

## **REPORT ON MYANMAR MISSION TRIP (15-18 FEBRUARY 2019)**

This mission trip was by the higher hand of the Lord when Pastor received an invitation by Rev Thwang, the Principal to deliver the keynote message for the 6th Graduation Service of Biblical Institute of Theology (BIT) which was held on 17 February 2019.

As Pastor had earlier arranged for Preacher Mok of NLBPC London to speak at our worship service on 17 February 2019, thus it was indeed the Lord's perfect timing and will for us to go on this trip. Although the trip was mainly for this speaking engagement at BIT, we managed to arrange some other programmes and activities so as to make good use of our time in Myanmar and ministered the word to others as well.

On the first day (15 Feb) afternoon, we had a 2½ hours programme with 14 children at 'Bryce Home 5' orphanage managed by Eld. Habakkuk. The programme included teaching them 6 praise and thanksgiving songs, a bible lesson sharing from the Book of the Gospel of Luke 19:1-10 about the story of 'Jesus and Zaccheus', 5 outdoor games which the children enjoyed very much. The children also received a goodie bag each which consisted of various gift items like pen, book, chocolates...specially prepared by sister Kin Kheng and Say Poe.

On the second day (16 Feb) morning, we had a bible seminar with 30 students of Yangon BP Church & Bible College which was arranged by Rev. Kim Khawl. The title of the seminar is "Canonicity, Authority, Sufficiency and the History of the Bible". The students were very keen and eager to learn and they also showed great interest in asking various questions.

On the third day (17 Feb) morning, was the day of graduation for 9 students from the Biblical Institute of Theology (6 students with Bachelor of Theology and 3 students with Diploma of Ministry). After graduation, these students will return to their various home tribe serving in their respective churches or out in the wide mission fields of Myanmar.

Pastor delivered the keynote message from the book of Daniel, Chapter 1 verses 8 to 21 to a crowd of 200 people, among them are college students, different church members and their family members and others. The content of the message challenged and exhorted the graduates to remain faithful to the Lord and steadfast in their service for the Lord – bring home the ‘5sC’ (Conviction / Communication / Companion / Competent / Commendation) in our relationship with God and others.

Also, by the higher hand of God on this Sabbath afternoon, we were able to visit a house church (Evangel BPC Myanmar) in South Dagon started by Pastor Jeremy Peka one and half years ago and he was a former student of Pastor Jack. There were about 30 people (children, youth and elderly adults) coming for worship service every Sunday at 3pm at the home of Pastor Jeremy. Pastor Jack shared on his message from Jude 20 & 21 – reminding the beloved 4 main points:

- \* building up our holy faith (reading and studying the bible daily)
- \* praying in the Holy Spirit (maintaining a prayerful life)
- \* keeping ourselves in the love of God (remain faithful to the Lord)
- \* looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life (be hopeful of our future in Christ’s second coming) and I gave a short testimony as well.

This house church ministry is only about 1½ years old and we thank God that we could be there to support and to encourage the pastor and the members.

We also had a great time of fellowship over lunch and dinner with several pastors, namely Rev. Thawng Nei Bil, Eld Habakkuk, Rev. Kim Khawl, Rev. Salai, Rev. Ian Zel and Rev. David Khobal.

On the last day (18 Feb), before our departure in the evening, we managed to spend some time in the city area and also visited the Bible Society of Myanmar, buying some books, bibles and souvenirs for our church members.

We thank God for a truly fruitful and meaningful time in ministering to the saints there – building up their faith and encouraging one another in our walk with the Lord and let us uphold them in much prayer as they serve the Lord and advance his kingdom in Myanmar and beyond. Amen.

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