

November 2024

Dear Prayer Partners,

2024 is coming to an end. Looking back, this year is full of God's blessing, including the good enrollments. We have a recorded enrollment of a total of 886 people for certificate courses in the last semester. In addition, despite today's cultural changes, students of Evangel Seminary still maintain the spiritual tradition of respecting teachers and pursuing academic and spiritual growth. For this, I offer my heartfelt gratitude to God.

We earnestly need your prayers for Evangel Seminary:

(1) **Please pray for the sale of our old campus in Kowloon Tong.** We hope to sell this campus in the short run so that we can pay off the bank loan. In the current market condition, this is not easy, but we firmly believe that God listens to prayers, and He alone does wondrous things. Let's together put our hope in God in this matter.



(2) **We are currently very much in need of recruiting additional teachers, especially teachers in systematic theology and Old Testament.** In the past, we have contacted many potential candidates, but due to various reasons (including candidates not fully agreeing with the doctrine of biblical inerrancy), we were unable to consider them. This poses a challenge to us, but we pray that the Lord of truth will send workers to us.

(3) **The financial needs of the Seminary.** In the last fiscal year, Evangel Seminary's deficit was more than HK\$3.7 million. This figure also broke our previous record. Although the seminary has some reserves that can meet some of the shortfalls, long-term deficits will seriously hinder our normal development. May the Lord provide for our needs.

(4) **Mainland ministry.** Thank God, under the current climate, Evangel Seminary still has many serving opportunities in the mainland, and we have seen God's miraculous deeds everywhere.

In addition, there are many pastors with good life examples, working hard to serve in difficult situations, fighting the good fight. Grateful to the Lord for allowing us to participate a bit in the gospel work there. May the Lord use us to complete His work through Him.

In addition, please pray for the challenges facing Hong Kong society. Recently, the Court of Final Appeal ruled that same-sex marriage can enjoy the same rights as other families in heterosexual marriages in terms of public housing and inheritance. This is a major step that LGBT activists took towards the legalization of same-sex marriages. Pray that the Lord will protect Hong Kong's legal system and uphold the tradition of marriage between one man and one woman.

This is the last prayer letter I write in the position of the President of Evangel Seminary, as I will retire at the end of this year. Thanks to the Lord, I have served as the President for the past eleven and a half years. All to God's grace that I have the blessing to serve Him. I also thank the Lord that in today's climate when everywhere are grabbing for



talents, God has prepared Dr. Jimmy Man to be our Next President, and the Board of Directors has also invited Dr. Josaphat Tam, the Academic Dean, to serve as the Vice President as well. Please continue to support the future President and Vice President with prayers, so that they can rely on the Lord and serve together in one heart to establish the seminary to become more pleasing to God.

Grateful to the trust of the Board of Directors, after my retirement, I will serve as the Director of mainland ministry and the Director of the Doctor of Ministry program of the seminary on a voluntary basis, and at the same time will assist the Vancouver Certificate Program. In addition, I have to complete some writing already committed, so I still need your prayers on my life after retirement. I would like to express my gratitude to you who have faithfully prayed for Evangel Seminary over the years. You are our good co-workers and our important rear guards. May the Lord remember what you have done for Him.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you all !

Together we serve,



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