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GTIS Cambodia – helping hands from NP team



In September, a group of Ngee Ann Polytechnic students went to the School to return the football field and paint murals on the walls at the canteen.

We are grateful to the management of Ngee Ann Polytechnic for making regular trips to the School to assist in training our teaching staff and contributing to the facilities.





GTIS retreat for teachers and admin staff

By Richard Toh

GTIS Staff Retreat on August 29-31 2016

Bro Charles and I conducted a retreat for 28 teachers and administrative staff of Glad Tidings International School on 29-31 August. School vacation is in the months of August & September, and before the teachers return for academic training in September, we felt that it would be good to start with them being spiritually refreshed unlike previous retreats which



were held at the end of the training.

We covered on the "Inner Life of a Disciple" which required uprooting of bad habits & attitudes besides hidden sins. It was a time of 'removing, releasing, and receiving God's renewal of our lives.





A gathering of the faithful

By Charles Vun

Advanced Timothy Program 20 – 21 Sep 2016 in Butwal, Nepal

The Advanced Timothy Program (ATP) is conducted once a year with graduates of our CPI (church-planting) program. Its aim is to encourage and refresh these church planters in the field. The majority of them come from rural villages across Nepal. Over a period of 15 years, ICM Singapore has trained nearly 900 church planters who have planted around 400 churches.

This ATP was conducted in Butwal, a provincial centre in central Nepal and was hosted by Pastor Gopi and his church. Pastor Gopi exemplifies the spirit of many CPI graduates. After graduating from CPI 5 years ago, he boldly planted 6 churches, totalling more than 600 members.

Indeed, stories of such phenomenal church growth abound across rural Nepal. Our hearts are filled with joy to hear of revivals, restoration of communities and a rekindling of hope among a

people who have suffered so much over the recent past. Yet amidst this, we are keenly aware that the Nepalese church faces increasing persecution. Many of our church-planters encounter loneliness and numerous day-to-day problems. Others experienced high levels of anxiety and feelings of inadequacy. These are reasons why we conduct ATP yearly.

At Butwal, we gathered more than 50 church planters from western and central Nepal to reaffirm their callings and to point them to the abundance of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Richard Toh and I stressed to them the importance of growing their inner lives and in disciple-making. We also spent consi-



Pastor Gopi calling upon the power of God



Village church planters worshipping and praying to God



Pastor Nehemiah ministering to the village church planters

derable time in praying and ministering to their needs. There were much tears as the Holy Spirit removes and restores.

The road ahead for many Nepalese church planters would be long and difficult. They must not be allowed to journey alone. ATP is critical, but it alone is inadequate. Our CPI trainers in Kathmandu must also step up their pastoral visits to the far-flung villages. Crucially, we recognized that village church planters need to minister and encourage one another. They have a better understanding of and an easier access to one another.

NOTE: We welcome your gifts and participation in our Nepal mission. We are in need of \$3,000 to buy a motorbike and \$2,000 for fuel costs. Please write 'Nepal' behind your cheques.



Church-planters attending ATP

CPI training graduate Maya's testimony

Maya was an illiterate before she came to CPI training in 2007. Her husband encouraged her to take up private lessons as she was too shy to join the tiny tots.

When her husband was kidnapped by the Maoists (communist rebels) to join the insurgency, she single-handedly brought up her two young children. She decided to enrol in bible school but she had no paper qualification. She heard of CPI training program and went through the 8 months course. Within a year of her graduation, she started a house group which grew to 70 members. The Lord provided a single storey building for the gathering, and we were there to dedicate the church building 5 years ago.

During her husband's disappearance, she was sexually harassed by Maoist soldiers.



She recounted the difficult years as a woman bringing up her children in a remote village north east of Kathmandu. A very resourceful woman, she planted crops and reared chicken for sale.

Today her husband has returned home and is serving the Lord together with her.

Her testimony: "The Lord is good and His mercy endures forever".

Graduate Martha's testimony

Martha is a quiet and unassuming CPI graduate/church planter. She went home to her village and started a cell group. Her father gave his ancestral land to build a church.



Today, she conducts bible study and worship, assisted by her sister.



God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all

By Alice Koh

Sometime in June 2016, the Lord impressed upon my heart to go to Nepal and so when I found that ICM had a mission trip in September 2016, I wrote in and signed up for the mission trip without knowing what I had to do.

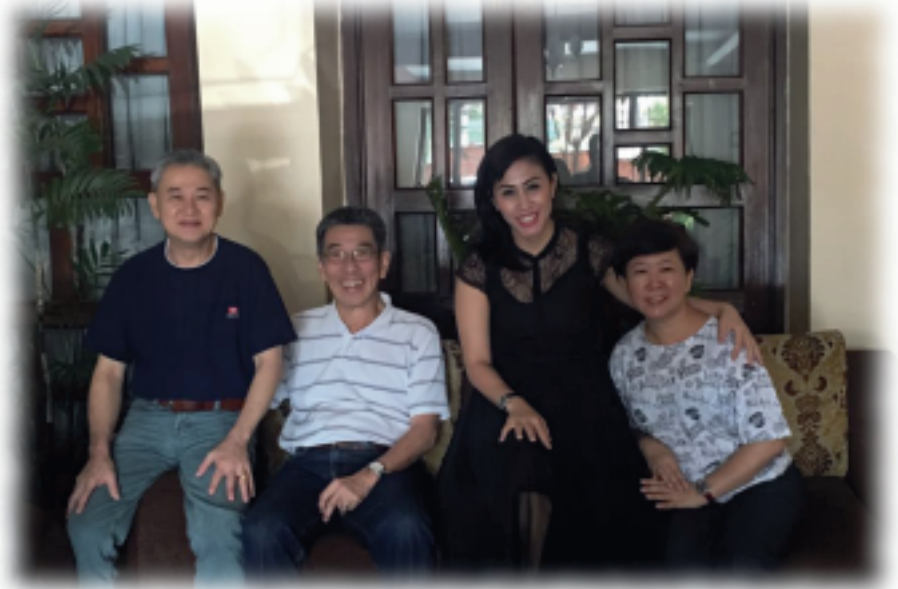
On 8th August, I met up with Brother Charles and Brother Lye Fei and Sister Sarah Jacob to discuss the mission trip, and by faith, I took up three training lessons, two for the Timothy Training and one for Women's Ministry.

On the night after our meeting, before I went to bed, I was reading the ICMLink Newsletter which Brother Lye Fei gave to me and when I turned to the page about Nepal, I started to cry. I felt in my heart that the ladies were under oppression.

On 18th September, I finally stepped into Nepal once again after 16 years. I was excited to revisit Nepal and to see how this nation is doing after the earthquake in 2015.

This mission trip was not like the other mission trips that I participated in before, due to the change of flight schedule, we had our R&R on the first day (19th September) and the teaching sessions started on the second day. I felt that this truly reinforces the topic that Brother Lye Fei taught on "Rest In The Lord". Many times, we focus on work first then rest but this time, the Lord seemed to be telling us to rest in Him first before work.

Four of us – Lye Fei, Peter,



Mission team in Kathmandu

Sarah and I – visited one of the shawl sellers in Thamel, Kathmandu.

The ICM team had shared the gospel with this shawl seller and prayed for him in their previous trip. During this visit, Sister Sarah got a word of knowledge from the Lord to pray for his right leg. When she told the shawl seller that the Lord wanted her to pray for his right leg, he was shocked and asked, "How do you know?"

His right leg had been injured in a motorbike accident. After sister Sarah prayed for him, we continued to share with him about Jesus and finally, he was convinced and prayed to receive Christ.

On 20th September, Brother Peter led the morning devotion. He shared about Peter stepping out of the boat and about the Lord telling Moses to use what's in his hand. I was touched by the sharing because that was

exactly what the Lord told me in the morning. I have always felt inadequate when it comes to teaching and have been avoiding it. So I was very encouraged by his sharing to put my trust in the Lord.

When we arrived at the Bible School, I was very impressed by what Pastor Nehemiah and his church members had done. By faith, they had built the church, the school, the orphanage and the Bible Training School within a period of a few years.

There were about 40 participants for the current Advanced Timothy batch, about half of the were ladies and a majority of them were around 25 to 40 years old. I felt that the ladies are beginning to rise up.

Finally, when it was my turn to teach, I suddenly felt lost, all the notes that I had prepared became unfamiliar to me, I just had to speak whatever comes to by mind. I felt sad for not



following the notes. Brother Lye Fei reminded me not to worry but let God be in control and to remember that whatever we do, do it whole heartedly for the Lord – to the audience of One.

On 21st September, Sister Sarah and I were tasked to do Women's Ministry. About 50 women attended the session. In the session, there isn't a lady musician. I do hope that one day, there will be a lady musician rising up to serve the Lord.

I started by sharing on the topic "Worship" and praying for the sick before lunch break. After lunch, Sister Sarah was supposed to teach on "Prayer" but she was led by the Holy Spirit to get all participants to stand in rows and started praying in the Spirit for 15 minutes. Initially, about five participants already baptized in the Holy Spirit prayed in tongues while the others just prayed in their own language.

But as we continued to pray aloud and forcefully in the Spirit, we felt the strong presence of the Lord. Many ladies started to weep and some were slain as the leaders went round to lay hands and pray for them. We felt that it was like in the day of Pentecost when tongues of fire came down from above. By the end of the session, another five ladies were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Glory to God!

The day of graduation for Timothy course was on 23 September. I felt unspeakable joy especially when I heard that some of the Timothy course students have travelled about three to four days to come for the training, it just broke my heart to see how much they thirst for the Lord and desire to be equipped for the Kingdom of God.



Lye Fei congratulates a CPI graduate



A speech by brother Charles Vun at the graduation ceremony



Sharing the gospel to the seller of shawls

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Equipping for the Kingdom of God



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Many of them will be raised up to be great army for the Lord, to shake the nation.

We also visited the shawl seller once again. I can see that his countenance has changed. When I first saw him on Monday, he looked troubled but by then,

there was a much softer look on his face. He looked more peaceful and with smile on his face. Praise the Lord!

In such a time like this, regardless of the new Constitution that was implemented in September last year that "any act to convert another person from one religion to another, or any act or

behavior to undermine or jeopardize the religion of another will be punishable by law", there are groups of Timothy Christians who are still courageously sharing the gospel,. This nation will surely be transformed with more people giving their life to God.

To God Be The Glory!

ICM Singapore Calendar of Events 2017

Note: Please check our website and Facebook page regularly for updates and changes.

Jan 14-16 Bandung, Indonesia Planning Retreat	Jun 24 Singapore BOD/Luncheon
Feb 14-18 Nepal Advanced Timothy Training	Jul (TBA) Myanmar CPI Training
Feb 14-24 Myanmar CPI 4 Training	Jul 27-31 Cambodia GTIS 10th Anniv Celebration
Mar 6-12 Nepal CPI Training	Aug 31-Sep 2 Singapore IDMC
Mar 25 Singapore BOD Meeting/Luncheon	Sep 16 Singapore AGM
Mar (TBA) Japan Pastor & Marketplace Ministry	Sep (TBA) Myanmar CPI Training
Apr 24-May 1 Sri Lanka CPI Training/Marketplace Ministry	Oct 2-8 Nepal CPI Training 8: Graduation
May 3-12 Central Asia Pastors Conf/CPI Training	Oct 15-21 Davao/Panabo CPI Training/Graduation
May 15-20 Davao/Panabo CPI Training/Marketplace Ministry	Mid Oct Thailand Annual Fire Conference
Jun 5-8 Nepal Advanced Timothy Training	Nov 17 Singapore ICMS 27th Anniv Dinner
Jun (TBA) HCM, Vietnam Pastors Conference	Nov (TBA) Sri Lanka CPI Training/Graduation
	Nov (TBA) Myanmar CPI 7
	Dec 7-13 Cambodia/Thailand Annual Christmas Outreach

Front cover photo caption: Pastor Nehemiah baptizing a lady in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

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