

April 2022

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thanks to the grace of the Lord, since our relocation to the new campus in Mei Foo, notwithstanding the epidemic and immigration wave affecting Hong Kong churches, we are able to have obvious growth in students taking certificate courses and Master of Divinity and other programs. In Spring 2022, under the impact of the fifth wave of the epidemic, all our courses have suspended face-to-face teaching and are held online instead; all other gatherings are also held online or via zoom. Praise the Lord that with the new facilities and information technology of the Mei Foo campus, we were able to adjust smoothly and cope with the great need of conducting online classes.

Please continue to pray earnestly for the seminary:

1. 2022-23 Enrolment

We have commenced the enrolment for the new school year, the deadline of which is on May 11. We ask the Lord of the harvest to guide those whom He has called to our seminary to be equipped and become a suitable instrument for His use. I believe that given the current epidemic and immigration wave, under which Hong Kong churches are facing a lot of difficulties, the enrolment for this year is another challenge for us.

2. Sale of Property

Please continue to remember the sale of 55 and 59 Cumberland Road in prayers. We will have to sell at least one more property in order to put an end to the entire campus relocation plan. Although the economic climate is not ideal, we still believe that “the Lord will provide” is in control; He is our provider, and His timing and arrangements are the best. May we all look to our Lord and experience His work and guidance together.

3. Bachelor of Arts/Advanced Diploma in Christian Studies (Online Learning)

We have launched a new online theological course under which students during the semester can take courses flexibly on their own through self-study



materials (such as videos), complete the home assignments, and communicate with teachers on a regular basis online. This course comprises both the modes of distance learning and online learning and is suitable for Christians who cannot take regular on-campus classes for various reasons, overseas Chinese Christians, and Christians who are preparing or exploring serving in full-time ministry. The deadline for enrolment is May 11 and the course will commence in September. It is hoped that this course can equip believers to deepen their faith with in-depth learning without the restriction bound by time or space.

4. Mainland Ministry

Please continue to remember in prayers our participation in theological education in China. As affected by the epidemic, we are not able to conduct face-to-face teaching. May the Lord grant us wisdom and strength, and to know how to grasp the opportunities given by the Lord in the current environment to make good use of the resources He has provided in doing His work diligently.

5. Financial Need of the Seminary

With the grace of God, on December 31 last year, all the sale procedures for our former campus at No. 15, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, were successfully completed. Moreover, with our supporters' willingness to give in response to God's move, and also willingness to lend interest-free loans to us, we were able to advance repayment of part of our bank loan and reduce the huge monthly interest expense. From the initial monthly interest payment of over HK\$600,000, the monthly interest expense has now been reduced to about HK\$290,000. Please continue to pray for our seminary. Under the current economic climate in Hong Kong, we are facing unprecedented financial pressure. The deficit of our recurring expenses in the first half of this year has exceeded HK\$2 million. May I invite your giving to meet our financial needs in accordance with God's moving in you.

Finally, please also pray for our graduation ceremony held on June 6 this year. The graduation ceremony will be held at Kowloon City Baptist Church. The speaker is Rev. Samuel CHU Wing-wah, the President Emeritus of Hong Kong Theological Seminary. We ask our Heavenly Father to grant wisdom, so that we can observe the preventive measures for the epidemic, particularly with regard to the restrictions on



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the number of people and other administrative arrangements. Please pray for the 58 graduates, that they will rely on the Lord to be the workers responding to the call of this era. At the same time, given the difficulty to predict the epidemic situation in half-year's time, the celebration for the 90th anniversary of the seminary will be postponed to next year. I am looking forward to counting the grace of God with you at that time!

Together we serve in Christ,

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