Commission: Baptists from East and West at the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh |
| March 29 (Thursday)  | 1974 — Redefining the Great Commission: The Lausanne Congress  |
- \* Ear phones are available to listen to simultaneous interpretation

## Evening Lectures

**Theme : God's Mission and Ours**

Time : 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Venue : Immanuel Baptist Church (1 Fortune Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon)

Topics :

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| March 27 (Tuesday)   | The Biblical Foundations of Christian Mission   |
| March 28 (Wednesday) | What Has Evangelism to Do with the Environment? |
| March 29 (Thursday)  | Trends in World Christianity since 1910         |
- \* Cantonese Translation: Dr. Ip King Tak

Admission: Free (please reserve seats by on-line registration)

Inquiry: 2768 5179

# Student Recruitment 2012-13

Stand Firm for Our Faith  
Face the Church's Needs  
Meet the World's Challenges

**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**  
**Master of Theology**

## **Date of Application for Admission**

Hong Kong: January 3 - June 15

Overseas: January 3 - April 30

## **Date of Admission Examination**

Individual arrangement within the Seminary's office hours

## **Experiencing Seminary Life Camp**

Theme : "Stand Firm for Our Faith, Face the Church's Needs, Meet the World's Challenges"

Date : February 29 – March 1 (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 Feb 29) or

Second Group HK\$180 per person (beginning 7:30 pm Feb 29)

Application Deadline: February 21

### **Program Schedule**

<b>February 29</b>	<b>March 1</b>
10:00 am Registration (First Group)	8:00 am Morning Prayer Meeting
11:00 am Get to know HKBTS	8:30 am Breakfast
12:00 nn Sit-in Class Lecture	9:00 am Introduction to Study Programs / Student Affairs / Field Education
1:00 pm Lunch	10:00 am Seminary's Morning Chapel
2:00 pm Sit-in Class Lecture / Individual Meditation	11:00 am Sit-in Class Lecture / Rest
4:00 pm Meet with Professors	12:00 nn Sit-in Class Lecture (cont.) or Rest
6:00 pm Recess	1:00 pm Lunch
6:30 pm Supper	2:00 pm Testimonies of God's Call
7:30 pm Registration (Second Group)	4:00 pm Meet with Professors / Individual Meditation
8:00 pm Short Message: "What Is the Purpose of Seminary Study?"	5:30 pm Consecration Meeting
9:00 pm Pray in Small Groups	6:30 pm Adjourning the program
10:00 pm Rest	

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

## Alumni News

- Alumna **Chan Yuk-ching** (class of 1987) went to be with the Lord on September 17, 2011. Please thank God for her life in your prayers and may the Lord's comfort and peace be with her family.
- Alumna **Luk Fung-wah** (class of 2009) rested in peace in the Lord on October 20. Please thank God for her life in your prayers and may the Lord's comfort and peace be with her family.
- Alumna **Sin Wai-yeung** (class of 2011) and Mr. Ho Chi-fai were married at Immanuel Baptist Church on October 29.
- Alumnus **Tang Po-nin** (class of 1959) went to be with the Lord on December 1 in the States. Please thank God for his life in your prayers and may the Lord bestow peace and comfort upon his family.

## News of the Alumni Association

### Alumni Corner

The Alumni Room especially established for our returning Alumni was relocated on the third floor of the Students Activity Block last December and was renamed "Alumni Corner." On December 19, upon the invitation of the Alumni Association, President Joshua Cho officiated at the opening ceremony of the "Alumni Corner." Praise the Lord for leading around 100 alumni

to return to their alma mater for a reunion and to participate together in all the Christmas celebrations. Later, with high and cheerful spirits, our alumni attended the opening ceremony and enjoyed visiting the "Alumni Corner."

It is hoped that the new location can provide for both the Seminary's alumni and students information about the Alumni Association. On display at the corner are the Association's activities, its periodical *Care for the Soul*, photos and other information. The "Alumni Corner" provides our alumni with a spacious and comfortable meeting area and helps us

establish closer links between the Alumni Association and the current students in the Seminary.



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- Please send cheque or bank deposit slip with this reply to the Seminary at 1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N.T., Hong Kong.
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- Your name and donation amount will appear in the Seminary's *Newsletter*. If you do not wish them to appear in the *Newsletter*, please tick the right box.
- Your personal data will only be used for issuing receipt and Seminary's administration purposes.
- For donation enquiries: Tel : (852) 2715 9511  
Fax: (852) 2761 0868

# Financial Report

## General Fund, 1 October - 30 November 2011

	HK\$
Income	4,414,560.30
Expenditure	<u>(5,179,301.10)</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u><u>(764,740.80)</u></u>

### DONORS REPORT FOR OCT 2011

#### Education Fund (Church / Organization)

九龍國際浸信會	12,964.00
上水浸信會	15,000.00
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
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	1,500.00
沙田浸信會	7,000.00
沙田潮語浸信會	1,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港仔浸信會	52,615.30
香港浸信教會	108,300.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
基磐浸信會	1,500.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00
第一城浸信會	3,750.00
愛群道浸信會	5,000.00
置富浸信教會	1,500.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
錫安浸信會	5,820.00
觀塘浸信會	2,902.00
基督教四方福音會彩虹堂	1,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	1,000.00
啓聞基金	300.00
	HK\$ <u>261,651.30</u>
Chinese Indep. Baptist Church - S. F.	US\$ <u>540.00</u>

#### Education Fund (Donor)

方志強	100.00
王紹良	300.00
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白智信伉儷	500.00
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朱美珍	200.00
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陳偉倫	200.00
陳錦鴻	500.00
麥啓新	2,500.00
勞家怡	200.00
馮德華	300.00
黃仲麒	200.00
黃華娟	100.00
楊妙珍	700.00
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黎嘉賢	300.00
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羅佩珊	100.00
關志偉	100.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
蒙恩者	500.00
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無名氏	300.00
無名氏	70,000.00
無名氏	319.00
	HK\$ <u>112,159.00</u>
無名氏	RMB \$ <u>50.00</u>

#### Scholarship and Bursaries

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

吳秀華	1,800.00
杜桂鵬	500.00
蔡艷桃	500.00
蕭桂娥	2,000.00
無名氏	200.00
	HK\$ <u>5,000.00</u>

#### Distance Education Program

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
何錦偉伉儷	3,000.00
梁玉笑	500.00
鄒小寶	700.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	200.00
	HK\$ <u>5,900.00</u>

#### Local Filipino Program

張智理伉儷	5,000.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
	HK\$ <u>5,200.00</u>

#### Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

張智理伉儷	500.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
	HK\$ <u>700.00</u>

#### President Council

譚日旭	HK\$ <u>20,000.00</u>
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#### Diamond Jubilee Joint Programs Graduation Ceremony

陳偉生	HK\$ <u>2,000.00</u>
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**DONORS REPORT FOR NOV 2011**

**Education Fund (Church / Organization)**

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上水浸信會	15,000.00
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牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
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以馬內利浸信會	3,500.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	1,500.00
竹園浸信會	4,000.00
旺角浸信會	1,005.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港浸信教會	108,300.00
香港聖尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
恩約浸信會	2,000.00
茶果嶺浸信會	10,000.00
荃灣潮語浸信會	1,000.00
基磐浸信會	1,500.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00
彩坪浸信會	50,000.00
置富浸信教會	1,500.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
樂滿浸信會	2,500.00
灣仔浸信會	3,000.00
觀塘浸信會	14,525.80
觀塘國語浸信會	10,000.00
中華錫安傳道會慈雲山錫安堂	900.00
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	1,000.00
啓明基金	300.00
	<u>HK\$ 266,510.80</u>
Brooklyn Chinese Baptist Church	<u>US\$ 200.00</u>

**Education Fund (Donor)**

Mr. & Mrs. John Dockerill	10,000.00
Soon Seow Yen Naomi	10,000.00
方志強	100.00
王紹良	300.00
王群	500.00
王嘉豪	50,000.00
白智信伉儷	500.00
朱活平伉儷	300.00
朱美珍	200.00
何仲儀	1,000.00
何偉明	200.00
何錦燕	500.00
余大妹	2,000.00
吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00
呂志華	1,000.00
胡文恩伉儷	500.00
徐沛然	1,000.00
徐詩雅	300.00
曹偉彤	5,000.00
梁廣華伉儷	500.00
梁麗嫦	300.00
符國銘伉儷	2,000.00
莫莊雅	100.00
許鋒威	400.00
陳偉倫	200.00
陳楊藻孳	1,000.00
陳麗英	700.00

陸巧華	1,500.00
麥啓新	2,500.00
勞家怡	200.00
馮德華	300.00
黃仲麒	200.00
黃華娟	100.00
楊妙珍	700.00
楊謝金玉	2,000.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
劉振鵬伉儷	2,000.00
蔡慧英	200.00
黎嘉賢	300.00
龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
譚嘉敏	900.00
關志偉	100.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
溫祥、黎琬珍	400.00
蒙恩者	500.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	10,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
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無名氏	1,900.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	200.00
無名氏	300.00
黃鄭繼慈	500.00
羅甘杏葵	150.00

**Lay-Book Fund**

左文鋒	200.00
呂奉華	300.00
李雪梅	300.00
李榮漢	200.00
李肇棠	200.00
沈家麗	500.00
周翠珊	200.00
張麗清	500.00
畢筱芬	200.00
莫悅斌	200.00
陳德英	200.00
楊忠良	200.00
楊淑霞	1,000.00
葉美玉	200.00
蔡來英	200.00
鄧建良	500.00
	<u>HK\$ 5,100.00</u>

**Dr. Carter Morgan Memorial Scholarship**

徐承順伉儷	<u>HK\$ 10,000.00</u>
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**Edna Wong Church Music Development Fund**

徐承順伉儷	<u>HK\$ 10,000.00</u>
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**Scholarship and Bursaries**

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

蔡麗桃	500.00
蕭桂娥	2,000.00
譚雅文	500.00
婦神同學會	500.00
MCS/BCS 畢業生奉獻	50.00
無名氏	40.00
無名氏	200.00
	<u>HK\$ 3,790.00</u>

**Distance Education Program**

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	1,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	800.00
專題講座	50.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	200.00
	<u>HK\$ 5,550.00</u>

**Local Filipino Program**

何勝棣	10,000.00
張智理伉儷	5,000.00
陳麗英	200.00
溫祥、黎琬珍	200.00
	<u>HK\$ 15,400.00</u>

**Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired**

張智理伉儷	500.00
溫祥、黎琬珍	200.00
	<u>HK\$ 700.00</u>

**President Council**

無名氏	<u>HK\$ 10,000.00</u>
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**Diamond Jubilee Joint Programs Graduation Ceremony**

元朗浸信會	250.00
牛頭角浸信會	300.00
何文田潮語浸信會	500.00
旺角浸信會	300.00
茶果嶺浸信會	2,000.00
彩坪浸信會	300.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	300.00
觀塘浸信會	200.00
中國基督教播道會總會	300.00
李正行	10,000.00
麥王麗蘇	500.00
	<u>HK\$ 14,950.00</u>

**Ming Yee Theological Scholarship Fund**

北角浸信會	<u>HK\$ 196,700.00</u>
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**Christmas Party**

李正行	<u>HK\$ 3,000.00</u>
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**Music Development**

Kwan Yee Man	<u>HK\$ 1,000.00</u>
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Year 2011 Hill Singer Short Mission - Sichuan

Hong Kong Truth Church	629.00	沈麗娥	100.00	黃麗如	100.00
Chang Lien	5,000.00	施玲玲	200.00	黃繼珍	100.00
Hung Sheung Man Leo	700.00	柯士傑	100.00	楊佩慧	300.00
Janice Hon	300.00	徐月嫦	50.00	楊佩瑩	100.00
Keung Hung Kuen	300.00	徐詩雅	200.00	楊冠全	500.00
Lam Chiu Sam, Maggie	500.00	馬天倫	100.00	楊惠嫻	200.00
Lam Wai Chu	2,500.00	馬美蓮	100.00	萬來英	200.00
Lee Chau Sim	300.00	張珠麗	50.00	葉伯光	100.00
Maple Lam	20.00	張嘉明	500.00	葉柏豪	2,500.00
Ms Tam Mi Yuk Devon Clarice	1,000.00	張嘉明	500.00	葉偉洪	400.00
Paggie Ma	1,000.00	張慧賢	100.00	葉翠茵	100.00
Tsui Po Chu	500.00	張慧賢	100.00	廖家慶	100.00
Wong Sze Yan, Celia	500.00	張燕珊	200.00	廖詠詩	200.00
Yu Chan Yin	200.00	梁少麗	100.00	趙敏儀	100.00
石蔭官道浸信會	2,500.00	梁仲詩	100.00	鄧燕玲	300.00
基督教中華完備救恩會佐敦堂	3,000.00	梁志賢	100.00	劉小強	300.00
基石浸信會	1,666.70	梁珍萍	100.00	劉振鵬	1,000.00
通頭塘浸信會	2,838.30	梁美兒	500.00	劉麗芳	50.00
文翠琼	250.00	梁嘉恒	100.00	劉麗馨	100.00
方明傑	1,000.00	梁德銓	100.00	潘毓元	300.00
王玉瑛	40.00	梁錦常	100.00	潘耀兆	1,000.00
王秀儀	100.00	莫玉瓊	200.00	蔡志民	500.00
王敏芝	1,500.00	莊秀蘭	100.00	蔡創仁	200.00
王麗萍	50.00	許少權	2,500.00	蔡創仁	200.00
丘蓮嬌	50.00	許海森	1,000.00	蔡燕萍	1,000.00
朱美崧	50.00	郭玉璋	500.00	鄭月琴	100.00
朱英	100.00	郭美娥	1,000.00	鄭佩完	100.00
朱清嫻	100.00	郭凱邦	500.00	鄭佩霞	50.00
江姊妹	300.00	郭鳳瓊	300.00	鄭淑貞	20.00
何志超	500.00	郭慶芸	50.00	鄭勵兒	20.00
何官娣	20.00	陳少文	500.00	鄧詠筠	100.00
何淑嫻	300.00	陳月娜	50.00	鄧麗英	40.00
何細妹	50.00	陳宇程	100.00	黎嘉雄	50.00
何慕玲	500.00	陳旭倫	300.00	盧偉霞	100.00
何楓熾	1,000.00	陳佳佳	200.00	盧淑薇	200.00
何寶霞	500.00	陳佩英	100.00	盧達生	100.00
吳玉玲	100.00	陳芝琴	40.00	盧慧珊	100.00
吳妙貞	100.00	陳美儀	200.00	錢菊英	100.00
吳家善	100.00	陳英坡	200.00	霍美珊	200.00
吳保玲	200.00	陳偉發	500.00	戴笑英	200.00
吳達文	500.00	陳惠芬	50.00	繆奇華	200.00
吳懋蘭	100.00	陳棟芝	200.00	薛寶玉	200.00
呂淑儀	100.00	陳愛儀	500.00	謝新嬌	200.00
李天慧	2,500.00	陳熙慧	200.00	謝穎欣	200.00
李月兒	100.00	陳曉輝	400.00	鍾明恩	200.00
李宇海	2,500.00	陳靜雯	100.00	鍾梅英	50.00
李倩如	100.00	陳寶琪	100.00	鍾真麗	300.00
李珮琳	100.00	麥玉珍	100.00	鍾華	400.00
李偉東	200.00	麥惠禪	100.00	顏麗卿	5,000.00
李淑芳	100.00	傅國威	100.00	羅惠芳	40.00
李淑琴	200.00	彭峰	50.00	羅錦嬌	100.00
李潔英	200.00	曾慶榮	100.00	譚志恆	500.00
杜裴婉儀	2,500.00	曾詠麗	100.00	譚智康	200.00
辛德賢	2,500.00	湯美寶	50.00	譚嘉敏	2,500.00
周婉貞	200.00	程楚君	300.00	蘇美珠	400.00
屈太	100.00	辜偉雄	2,500.00	蘇雅儀	200.00
林青龍	200.00	黃志新	100.00	蘇慧盈	100.00
林美玲	1,000.00	黃志聰	200.00	蘇潔華	200.00
林美玲	100.00	黃秀銀	50.00	蘇麗華	100.00
林綺媚	500.00	黃邦榮	2,000.00	饒妙文	200.00
林綺媚	500.00	黃煥然	2,500.00	饒惠香	100.00
林慧玲	100.00	黃鎮偉	200.00	耶和華以勒	100.00
林曉蕾	100.00	黃慕雯	500.00	無名氏	200.00
林鎮發	500.00	黃潔明	5,000.00	無名氏	2,300.00
林卓慶	350.00	黃麗明	500.00		
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## Precious Moments



### **September 11 to October 9, 2011 Kwun Tong Bible Study Conference**

The Kwun Tong Bible Study Conference was jointly organized by HKBTS and Kwun Tong Baptist Church for five successive Sundays. The theme was "The Poor Are Blessed? Bible Teachings on the Ministry of the Poor." Five Biblical Studies teachers from the Seminary were the speakers. This was the fourth spiritual revival Bible study meeting following those held at Shatin, Tsuen Wan and Island South.

### **September 30 A Day of Fun and Games for Teachers and Students**

This year's venue for the Day of Fun and Games for Teachers and Students was held at the Steven Lo Kit Sing Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp in Sai Kung. It was a time when team spirit was nurtured through group games and activities designed for cultivating friendship.



### **October 10 Pastoral Continuing Education Program: Getz Lecture**

The Seminary and Kowloon City Baptist Church jointly organized this lecture and invited Dr. Gene Getz to be the speaker. Dr. Getz, who has had ample experience in church planting, spoke on the topic, "A Model of Fellowship Bible Church." The respondents were Rev. Abel Lam, Mission Pastor of Kowloon City Baptist Church and Dr. Alexander Mak of the Seminary.

### **October Alumnus Caleb Tang gave a sharing sermon in the morning chapel**

Graduated in 1959, Rev. Caleb Po-nin Tang returned to Hong Kong from the States. In the morning chapel, he recounted the Lord's blessings, shared his ministry experience and gave hearty encouragement to our students. He went to be with the Lord on December 1 shortly after returning to the States. We all miss this old alumnus who died so suddenly and pray that the Lord will comfort his family.



### **November 12 Distance Education Program: A Lecture on "The Disorder in the Churches"**

Professor Andres Tang was the speaker at this public lecture. The topic was "The Disorder in the Churches? Examining the Nature of the Church from the Perspective of the Salvation Activities of the Trinity." The lecture was held at the Seminary's Applied Theological Education Center. Prof. Tang, together with the attendants, examined the nature and purpose of Church and went on to re-examine the ministry and practice of the churches.

**November 14 Academic Seminar of Graduate Students of Local Seminaries**

The Academic Seminar of Graduate Students of Local Seminaries was jointly organized by HKBTS, China Graduate School of Theology, Evangel Seminary and Alliance Bible Seminary. It served as an academic exchange platform to graduate students.

This year's seminar was held at our Sai O campus.

Four research study reports were presented at the seminar. There was an attendance of around 50 students and teachers from the four sponsoring seminaries.



**November 23 Luncheon Sharing Meeting: Getting to Know Japanese Churches in Hong Kong**

To widen their spiritual horizon, the Student Union invited pastor Mitsumasa Shiba of the Hong Kong Japanese Christian Fellowship to share with our students.

From this occasion, students came to understand Christians from another culture and to extend care to Japanese congregations in Hong Kong.

Earlier, our students, led by teachers, visited a missional church established by Korean Christians living in Hong Kong.



**November 27 Diamond Jubilee Joint Graduation Ceremony**

It was held jointly by the Seminary's Main Campus Program, the Lay Theological Education Department and the Distance Education Program as a Diamond Jubilee celebration. Thank God for leading around 3000 guests to the Elizabeth Stadium to attend the Ceremony. Both the Seminary and the graduating students were greatly encouraged.



**December 19 Christmas Worship: Teachers, Students and Staff Praising the Lord Jesus' Coming**

This year a hundred strong alumni returned to their alma mater for a reunion and to celebrate the birth of our Savior together with our teachers, students and staff. Many of our alumni made special arrangements to return and many brought along their families.

Their return made the special Christmas season even more joyful and warm.

