

January 2022

Dear Prayer Partners,

At the beginning of the new year, I would first wish you all Happy New Year, overflowing with blessings.

We are so grateful to the Lord that we have successfully completed all the transaction procedures for our old campus at No. 15 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong (our former dormitory) on December 31 last year. In addition to reducing the current monthly interest paid to the bank by nearly half, the sale also enables the new purchaser to dedicate the entire property to God. Starting from January, the adjacent Bible Seminary of Hong Kong can use the campus for free for at least ten years. We praise the Lord for this wonderful outcome.

In addition, God allowed me to go to Vancouver, Canada in September 2021 to take my sabbatical leave offered by the seminary. I thank God that in addition to completing the book on *Pneumatology*, which should have been completed long ago, I also had the opportunity to meet alumni, our supporting churches, organizations, and fellow Christians there. Since many new immigrants from Hong Kong went to Vancouver in recent years, the local churches have been trying to adapt and make changes. I am also grateful that even though I had to quarantine in a hotel for three weeks after returning from Canada, I got more time to finish my writing. With the Lord's permission, *Pneumatology* should be published within this year.

Please continue to pray earnestly for the development of the seminary:

- 1. Master of Arts & Post-Graduate Diploma in Worship Studies: The first Master of Arts in Worship Studies (MAWS), to be commenced in late January, will train leaders in the worship ministry of the church. At the same time, we also offer Post-Graduate Diploma in Worship Studies (PDWS) to strengthen the training of believers who are willing to serve in the worship ministry. The MAWS and the PDWS enrolled 10 and 13 students respectively.
- Graduation Ceremony of the Golden Age Development Certificate Course: The first Graduation Ceremony was held on January 8, with a total of 45 graduates. Dr. Tsang Nai-ming, the Visiting Faculty of Practical Theology, was the speaker at the



graduation ceremony, and his sermon was titled "Doubts in Graduation Ceremony." I sincerely hope that all graduates, after completing this two-year course, are equipped to respond to their calling and walk the journey ahead glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 3. **Retreat Camp:** The Retreat Camp for the spring semester will be held at Mui Wo Methodist Retreat Centre from January 18 to 20, 2022, with our Faculty Emeritus, Mr. Thomas Loong being the speaker. As for our evening revival meeting for the new semester to be held on January 21, Dr. Mavis Leung will be our speaker. Pray that the Lord will use the messages of Mr. Loong and Dr. Leung such that before the start of the semester, our students can get close to God and renew their strength to face the learning and ministry ahead.
- 4. Open Day: It will be held on March 5 with the theme of "Responding to the Cries of the Times," and I will be the speaker. Applications are now being accepted until February 22. Pray that the Lord will use this event and personally lead those who are willing to devote themselves to serving the Lord to participate, so that they can seek and know God's will.
- 5. Recruitment of Director of Publicity: Although we feel sorry for the resignation of Rev. Samuel Lui at the end of December 2021, we are also grateful that Rev. Lui can finally reunite with his family in Australia after nearly two years of separation. At the same time, we need to find a suitable person to serve as the Director of Publicity. Let's pray that God will prepare for us.

Please also continue to pray for the pandemic affecting the world, asking the Lord to have mercy on us. Pray also for the current and future changes in Hong Kong such that we see the significance of God's words and theological education in times of turmoil.

I sincerely wish you all that, in the New Year,

through prayer, you experience God more, your spiritual life progress, and your body and mind be healthier!



Together we serve in Christ,

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Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. (Deut. 7:9)

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