



## Training for Full-Time Serving Ones

On December 6-9th, 2017, there was a Training for Full-Time Serving Ones of the churches in India which was held in Chennai where 95 serving ones, including 3 from the overseas, were gathered together. The General Subject of this training was “The Building up of the Body of Christ with its Organic Practice”. The title of the four messages were as follows: 1.) Gaining Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ; 2.) Living a Shepherding Life for the Building Up of the Body of Christ; 3.) Shepherding the Saints to Enter into the Riches of the Word; 4.) Being Perfected in Prophecy for the Building Up of the Body of Christ. During the messages, the brothers brought out the burden that as we are serving in different areas, there is a great need to establish two models - the model of the corporate God-man living, and the model of the God-ordained way.



During the training, the brothers demonstrated with the serving ones of how to carry out the home meeting with the new ones effectively by using the *Materials for Shepherding the New Believers* (96 topics with 6 series - The High Gospel, The Assurance of Salvation, The Spiritual Aspiration, The Spirit and the Life, The Revelation of the Truth, The Proper Church Life), which is both concise and adequate, having no need for further explanation.

The only need is to repeat what is read, to emphasize what is read, to read in a living way, and to pray-read. By this way, the new ones can be shepherded in a solid way and this kind of shepherding can be done regularly. The brothers also helped the serving ones prepare the draft of prophecy, having the definite topic, Bible verse(s), crucial points of truth, and the application, with much preparation and prayer to speak for the Lord, to speak forth the Lord and to speak the Lord into one another for the building up of the Body of Christ.

In addition, in order for our service to be effective and for our church life to advance continuously, having statistics is indispensable. Below is a quotation from brother Lee:

“We must prepare a sheet of statistics. You should never consider that this is not spiritual. If we had started doing the statistics ten years ago, we would have gained one hundred thousands more by now. This matter concerning fruit bearing is likened to farming, our condition is one that has not labored in the farm for ten years, and we have nothing to reap at all. If we would have started this from 1957 and calculated our increase rate of 10% annually, the number of people would have been fifteen times more than today.” (1985, *Translated from Chinese* - Chapter 7, *Being Faithful and Diligent to Preach the Truth*)

In the training the brothers also rendered particular help to all the serving ones that in our church life, we must practice the spiritual charter, which is the cross, Christ as life, the Holy Spirit, the headship of Christ, the Body, a general attitude toward our fellow believers, and the Word of God. Without any one of these 7 points of spiritual charter, sooner or later we will run into trouble in our service and the local churches cannot be built up in where we are.



May the Lord continue His perfecting work in all the full-time serving ones in India in the coming months so that all the serving ones can be a proper person in life and thus become channels in the service to minister life for the building up of the Body of Christ with its organic practice.

### **National College Students Training**



On December 23-26th, 2017, there was a National College Students' Training for all the churches in India which was held in Chennai where we had the highest number of saints attending so far. There was a total of 513 young people, college students, and young working saints gathered together, including saints from the states in North India (35), Maharashtra (47), Northeast (15), Karnataka (45), Kerala (68), AP &

T (112), Tamil Nadu (188), and 3 other saints from the overseas. The Lord is surely strengthening the fellowship and coordination among the churches in India. Many of the students came for the first time, including some gospel friends, 15 of them eventually were baptized during this training. We believe that the blessing of so many coming was partially a result of the recent National Blending Conference. One student from the Northeast testified, "I thank the Lord and the saints for the training. To see young people from all over India has strengthened my faith and belief."

The General Subject of the training was "Knowing, Seeing, and Gaining God in an Age of Godlessness". The Lord's speaking was progressive throughout the training. The speaking began with great light exposing that this evil age we live in is just like the days of Noah. This is a great sign that the Lord is coming is soon. One student testified that "In this training, I was given a warning about the age I



live in, an age of godlessness”. As the messages progressed, we were unveiled to know who our God is with His life and nature, His attributes, the desire of His heart, and His good pleasure. We saw the progression from knowing God by the hearing of the ear, to seeing and gaining Him by beholding Him through His word. The training concluded with a message entitled, “Becoming the Mystery of Godliness in an Age of Ungodliness.”



The students were given verses to memorize throughout the duration of the training. About 40 received a reward for scoring above a 95% score on the written test. The students also prophesied and practiced Recovery Version Study Groups (RSG) in small groups.

Furthermore, the three main burdens during the college training were 1.) to strengthen the practices of RSG, 2.) preaching the gospel, and 3.) joining the full time training in FTTND. We introduced a social media platform through the “LINE” app to help students practice RSG. We

also had a special fellowship and testimonies about preaching the gospel to their acquaintances. Many students responded with their realization of the need of speaking for the Lord in their daily living. One student testified “I need to be constituted with the word of God. This infilling will lead to the outflowing.”

There was also a time of FTTND presentation which was one of the highlights of the training and training applications were given out afterwards. Many testified that they would like to come to the training after college, and many also showed interest in coming to the short-term training this May during the break. One student testified, “I just came to the training because saints asked me to come. I was not enjoying the Lord. Through the training, I was encouraged to join FTTND after [college]. I am for the Lord. I want to be useful to the Lord.” May the Lord gain many more young “soldiers” to be trained and perfected for His move on this earth.

#### Prayer Points for College Students:

- 1 That the Lord would preserve the young ones from the godlessness of this age, by making these young people a generation in India that would know, see, and gain God to become the mystery of godliness as the built up church for the fulfillment of His purpose.
- 2 That the students would practice RSG in their localities with the help of the “LINE” App.
- 3 That the students would have companions in their localities and would preach the gospel to their acquaintances.
- 4 That 20 would join FTTND training next term in January, and 40 would come for the short-term training in the month of May.



## **Brief Update from the Church(es) on the Practice of the God-Ordained Way**

### **Church in Hyderabad**

Presently there are 89 saints gathering weekly on Lord's day in the church in Hyderabad. We are endeavoring to have a solid breakthrough in the functioning of the saints in the matter of weekly going out. 22% of the saints go out weekly to contact seeking ones and conduct the home meetings in the new ones homes.

In June of 2017 we have received 15000 copies of the book entitled "Overcoming Life" through the Lord's provision in the Body with a view to contact the seeking ones in Hyderabad. In order to find out the genuine seeking ones we have printed out the pamphlets which are an extract from the book "Overcoming Life". Saints are encouraged to distribute these pamphlets in an big open meetings held in Hyderabad and also during Christmas holiday season. We also went for door knocking to give the "Overcoming Life" pamphlets and the books, and through this distribution we have received some open contacts with whom are under our shepherding.



We can testify that many new ones are enjoying weekly home meetings and group meetings which are the means to bring many of the new ones into the church life. Moreover, the enjoyment of the saints in the prophesying meeting has been increasing through the saints regular entering into the ministry and His up-to-date speaking.

### **Prayer Burden (January 2018)**

1. Pray for all the 513 young ones who have joined the National College Students last month in Chennai, that the Lord can continue to speak in each one of them and to live a life of knowing, seeing and gaining God in this age of godlessness for the sake of His testimony on the earth.
  2. Pray for various Trainings for Responsible Brothers for the churches in Kerala on Jan. 6-7, for the churches in Tamil Nadu on Jan. 13-15, and for all the churches in India on Jan. 27-28, that the Lord can use these trainings to perfect all the brothers in the churches unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ.
  3. Pray for the coming propagation of the college students from Taiwan on Jan. 29 to Feb. 7, that the Lord can cover their tripartite beings and make them fruitful by the branches abiding in the True Vine.
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