

February, 2023

Dear Prayer Partners,

In this new Spring, I wish that you will all experience God's abundant grace in the coming year, especially in prayers, seeing God's faithfulness and that He hears our prayers.

Evangel Seminary was established in Guangzhou in 1932 (the then Canton Bible Institute). Last year was our 90th anniversary, but due to the impact of the epidemic, the Board of Directors decided to postpone the entire celebration plan for one year. With the grace of the Lord, the Board of Directors and the organizing committee of the anniversary all agreed that the celebration should not be just short-term events for the "insiders," and that we should rethink the mission of theological education, and through this to make a greater contribution to the Chinese churches. Therefore, we promote a campaign called "Walk the Gospel in the Community" and invited Rev. Erica Chan, the pastor in charge of the Christian Sheun Tao Church, to assist to implement this campaign. It is intended that, in the coming year, the participating churches will be able to combine the gospel we believe with the needs of the local community, such that believers and their neighbors can experience the transformation of lives through the power of the gospel. At first, we expected about 10 to 15 churches to participate, but thank God, the Holy Spirit has prepared the hearts of pastors and believers of the Hong Kong churches, and with the efforts of our colleagues, there are now 27 participating churches. All participating teams will first attend training at our seminary in February, and then Rev. Erica Chan will guide the implementation of the proposal for each individual church. Please keep praying that not only the plans of these 27 churches will be successful, but also that "Walk the Gospel in the Community" will become a long-term campaign to transform the Hong Kong churches.

Thank God for giving me the opportunity to lead the Winter Camp in West Vancouver during last Christmas and to preach in different churches there on three Sundays. In addition to meeting with the directors of the Acacia Spring Society, which cooperates with Evangel Seminary (if Canadian believers donate to Evangel Seminary through this organization, they will be issued tax deduction receipts recognized by Canada), I also met supporters and some of the alumni serving in Vancouver. Today, the Hong Kong churches are facing the challenge of emigration.



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My wish is that believers will continue to love God's Word and carry the mission of preaching His Word no matter where they go. Please also pray for our new online course (Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies, BACS), and ask the Lord to use this course to bless more overseas believers or those who are more convenient to study online.

Recently, the border of China and Hong Kong has been re-opened, churches and seminaries in China are facing severe challenges after the epidemic. I look forward to visiting them again in the near future, so that we can know more about their needs and continue to walk more effectively with our fellow Christians in the Mainland. Please also pray for our ministry in the Mainland.

I believe that you have heard from different sources that I will retire as the President of Evangel Seminary at the end of this year. I am very grateful that I have been serving in Evangel Seminary for the past ten years; the Lord has given me a very fulfilling and valuable experience, which I hope I can share with you in detail in future. Please pray for the successor to the President of Evangel Seminary. The President is a very significant position in the seminary. May the Lord prepare for us the next President who is educated, upholds the orthodox evangelical beliefs, has good spirituality, brings unity among colleagues, and has courage and vision. In addition, please also pray for us as we are recruiting new students for the next academic year (frankly speaking, the whole theological education is facing the challenge of insufficient enrollment), and ask the Lord to guide the students He has called and are suitable for training in our seminary to join us.

Thank you again for remembering Evangel Seminary in your prayers. Your intercession is an important source of strength for us. May the Lord remember what you have done for His kingdom.

Once again, I wish you all, with God's grace, to bear many good fruits and experience God's power in prayers.

Together we serve,

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