

May 2020

Dear Prayer Partners,

More than ten years ago, when I was still ministering in a small church, we with the grace of the Lord, were able to move from a forty-year-old building in Yau Ma Tei with an area of less than 1,700 square feet and relocate to a brand new building of over 10,000 square feet in San Po Kong. Although there were many difficulties in the process, we could say that everything really began with prayers.

I recalled that we designated one Sunday, which after our service, we booked a few tour buses and took all our church members to visit the new premises that we planned to buy. At that time, the place was just a vacant unit with virtually nothing, and our first meeting held there was a prayer meeting. I invited a group of young believers to lead hymns. I still remember the chorus of the hymn they chose at that time:

Little dream can accomplish big things,
just look up to the power of Heavenly Father
Little dream can change the world, bringing hope for tomorrow

At that time, several young church members at first did not attend this special prayer meeting as they were busy in preparing for the public examination. But then, they were moved by God and managed to rush over just before the congregation was about to leave. Although the gathering of these young people praying for the purchase of the new church premises has become history, the scene at that time was still vividly in front of me. Our prayers, whether from the whole church or from those young people who subsequently joined us, were earnest and with expectations. Thanks to the Lord, He listened to our prayers, and in an almost impossible situation, we completed the purchase of the church premises.

We Christians all know that we need to pray, but unless we love to pray and believe in prayers, otherwise duty-bound prayer meetings will only waste us more energy, and certainly will not give rise to any spiritual results. I am indeed very grateful to the strong prayer support from all who cares about Evangel Seminary, and I am looking forward that in this challenging time, we all love to pray and believe in prayers.

Please pray with us for the following:

## 1. Enrollment

We are enrolling students for the coming new school year. We pray that the Lord of harvest will guide the workers He called into the seminary to be equipped and become the instrument suitable for His use.



## 2. Mainland Ministry

Please continue to remember our participation in theological education in the Mainland, and ask the Lord to give us wisdom and ability to know how to grasp the opportunities given in the current environment, and to make good use of the resources the Lord provides to carry out His work diligently.

## 3. Golden Age Ministry Course Development

We give thanks to God that our new two-year Golden Age certificate course has begun on May 19. May the Lord use the lecturers and the subjects taught to nurture golden age believers, so that they can reflect their faith according to biblical truth, and reflect their life integrating their experiences, to prepare them to move on to their next stage of life, and to respond to the call of the Lord to serve faithfully in church or community, so as to live a better and richer retirement life for God.

## 4. Selling of Properties

We are still selling our dormitory at 15 Cumberland Road. Although the global economy is in decline, we are convinced that the Lord will provide. God controls all things and is our provider. His timing and arrangement are the best. Please continue to pray for us in selling the property and ask the Lord that we can wait for Him with one heart and experience His deeds and guidance together.

Finally, please also remember the graduation ceremony this year in prayers. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Commencement originally being held on June 1, 2020 has been re-scheduled to October 19 (Monday) and will be held together with our 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary thanksgiving service. Please also remember the graduates this year in prayers. May they trust the Lord so that they can be His faithful servant of this era.

Together we serve in Christ,

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