



September 2020

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thanks be to our Lord, who notwithstanding the upheaval throughout Hong Kong and worldwide, enables us to continue with our role of theological education. Looking back the past two years, the Lord's blessings on Evangel Seminary were astonishing. Amongst them were the campus relocation to Mei Foo at an unexpected timing; lecturers serving faithfully until their retirement; new lecturers joining the faculty (including several faculty-in-training); the on-going mainland ministry despite the difficult circumstances; the financial support from both local and overseas; and the support from an ex-member of the Board of Directors, not only during his lifetime, but also after his death by donating part of his estate to the seminary. All these made me marvel the power of God who works His miraculous deeds through a fragile vessel.

As for myself, I am thankful to our Lord for giving me the opportunity to be the speaker preaching the Revival Message in this year's Hong Kong Bible Conference at a very short notice. I knew very well that it was the grace of God that upheld me so that I could deliver these ten sermons. At about the same time, Mooki, my grandson living in Bangkok, was diagnosed lymphoma. His condition was once very acute with only a half chance of survival. We could only earnestly pray to our Lord, but amazingly, Christians we do not know from all over the world are so caring that they pray together for us and have given us a lot of support. This is truly the abundant grace of the Lord!

Affected by the third wave of the epidemic in Hong Kong, we have shifted to online teaching. Thanks be to God, the epidemic seems to be gradually under control with primary and secondary schools also planning to resume classes in the short term. Evangel Seminary has also decided to fully resume face-to-face courses at the end of September, hoping that would benefit our students more. The admissions for this academic year are as follows:

DMin (Doctor of Ministry) 1

ThM (Master of Theology) 8

MDiv (Master of Divinity Full Time) 8

MABS (Master of Arts in Biblical Studies) 12

PDBS (Postgraduate Diploma in Biblical Studies) 12

PDCE* (Postgraduate Diploma in Christian Education) 1

Total number of students enrolled: 42 students

**New courses in September 2019*

(Note: The total number of students enrolled in 18-19 is 44, and in 19-20 is 63)



In addition to these master level courses, we also have two-year certificate courses for equipping lay Christians in areas including worship, golden age and children ministries. With the changing circumstances, we are planning to conduct systematic online programs. Please pray for the future development of Evangel Seminary. In this rapidly changing era, we will continue to uphold the truth of the Bible, and at the same time, we can effectively train full-time ministers that meet the needs of the generation.

The graduation ceremony that has always been held in June, was re-scheduled to October to be held together with our Anniversary celebration due to the impact of the epidemic. However, after much consideration, we finally decided to cancel this year's graduation ceremony and Anniversary celebration. This was a difficult decision, but for the sake of everyone's safety and our witness to society, we reluctantly made this decision. Please remember our graduates in prayers, their real test is how to be faithful and good servants in this precarious time. As the President, I sincerely bless them and look forward to walking with them for the rest of my life.

Please also remember our faculty and staff in prayers. Several of them as well as their family members were seriously ill, and some even passed away. Pray that the mercy of our Lord be with them, and at the same time let us learn to love and support each other. May the Lord grant strength to our Vice President, Alfred Suen and also Dr. Mavis Leung, who are taking their sabbatical leave this semester, both working hard in their writings. Please also pray for Dr. Josaphat Tam, who has been recommended by the Faculty and appointed by the Board of Directors to serve as the Academic Dean from this semester. I would also like to express my gratitude to Alfred for taking up this position faithfully over the years and I am grateful to the Lord for all his hard work.

At the beginning of this month, we held a youth music revival meeting. Although it could only be held online, we are grateful to God that more than 600 people watched the live broadcast that night, and thousands of people watched it in the next two days. May the Lord use the message of that evening to move more young Christians to respond to the calling that the Lord has given them in this age. Recently, I am also assisting some backsliding pastors, hoping that they could repent and serve God again.

After reading this prayer letter, you are invited to take a moment to offer your prayers for Evangel Seminary; you are also welcome to let us know how we can pray for you.

Together we serve in Christ,

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