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The Synergy of Our Faculty Team

Ever since assuming my presidency, I regularly give a "housekeeping" report in the morning chapel to share the current situation of the Seminary. Once I said I had five things to report that day. Unfortunately, I went back and forth, turning ideas over and over again in my mind, I still could not recall one particular item and had to leave it unreported. Later, in the classroom, some students asked me, "President, is there still one more item you have wanted to tell us?" I answered, "Uh, right, I recall what it is now. I wanted to say: Our teachers are not bad." The students instantly corrected me by saying, "President, you are wrong and that is why the Holy Spirit stopped you. Our teachers are in fact very good!"

As a matter of fact, our teachers are very good! By being "good," I mean our teachers are willing to work hard together and God cheers us on by enabling us to pull together and exhibit a team spirit. This incident took me back to June 2008 when we had our Faculty Retreat in Guang Zhou. The theme of that retreat was "Teamwork." In the retreat, I asked each of our teachers to share thoughts about their teaching and the areas, merits and strengths of their research study. I immediately put together a profile of each of our teachers' expertise and areas of research. To my amazement, a beautiful picture of a team emerged. It was God who had painted a picture blueprint and then put



each of us — being in relatively the same age range, young and energetic, with different expertise — in different positions so that we could complement and balance out one another in a concerted effort to foster the growth of the Seminary. In the last thirty minutes I solemnly said, “Despite how well we have spoken, how well we have planned and thought, and how well we have put everything together, if there is no mutual trust, what has been said in these two days will all be empty talk and practically useless.”

One year later, in June 2009 we came together again for another Faculty Retreat. This time I shared the three-year plan for the Seminary with our teachers and concretely thought over again how the faculty team could complement one another. We came to this consensus: “Besides his / her major area of expertise, each of our teachers needs to have a minor interdisciplinary area of study.” It is our hope that each of us not only has a specific contribution to make in a special area of study but should also expand into areas beyond our individual expertise, enabling us to advance toward more creative, interdisciplinary study and dialogue.

In August 2009, God led us to take a major step to make our vision a reality. God also led Dr. Alexander Mak, Dr. Tony Sher and Dr. Sam Tsang to join our faculty team, bringing us the dynamism and vigor to construct a practical theology as well as to deepen our theological wisdom.

In December of the same year, I paid a visit to each of the teachers' offices to chat with them and reaffirm their research commitments as well as their keen interests for the church and society. As they shared, I was greatly surprised as they all reaffirmed that synergy picture that we had painted together at the 2008 Faculty Retreat. I felt happy that God had already prepared us to complement one another making interdisciplinary studies possible. At the same time, we had also learnt to take seriously both the needs of the church and those of society. Such faculty teamwork is what I have always looked forward to forming. Not only does such teamwork help us avoid the fragmentation often found in modern theological education, but more importantly, this teamwork synergy can generate the power needed to drive HKBTS forward while meeting the ever changing needs of the church and society.

Then, what will the synergy of the HKBTS faculty team be like? From my conversation with each faculty member, I came

up with the following jigsaw puzzle:

- Among our Biblical Studies teachers, there are three in New Testament and two in Old Testament. Our N.T. teachers are experts in N.T. Narrative Studies, Pauline Studies and N.T. Greek. Beyond their specialties, they also do research in the interdisciplinary studies of pastoral care, counseling, and the dialogue between the church and culture. This includes dealing with the relationship between politics and religion, for example, “How do Christians deal with the Judaistic heritage?” Our O.T. teachers mainly focus on the study of the Pentateuch, the Historical Books, Psalms and Writings, and Prophetic Literature. At the same time, they are also interested in interdisciplinary studies in areas of ethics, leadership, Bible translation, and Bible teaching as related to the pastoral ministry.

Wong Fook Kong (Old Testament)

Major: Pentateuch, Rabbinic Hermeneutics, the study of metaphors in the Psalms

Minor: Ethics, Leadership

How to face the needs of the church and society: A concern for how the Bible speaks to economics issues; biblical perspectives on leadership

Tony Sher (Old Testament)

Major: The Historical Books

Minor: Constructing an Old Testament Theology or Biblical Theology from a study of the Bible

How to face the needs of the church and society: A concern for Bible teaching in pastoral ministry, an ongoing effort in biblical translation seeking to contribute to better Chinese translation of the Bible

Sam Tsang (New Testament)

Major: New Testament Narratology, New Perspective on Paul

Minor: Homiletics

How to face the needs of the church and society: A concern for the interaction between society and church culture; an interaction with post-modernism

Clement Shum (New Testament)

Major: Pauline Studies, the Four Gospels

Minor: The Prophetic Books, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Septuagint

How to face the needs of the church and society: A concern for how the church should respond to government policies; how Christians should participate in politics

Alexander Mak (New Testament)

Major: Paul's Pastoral Epistles, the pastoral perspective of the Gospel of John

Minor: Spiritual Theology, the biblical perspective of pastoral counseling

How to face the needs of the church and society: Involvement in helping the poverty-stricken and minority communities; paying special attention to the spirituality of ministers; involvement in pastoral counseling in the church, for example, in regard to divorce, extramarital affairs, suicide and self-image

- As for teachers in Christian Thought, we have experts in systematic theology, theology and culture, theology and philosophy, and church history. Our teachers also do crossover studies in ethics, biblical studies, spiritual theology and leadership.

Joshua Cho (Systematic Theology)

Major: Systematic Theology

Minor: Ethics, Spiritual Theology, Leadership

How to face the needs of the churches and society: A concern for the construction of a theology and spiritual ethos in Baptist Churches; conservation of our environment

Andres Tang (Theology and Culture)

Major: Doctrinal Theology, Contemporary Theology (Moltmann, Bonhoeffer, Gunton), Cultural Hermeneutics (Western Philosophy; Eastern Philosophy; Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism; Mou Zongsan)

Minor: Worship Study, Spiritual Theology

How to face the needs of the church and society: A concern for the secularization of the Christian church; the reactionary formation of the church against the capitalist society; a construction of the church culture

Lindsay Robertson (Theology and Philosophy)

Major: Systematic Theology

Minor: Biblical Theology

How to face the needs of the church and society: A concern for the homiletic ministry of the church

Nathan Ng (Church History)

Major: Church History (Early Church History, History of the Middle Ages, Reformation), Hong Kong Church History

Minor: Chinese Church History, Apologetics, Biblical Studies

How to face the needs of the church and society: A concern for the family, marriage and sex education; issues of social ethics, for example, economics and politics

- As for our teachers in practical theology, we have four experts who are dedicated to the study of Christian ethics, pastoral theology, missions and world religion and homiletics. Amongst them, the Christian ethics teacher is interested in doing an interdisciplinary study in Baptist History and Faith, and eco-theology; the teacher in pastoral theology is also engaged in religious education and family worship; the teacher in missions and world religions is also involved in theology study; the teacher in homiletics also sets foot into the study of leadership, spiritual theology and life mentoring.

Vincent Lau (Christian Ethics)

Major: Christian Ethics, especially Yoderian ethics

Minor: Baptist History and Faith

How to face the needs of the church and society: A concern for discipleship training; church and state relations; eco-theology

Desmond Choi (Pastoral Theology)

Major: Pastoral Theology, Pastoral Care and Counseling

Minor: Leadership, Ethics, Religious Education

How to face the needs of the church and society: A concern for minority communities; paying attention to family education; research on the churches' and Hong Kong's elderly ministry

Eric Kwong (World Religion)

Major: World Religion, Folk Religion, Evangelism

Minor: Theology

How to face the needs of the church and society: A theological reflection on the missions ministry; cross-cultural missions; construction of evangelistic strategies to different communities

Brian Lam (Homiletics)

Major: Homiletics

Minor: Leadership, Spiritual Theology, Life Mentoring

How to face the needs of the church and society: A concern for the ethical practice in the marketplace, especially the role of small- and mid-sized businesses in the commercial society

- Lastly, as for religious education and church music, we have experts in children's education, the design and methods of evaluation in education, and hymnody respectively. They do interdisciplinary study on social ministry, developmental psychology, theories of intelligence, the study of worship and spiritual theology.

Grace Lo (Religious Education)

Major: Children Education

Minor: Social Ministry

How to face the needs of the church and society: Involvement in church administration by being a church deacon

Celia Juergens (Religious Education)

Major: Educational evaluation methods and the design of evaluation tools

Minor: Developmental Psychology and its applications on intelligence (quotient, emotional quotient, spiritual quotient, adversity quotient)

How to face the needs of the church and society: Organizing educational services for the orphan and the poverty-stricken

Helen Wan (Church Music)

Major: Church Music, Congregational Hymns, Hymnody, Acoustics

Minor: The Study of Worship; Spiritual Theology

How to face the needs of the church and society: Involvement in church music training and missions

In these frank dialogues and interactions, I have profoundly experienced the crucial importance of the synergy of teamwork. The faculty team is the engine and the driving force of the seminary. The character, spirituality, vision and competence of our teachers are decisive for whether or not the seminary is excellent, whether it can serve the church heartily and forcefully and whether it can face up to meet the needs of the society as her conscience.

Unknowingly, I have been the Seminary's president for one year. I still remember a year ago I drafted a strategic plan for the Seminary in which there was a major core concept: The synergy of all fellow workers. At that time, I envisioned the synergy of the faculty team; the synergy of our staff; the synergy of individual departments; the synergy of the administrative affairs office and the academic affairs office; the synergy of the administrative affairs office, the academic affairs office and the faculty; the synergy of staff, teachers, administrative leaders and the Board of Trustees. I am truly convinced this: Only if there is a good synergy among ourselves can the Seminary move forward! On the contrary, if there is no synergy among the various parts, the engine can provide neither the synergy function nor the forward driving force.

In the past, I had the privilege of bearing the responsibility both as a leader and a servant. Sitting at the front of the HKBTS train, I have witnessed in close range how God has led us to move on joyfully. Sitting on the front seat of the train, I keep thinking for the sake of the Seminary, reading and doing research study for her sake, praying for her sake, working for the sake of this family of God, taking the leading role for the sake of our fellow-workers, watching over this piece of land for its sake, and bearing the deputy responsibility for the sake of God's appointment. Right now (from June 2008 to the present), God has begun to build up our faculty team so that we can display our synergy as the important engine to foster the growth and advancement of the Seminary. Sitting at the front of the train, I know that those behind me also keep thinking for the sake of HKBTS, reading and doing research study for her sake, praying for her sake, working for this family of God, taking the leading role together for the sake of our fellow workers, watching over this piece of land together for its sake, bearing the deputy responsibility each in our role as we work together for the sake of God's appointment.

Such a seminary team will grow and mature. Such a seminary team will develop true piety and reflect God's power of transformation. I pray that God will let this spiritual growth and maturity of the Seminary be the mark of the whole community. I pray too that each individual member in this community will grow and mature together, "attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).



New Students' Testimonies of God's Call

The Gold Medal Winner

Alan Cheung (B.A.P.S. I)

God's Prompting in the Heart for over 30 Years

Ever since I became a born-again Christian, serving God has been an important aspect of my faith in life. When I was young, I had thought of studying in a seminary to train to be a full time pastoral worker. But then my father became sick and was forced to retire early. As the oldest son in a family of six, I had to shoulder the financial burden for my family so I became a civil servant right after my secondary school education. Although the thought of seminary study had to be shelved, I never gave up my commitment to serve God full time. God's prompting always lingered in my mind. In fact, my response to the urge of the Great Commission — to preach the gospel and lead lost souls to the Lord intensified. If this is true, then why have I waited until today to take the first step to consecrate myself to full time ministry? I can only say I trust God to work out everything in his time.

I have served in the Hong Kong Government for twenty-five years. It was not until eight years ago when I resigned from the post of Clerical Officer. At that time, my whole family emigrated to California. It was by God's grace that I soon found a job in a computer company and also found a spiritual home.

In mid 2008, due to a change in the company's operational strategy, our department sacked the entire staff. I received the company's dismissal letter at the end of July and like all other dismissed staff, I had to pack up all my personal belongings immediately, then I loaded up my car and drove home. I find it difficult to express my feelings at that time. There was no panic, no sense of loss or disheartened feeling as I had expected. On the contrary I had peace in my heart. I knew that I first needed to call my home and then call my church pastor.

Alan and Sau-ching with their children: Tin-yan, Tin-hang and Tin-lam

Could Not Take the Gold Medal by Half-a-Person

The next day when I did not have to go back to work, I could then join the church's summer camp where I experienced God's call. I did not hear God's voice audibly calling me but God acted in such a way that I felt certain that it was the right time. My wife, Sau-ching, also joined the summer camp with me. We have been married for twenty-seven years. In the past twenty six years she had had reservation about my commitment to be a pastoral worker. This is because she was well aware of my character, temper and ability, and my many deficiencies. It would seem I am not good enough to serve God well.

In the summer camp, my wife had a change of heart. The last program in the summer camp was the Consecration Meeting. 2008 was the year Olympic was held in Beijing, and so the brothers and sisters who had organized the meeting had the ingenuity to prepare the gold, silver and bronze medals. Those they called out to receive the gold medals must be those who would serve brothers and sisters full time. I of course did not go out because I thought that my other half would not step out; even if I did, it was just a half-a-person walking to the front. But thank God, Sau-ching, who was sitting next to me, suddenly caught hold of my hand and said, "Alan, we must go forward!" At that time, I really did not know how to react. After stepping out, all I could do was to let my tears be my response to God's call.

Hoping To Be a Bible Teacher

I trust that it was God who had given me the green light through my wife. Added to the fact that at that time our children would soon graduate from university, we both felt the need to pray together for God's further guidance, and we began seeking signs of God's verification of my call. We also shared my commitment of serving God full time with our church pastor and brothers and sisters. We listened to their suggestions, which gave us great encouragement and support. Coincidentally, at that time our church was planning to send a short term mission team to a city in South America during Thanksgiving to share the gospel with the Chinese there. After conferring and praying with my wife, I decided to join the team, hoping that this mission experience would enable me to affirm God's call.

I must thank the Lord that, through this short term mission trip to South America, I personally experienced the compelling need of overseas Chinese to hear the Christian gospel, and yet I discovered there was really a great shortage of God's workmen. In the city Iquitos, Peru, where we went, there were several thousand Chinese but not a single church with a Chinese pastor. And so those Chinese who came to Christ but spoke no Spanish did not have any church life or opportunity to nurture their spiritual lives. Seeing this situation, I had a great burden to go back to this city to organize Bible study gatherings to nurture new believers and serve our countrymen by leading them to Christ. I hope to be a Bible teacher, leading others to understand the Word of God so that they can come to know Jesus and receive his salvation. Through God's grace, my wife and my children strongly supported my commitment to this mission. Praise the Lord!

I am convinced that God's workmen should seize the opportunity to receive holistic training, especially in the area of Bible teaching, equipping themselves to rightly handle the word of truth. This is a crucial training for God's workmen. This not only helps to establish their faith in the Word of God and also enables the community they serve to have the same edification so that they do not repeat like parrots and become liable to deviate from the right path.

Only God's Preparation Is the Best

In choosing which seminary to apply, I considered my study ability, the language of instruction and school fees to be the

main concerns. During the Peru mission, I came to know a local Chinese missionary who handed me some information about a Panama seminary in Central America which meets the three considerations mentioned above. Therefore, I took Panama to be the very place where God would want me to attend seminary. I began to contact the seminary through email but received no reply. I kept praying and asking God for guidance. Then God spoke to me through my wife who asked if I would consider applying for seminary study in Hong Kong. What she said inspired me to begin a survey of Hong Kong seminaries on the internet and gather each seminaries' relevant information.

I found the study focus and program content of two seminaries befitting me. I found the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary to be a well established seminary which demands a fairly high educational qualification from its applicants. Fearing that my educational qualification did not meet its academic qualification and that my application would be rejected, I only sent my application to a smaller seminary in Hong Kong in March 2009.

More than two months later, upon God's wondrous arrangement, I had the opportunity to come across President Cho who happened to be visiting Chinese churches in Los Angeles. Encouraged by him, I applied to study in HKBTS. What made me feel grateful to God was that President Cho squeezed me into his tight schedule for the written admission test and to have an interview with my wife and me. By the end of June, I received the admission letters from both seminaries in the same week. I still remembered that I then was excited but bewildered. At that time I was at a loss as to which one to choose. The first thought was to seek advice from a Christian brother. But then, I felt that God called me to account for myself: "In facing such an important decision, why don't you seek my advice first?" I immediately fell on my knees to confess my sin and pray and at that time a clear idea came to me: "Man's choice is second best; only God's preparation is the best."

In fact, I know God's preparation is the best. Today I have followed God's guidance and returned to Hong Kong to become a first year student of HKBTS. Here I have embarked on my seminary study. To be able to share my testimony of God's call is really a sign of God's grace. May glory be given to the only true God.



New Students' Testimonies of God's Call

It's Time to Move On

Law Chi-hung (M.Div. I)

Ever since I went to church during my junior secondary school years and came to Christ, I had begun to grow in my church. Thank God that he has continued to give me opportunities

to discipline my spiritual life and to participate in ministry. This helps me understand that to commit myself to serve God is to be humble and obedient and to proceed without hesitation, so as to be useful to God.

From “Being Able to Study” to “Being Burdened”

When I matriculated, I was not qualified to enter university. At that time the Institute of Education approved my admission, yet because my father's small-sized factory had a deadline to complete a job order, I was late in registering at the Institute of Education. Even though it was just a few minutes late, the staff in the enquiry counter refused to accept my application and so I missed the admission opportunity. After that, I, together with my younger brother and sister who were still in school and my younger sister was studying in primary school, helped my father run the factory. One evening I stood alone on my building's rooftop when a thought came to me: If I wanted to receive education, I could enter a seminary and “be able to study” and at the same time receive a tertiary education. But just then another thought came to me: It was wrong to enter a seminary just “to be able to study.” I needed to decide if I was willing to consecrate my life to God. Therefore, I soon dropped the idea of studying in a seminary and I did not seek advice from any church minister. Until 1990, I went to study in a nursing school and continued to work as a nurse after graduation, providing care for the mentally ill patients.


During those years, God allowed me to become involved in various church ministries and to experience God more fully so that I gradually began to consider serving God full time. In

2000, the urge to serve God became more intense. I felt a strong call to consecrate myself to full time ministry. One day, I shared with my wife, Lai-chun, that I had the burden of consecrating my life to God and felt the need to receive seminary training. However, Lai-chun thought that serving God did not require seminary study. She felt one could continue working in a secular job while serving God. She argued that so long as one remained a good witness of Christ in life, one could glorify God. She also mentioned that she was planning to release herself from her heavy workload and devote herself to being a full time housewife. Although she never resigned from her job, I understood what her thoughts and worries were, which were complicated by the fact that I was not too sure about God's call. That is why I put the matter temporarily aside.

After several years, my commitment to serve God full time had not diminished and I continued to have a burden for evangelism. Besides my church ministry, I joined a number of evangelistic ministries in my work place. I thank God for leading me to work in a hospital ward for the mentally ill. I took time to talk with patients about the Christian faith. If they showed a keen interest, I would always refer them to the hospital chaplain for follow-up in helping them understand the Gospel. Sometimes the chaplain would say to me: A so-and-so patient or the patient's family whom I had referred to him had prayed the prayer of confession and had received Christ as Lord. I really thanked God for this! Of course, not every patient or their families wanted to know more about the Christian faith. I could only sow the seeds of faith. Meanwhile, my yearning for my own family to know Christ intensified, causing me not only to pray fervently for them but also to share my Christian faith with them.

Why did such a thing happen?

In the Consecration Meeting in my church's summer camp in 2006, upon the pastor's call I stood up at my seat to show my commitment to be God's servant for the rest of my life. Afterwards, my wife, Lai-chun, said she was a bit surprised since



I had not mentioned this possibility beforehand and since I had never shown any sign that I would do so. Thank God that after a time of prayer, we were of one heart, and I was ready to enter seminary to equip myself for ministerial training in September of the following year.

It was mid-January 2007 when I was preparing to fill in the application form to study in Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary and was about to write my testimonies of becoming a Christian and receiving God's call to ministry respectively. My wife suddenly took ill with serious stomach pain. This thwarted the plan and changed our daily routine. Originally, we regarded it as a small matter, but after going to the family doctor several times, things still did not improve. An endoscopy was arranged immediately after the Lunar New Year holiday. Lai-chun had always been physically all right, and I thought she must have got some general stomach ache or gastrointestinal disease. After the preliminary gastroscopy, she was diagnosed to have gastric cancer and the situation was fairly critical. Another doctor who did a cross-examination advised my wife to go for an immediate operation and warned that there might be a series of chemotherapy treatment afterward.

There was an intense inner warfare going on within me and I could not help questioning God again and again: "Oh God, I am still willing to consecrate myself to you, but why have you allowed such a thing to happen?" Although my wife was admitted into the hospital for further examination at the end of February, she was concerned about my seminary application. I could not reveal my inner frustration and struggles to her and so I said I would delay the application until her medical report came back.

As a Husband, I Was Heavy-Hearted

On March 5, Lai-chun was taken into the operation theatre to have her entire stomach removed. However, the following chemical examination showed that the condition was not optimistic as traces of the cancer cells had spread and shifted. What an unthinkable and unacceptable fact! Our entire family could only learn to lean on our Heavenly Father and seek a path of healing. My wife time and again reminded me to hurry up to submit my application soon after her operation and during the process of healing, she encouraged me to hold on. As a husband I was heavy-hearted with much inner confusion and struggles. I could only say this to her: I was thinking how

to write the two required testimonies but often found it hard to put my thoughts into words. Throughout this period, I kept praying to God and asking him to heal Lai-chun as a testimony of his great power. I was truly willing to accompany my wife to go through these stormy days and yet deep inside my heart, I had many, many "whys." I asked God "why" innumerable times but had got no direct response or clear answer from him.

Even if the road was rough, many, many angels came to our sides to pray for our family, especially to pray for my wife's medical condition. They painstakingly cared for our family life and accompanied Lai-chun in and out of the hospital for her treatment. One sister in Christ even resigned from her job to come to us and offered to take care of Lai-chun's and our family's needs. There were also other brothers and sisters who went through the trouble of taking turns to help us. They said to us that to take care of our family was to serve God.

Release the Long-Pressed, Heavy Burden

The home visit from the church pastor and his wife toward the end of April helped me feel released from the struggle over my seminary application. As they shared this scripture: "If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?" (1 Timothy 3:5), they helped me see through this scripture verse that at that moment I should fully concentrate on taking care of my wife and family needs. They said, "God has his time and arrangement and knows when you should equip yourself." In this way, the heavy burden that had pressed on my heart for so long was released.

What is most unbearable in this world is the departure of someone we love. Sorrow and sadness are unavoidable. My wife left us on October 17, 2007 to be with the Lord. On earth today, only my son and I walk together shoulder to shoulder along life's road. But God has never forsaken us as he has still continued to send his agents to help my family, making sure that my son and I can walk through that difficult period of time.

O Lord, we have really received so much of your grace, and we do not deserve such grace. After my wife's departure, God has protected and sustained me through prayers, Bible study and reading books on grief. I have experienced God's healing through my grief and his renewal of my life. My consecration to God has never been cooled down, despite losing my wife.

It's Time to Move on

Throughout the year 2008 owing to the care, comfort and advice from my church pastor, I was not anxious to apply to study in the seminary. I took time to reorganize myself and to take care of my family first, trusting that God has his right time and plan. That year I continued working in the hospital and God's call still lingered my mind. At the same time, I still worried about the necessities of life, reckoning how much saving I had and considering my son's educational needs. Through it all, my pastor and brothers and sisters continued to care for me and my son and kept praying for us. God helped us walk through the deep valley, step by step, and blessed my work in the hospital. I experienced the way he answered my prayers. For example, I had not prepared to apply for promotion but was promoted to a new post in November that year.

Up until 2009, I experienced an ever increasing urge within. God's true promise compelled me to let go of human reckoning, let go of my new job and resolutely respond to God's call and apply to study in the seminary. I shared this again with my pastor and his wife. I also shared it with my son, seeking to understand how he felt. My son took the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination for high school students. Although he had not yet received the results, I deeply believe that God would pave the way for him. After my sharing, he showed a positive response and asked me in return: "Shouldn't you make up your mind for what you have decided?" Thank God that my son had grown up and matured. He was willing to be a Christian young man after God's heart! Although I "have not passed this way before" (Joshua 3:4), I knew it was time to move on. I also know that I ought to be strong and of good courage, "for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Ministering to Those in Deep Valley

Thank God that I can work in the hospital and serve those mentally ill patients so that I understand now a chaplain cares for patients' needs of the hearts and souls. I understand that brothers and sisters in the church who have suffered similarly from emotional disturbance and mental oppression will need a pastor or minister with professional knowledge to care for them, one who understands their physical, mental and spiritual pulse. In this regard, I am willing to be of use to God, and I am willing to care for them, helping those who are in deep valleys to experience how God wants to work with them.

Finally, I pray that God will give me strength and commitment to live out the Great Commandment, not to forget what is said in 2 Corinthians 1:4: "Our God of all comfort who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we have received from God." Thank God! Amen!

Campus News



News of Academic Affairs

1. Baptist Heritage Week 2009: "400th Anniversary of Baptists: Heritage Revisit"

The Baptist Heritage Week was held from October 20 to 22. Prof. Robert E. Johnson, Academic Dean of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke on the themes, "Priesthood of All Believers" and "Baptist Polity and Community Life," for the morning and evening lectures respectively and led us to re-examine our Baptist heritage.

2. Academic Forum

This academic year's second Academic Forum was held on November 19. Dr. Clement Shum, Assistant Professor of New Testament, spoke on the topic "A Snapshot of New Perspective on Paul."

3. A Talk on Full Time Ministry

The Full Time Ministry Talk was held on November 28 for those Christian brothers and sisters interested in exploring the call to full time ministry and those ready for theological training. The Talk included a survey of the Seminary's study programs, testimonies by students, conversations with our professors and seminary students, and a keynote message by Dr. Alexander Mak.

4. Winter Intensive Course

The winter intensive course, "The Book of Hebrews," took place from December 28, 2009 to January 7, 2010 and was

taught by Dr. Clement Shum, Assistant Professor of New Testament.

5. The Spiritual Theology Series

Our professors are actively engaging in writing for the Spiritual Theology series. The first volume in the series, *Friendship of Heart and Spirit: A Pathway of Spiritual Theology* written by Prof. Joshua Cho, was published in September last year. The other three volumes written by Dr. Alexander Mak, Dr. Wong Fook Kong and Dr. Nathan Ng will be released in 2011 and 2012.

6. Faculty Movement

Dr. Wong Fook Kong, Associate Professor of Old Testament, will be on sabbatical leave from January to May this year.

7. Music Revival Meeting

Our annual Music Revival Meeting will be held on April 23 at Kowloon City Baptist Church. The theme will be "Be Strong and of Good Courage, Dare to March on the Road Ahead." The meeting will feature hymns and songs, testimonies and a sermon message. Brothers and sisters are welcome to attend.

Faculty News

- **Dr. Desmond Choi**, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology (Pastoral Theology) spoke on the topic "Pastoral Care in This Social and Economic Transition Period of Hong Kong: A Pastoral Perspective" at the Third Pastoral Conference, 2009 organized by the Divinity School of Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong on September 23, 2009. Dr. Choi also conducted a workshop entitled "Home Sweet Home" at the 15th Asia Pacific Baptist Youth Conference organized by the Asia and Pacific Baptist Youth Fellowship and the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong from December 27 to 30, 2009. His essay entitled "Building Up 'the Head of the Family': The Men's Ministry" appeared in the book *Symposium on Family-Friendly Policy: A Collection of Essays from the Life and Ethics Research Center 2009* by the Life and Ethics Research Center of the Society of Truth and Light. He was the Scholarship Reviewer of the Chinese translation of Robert Webber's *The Younger Evangelicals: Facing the Challenges of the New World*. This Chinese version was published by Chinese Baptist Press Ltd. in July 2009.

- **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture) spoke on the topic "Contextually Interpreting the Scriptural Text without Losing the Continuity of the Core Meaning" at the Alliance Bible Seminary's 110th Anniversary Symposium on "Hermeneutics: Bible and Culture". His article, "Called to Preach: Notes on William H. Willimon's Interpretation of Karl Barth's Theology of Proclamation," appeared in *The Vocation of Pastoral Ministry: Theology, Spirituality, and Practices* published by the Divinity School of Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong in September 2009. His article, "On Kevin J. Vanhoozer's Speech-Act Theory Centered Theological Hermeneutics," appeared in *Regent Review of Christian Thought* 9 (September 2009). Also his book *The Absence of the Church: Reflections on Worship, Proclamation and Pastoral Ministry* was published by Logos Publishers Ltd. in October, 2009.
- **Dr. Tony Sher**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Old Testament, spoke on "The Study of the Book of Joshua" at the Bible Study Day Camp for Ministers organized by the Chinese Bible International Ltd. on November 22 and 29, 2009.
- **Dr. Nathan Ng**, Associate Professor of Christian Thought (Church History), spoke on the topic, "The Historical Origin and Significance of the Apostles' Creed," in the Lecture Series on Ancient Christian Religion held at the South Campus and Zhu Hai Campus of Sun Yat Sen University on January 4 and 5 respectively.

Visitors

- Professor Robert E. Johnson, Academic Dean of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, was on the Seminary campus in October 20 to 22, 2009 to be the speaker at our Baptist Heritage Week.
- Dr. Stanley Porter, President, and Dr. Phil Zylla, Academic Dean of McMaster Divinity College, paid a goodwill visit to the Seminary on October 20 and attended the Seminary's Baptist Heritage Week 2009.
- Dr. R. Philip Roberts, President of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, came to HKBTS on November 15 to be the speaker of the Seminary's 58th Graduation Ceremony.

Lay Theological Education Department

Student Recruitment

- **Bachelor / Diploma / Certificate in Christian Studies Program**

To provide training for those who want to pursue knowledge about the Christian faith and spiritual growth, committed to serious study, eager to put their Christian faith into practice and dedicate themselves to serving God and people. This is a part-time evening program and students can enroll directly in the certificate, diploma, or degree programs.

Certificate Program: Certificate in Christian Studies; Certificate in Music Ministry

Diploma Program: Diploma in Biblical Studies; Diploma in Music Ministry; Diploma in Caring and Counseling Ministry

Bachelor Program: Major in Biblical Studies, Music Ministry, Caring and Counseling Ministry

For those students who have completed the Diploma / Certificate Program and who want to study further in the Bachelor / Diploma Program and whose applications are accepted. Their relevant credit hours (having passed those subjects) will be exempted.

This program welcomes applications throughout the whole year.

- **Diploma in Youth Ministry Program**

To provide systematic training in ministerial skills and a basic theological equipping for those Christians interested in understanding the youth community and committed to joining the youth ministry. The program requires two and a half years to complete. Classes meet every Monday evening, beginning in April.

The contents include the following: Family and Youth, Leading a Lively Worship, Counseling Process and Skills, Games and Adventure, etc.

Application deadline: March 15 or when the quota is filled

- **Diploma / Certificate in Church Administration and General Affairs Program**

To provide holistic and systematic training for those in-service Christians or for those committed to work in the area of church administration affairs. The certificate program requires one year to complete. Classes take place every Tuesday afternoon, beginning in April.

The contents include the following: Individual Spiritual Formation, the Art of Community Life, Personnel and Administration Management Skills, Biblical and Theological Studies, etc.

Application deadline: March 12 or when the quota is filled

- **Diploma / Certificate in Mission Ministry Program**

To provide training for those Christians committed to understanding, participating in or promoting mission. The certificate program requires one year to complete. Classes meet every Monday evening, beginning in April.

The contents include the following: Understanding the World's Great Religions and New Trends in Modern Missions, Experience the Cross-Cultural Lives of Missionaries, Reflection on Missionary Ethics and the Partnership Relationship in the Mission Field, Promotion of Missions in the Churches, Concern for Missionaries, Setting up a Support System for Missionaries, etc.

Application deadline: March 12 or when the quota is filled

- **Diploma / Certificate in Elderly Ministry Program**

To provide training for ministers, lay Christians and those working in the social service sector. This program is designed to develop understanding and provide skills for ministering to Hong Kong's aging population. The certificate program requires one year to complete. Classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday evenings, beginning in April.

The contents include the following: Caring Ministry, Family Ministry, Evangelistic Ministry, Education Ministry, Recreation and Sports Ministry, Church Music Ministry for the Elderly, the Many Faces of Death, Field Practicum, etc.

Application deadline: March 12 or when quota is filled

For enquiries, call 2711 2552 or log on our website www.hkbtn.edu.hk/ited.

Pastoral Continuing Education Center

Courses and talks offered from January to March

Course / Talk	Lecturer	Date / Time
Health Care and the Use of Our Voice and Speech Pronunciation	Ms. Rainy Chan	Jan. 4, 11, 18 (Mon) 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Important Issues in Pre-Marital Counseling	Ms. Anita Fok Yuk-lin	Jan. 4 (Mon) 2:00 – 5:00 pm
Seasons of Life: Psalms	Dr. Wong Fook Kong	January 11, 18, 25 (Mon) 2:00 – 5:00 pm
Excellence in Management Studies	Dr. Ricky Szeto Wing-fu	Jan. 25, Feb. 8 (Mon) 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
A Minister's Life and Spiritual Growth	Rev. Gordon Siu	Feb. 1 (Mon) 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Studies on Mount: Hermeneutics of the Sermon on the Mount	Dr. Sam Tsang	March 1, 8, 15 (Mon) 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis	Rev. Lam Wing-shu	March 1, 8, 15, 22 (Mon) 2:00 – 5:00 pm
An Intensive Course for Environmental Protection Managers of Churches	Dr. Yau Wing-kong	March 22 (Mon.) 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

A course pamphlet has been published in November 2009. Readers can log on our website: www.hkbts.edu.hk/pce.

For application or inquiry, 2768 5179 by phone, 2630 1391 by fax or pce@hkbts.edu.hk by email. Application forms can be downloaded from the Seminary's website.

- Alumni Association members and graduates of HKBTS, ministers and seminary students from Baptist churches (including students in field practice and students taking degree programs in our Lay Theological Education Department, full time students from member-seminaries of the Hong Kong Theological Education Association) can apply for tuition fee concessions. For details, please refer to the application form in the program pamphlet.

Distance Education Program

The new diploma programs will begin in March while the certificate programs can begin at any time

Name of Program	Program Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Diploma in Biblical Studies Program	Through an in-depth study of a specific book of the Bible, students are trained to do systematic hermeneutics and Bible study.	Secondary school leavers with their church pastor's recommendation	March and September	March semester :
Diploma in Christian Studies Program	Designed for equipping students for ministry, the program helps students strengthen their foundation in the Christian faith, doctrine and theology.			Hong Kong: February 10 Overseas: January 10
Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies / Christian Studies programs	Further studies for students completing the diploma program	Completion of the diploma program and with a church pastor's recommendation		September semester : Hong Kong: August 10 Overseas: July 10
Certificate in N.T. / O.T. Studies Programs	Introductory programs in biblical studies, leading students to study the books in the Bible systematically	All are welcome	Register at any time. Concessions in fees are available. Students can begin at any time.	

Students of special study: Students can choose from the subjects offered in the correspondence courses according to their personal interest. For details, please log on the "Distance Education" website.

On-line Program	Program Description	Date of Commencement
On-line Certificate in New Testament Studies Program	<p>An introductory program of the study of an individual book of the Bible in Chinese with a choice of either the traditional Chinese or the simplified Chinese versions.</p> <p>This is a diversified program providing an on-line resource room as well as a platform for communication between tutors and students.</p>	<p>Students can begin at any time with fee concessions. Trial study of the on-line program is welcome: http://distance.hkbts.edu.hk</p> <p>The User ID for the traditional Chinese version: 04YM0001 Code: guest</p> <p>The User ID for the simplified Chinese version: 04YM0002 Code: guest</p>

For enquiries call 2768 5105 or log on the distance education program website www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist.

Publication News

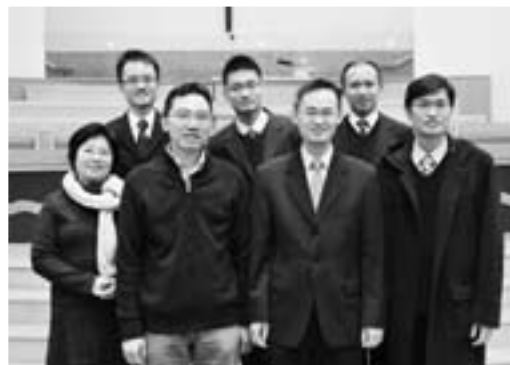
Hill Road (Issue 24) has been published in February with "Discipleship" as its theme. There are three articles by Glen H. Stassen: "How History Demonstrates that Incarnational Discipleship is Solid Ground," "Incarnational Discipleship: Jesus and Just Peacemaking Theory," and "Caring for the Creation as Incarnational Discipleship." Responses are given by Kwan Kai-man, Andres Tang and Clement Shum respectively. In addition, there are two other articles: "Doing Greater Things: Discipleship in John's Gospel and Letters" (Poling Sun) and "Discipleship: A Perspective of John Howard Yoder" (Vincent Lau). There are three miscellaneous articles: "The Ecclesiology of Stanley Hauerwas" (Li Chun-hong), "Religious Studies, Theology and Sino-Christian Studies" (Lai Pan-chiu) and "Saving God outside of the Text" (Jason Lam) and a number of book reviews. For subscription or inquiries, call the Publication Office at 2768 5168.



Student Union

The Executive Committee members of the Student Union 2010:

Chairperson	: Tong Hon-sun
Vice Chairperson	: Wong Mun-lun
Secretary	: Yeung Nok-ki
Treasurer	: Wong Woon-yin
Spiritual Devotion	: Ngan Lai-hing
Missions	: Sin Tak-yin
Daily Living	: Ip Pak-hou



The Student Union Executive Committee 2010

Alumni News



- Alumnus David Siu (class of 1964) went to be with the Lord on August 16, 2009. Please pray for his family and may the peace of our Lord be with his family.

Student Recruitment 2010 – II



Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies

Master of Divinity

Master of Religious Education

Master of Pastoral Counseling

Master of Christian Studies

Advanced Diploma in Religious Education

Master of Theology

Date of Application for Admission

Hong Kong: January 4 – June 18

Overseas: January 4 – April 30

Date of Admission Examination

April 24 (or by special arrangement within the Seminary's office hours)

Experiencing Seminary Life Camp

Theme : “Be Strong and of Good Courage, Dare to March on the Road Ahead”

Date : March 3 - 4 (Wed - Thu)

Venue: Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N.T.)

Fee : First Group HK\$200 per person (beginning 10:00 am March 3) or
Second Group HK\$180 per person (beginning 7:30 pm March 3)

Application Deadline: February 24

For Enquiries:

Telephone : (852) 2768 5130

Email : admissions@hkbts.edu.hk

Website : www.hkbts.edu.hk

Program Schedule

March 3

10:00 am Registration (First Group)
11:00 am Get to know HKBTS
12:00 noon Sit-in Class Lecture
1:00 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Sit-in Class Lecture / Individual Meditation
4:00 pm Meet with Professors
6:00 pm Recess
6:30 pm Supper
7:30 pm Registration (Second Group)
8:00 pm Worship, Praise and Short Message
9:00 pm Pray in Small Groups
10:00 pm Rest

March 4

7:45 am Morning Prayer
8:30 am Breakfast
9:00 am Introduction to Study Programs / Student Affairs /
Field Education
10:00 am Seminary's Morning Chapel
11:00 am Sit-in Class Lecture / Rest
12:00 noon Sit-in Class Lecture (cont.) or Rest
1:00 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Testimonies of God's Call
4:00 pm Meet with Professors / Individual Meditation
5:30 pm Consecration Meeting
6:30 pm Adjourning the program

Please Pray for HKBTS

• For Graduating Students

May God lead our graduating students in their final semester study, helping them to focus on his will and trust him as they enter their field of ministry and wait for his commission.

• For Spiritual Discipline

Pray that God will help our chaplains and teachers as they provide pastoral care to students, caring for their spiritual needs, sharing in their growth and bearing their burdens.



Music Revival Meeting 2010

Theme : **“Be Strong and of Good Courage,
Dare to March on the Road Ahead”**

Date : April 23 (Friday)

Time : 8:00 pm

Venue : Kowloon City Baptist Church

Speaker : President Joshua Cho

Chairman : Dr. Andres Tang

Conductor : Mrs. Helen Wan

Song-Leader : Mr. Sanson Lau



Admission is free All are welcome

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Financial Report

General Fund, 1 August 2009 - January 2010

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Income	12,614,520.40
Expenditure	<u>14,582,552.24</u>
Deficit	<u>(1,968,031.84)</u>

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HK\$	<u>254,616.70</u>

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Scholarship and Bursaries	
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香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
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Lay Theological Education Program	
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HK\$	<u>5,500.00</u>
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HK\$	<u>55,900.00</u>
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HK\$	<u>1,200.00</u>

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Overseas Short Term Mission & Field Education

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鄒小寶	500.00
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張智理伉儷	5,500.00
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HK\$	<u>5,900.00</u>

Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

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胡文恩伉儷	500.00
徐詩雅	300.00
曹偉彤	4,000.00
許鋒威	400.00
陳麗英	500.00
馮德華	300.00
黃華娟	100.00
黃雅忠	10,000.00
楊謝金玉	900.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
劉振鵬伉儷	20,000.00
歐陽學治	500.00
鄭非兒	300.00
鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00
龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅凱慈	1,000.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
主知名	20,000.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	3,200.00
無名氏	5,000.00
無名氏	22.00
無名氏	100.00
	<u>HK\$ 79,162.00</u>

Scholarship and Bursaries

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
	<u>HK\$ 5,300.00</u>

Lay Theological Education Program

婦女神學證書課程	400.00
教會行政事務證書課程	1,583.00
何鏡煒伉儷	800.00
杜桂鵬	500.00
逢守本伉儷	400.00
陳沛蓮	50.00
蔡艷桃	1,000.00
蕭桂娥	1,800.00
	<u>HK\$ 6,533.00</u>

Distance Education Program

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	2,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	700.00
畢業典禮	300.00
	<u>HK\$ 6,000.00</u>

Local Filipino Program

陳麗英	200.00
張智理伉儷	6,375.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
	<u>HK\$ 6,775.00</u>

Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
	<u>HK\$ 200.00</u>

Book Fund

Phil C. Zylla	1,792.11
	<u>HK\$ 1,792.11</u>

DONORS REPORT FOR NOV 2009

Education Fund (Church)

上環浸信會	2,000.00
大埔浸信會	10,000.00
元朗浸信會	16,000.00
屯門浸信教會	300.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
尖沙嘴浸信會	96,680.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	1,000.00
西貢浸信會	5,000.00
何文田潮語浸信會	5,000.00
佐敦浸信會	1,500.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
香港天樂浸信教會	500.00
香港仔浸信會	45,748.40
香港浸信教會	88,300.00
香港聖瑪地城浸信教會	1,200.00
柴灣浸信會	8,000.00
茶果嶺浸信會	10,000.00
基磐浸信會	1,000.00
培正道浸信會	5,000.00
置富浸信教會	4,500.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,674.00
鑽石山浸信會	7,500.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	500.00
基督教宣道會觀塘堂	4,500.00
HK\$	<u>324,402.40</u>

馮德華	300.00
黃華娟	100.00
黃潘品梅	100,000.00
楊謝金玉	900.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
鄭非兒	300.00
鄧炳光伉儷	2,000.00
薛聲明	1,000.00
謝兆祥伉儷	3,000.00
龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅凱慈	2,000.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
無名氏	2,500.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	3,000.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	50.00
HK\$	<u>141,510.00</u>

58th Graduation Ceremony

伯特利神學院	300.00
陳偉生	2,000.00
旺角浸信會	300.00
第58屆道學碩士畢業生	1,585.00
趙啓迅伉儷	10,000.00
HK\$	<u>14,185.00</u>

Scholarship and Bursaries

北角浸信會 - 明義神學助學金	359,900.00
香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
不記名	5,350.00
HK\$	<u>370,550.00</u>

President Council

鄭崇羔伉儷	HK\$ <u>20,000.00</u>
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Book Fund

姚子楓	HK\$ <u>3,000.00</u>
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Lay Theological Education Program

觀塘浸信會	200.00
信徒普及神學文憑證書課程	1,400.00
婦女神學文憑課程同學	2,000.00
婦女神學同學會	200.00
婦女神學證書課程	4,250.00
Fan Lai Kam	500.00
王婉紅	200.00
司徒倩儀	200.00
伍淑姬	200.00
何寶兒	200.00
杜桂鵬	500.00
林乙惜	200.00
唐如卓	200.00
高華坤	200.00
逢守本伉儷	200.00
張嘉兒	200.00
梁潔怡	200.00
梁禮彬	200.00
許小娟	1,000.00
陳秀蘭	200.00
陳錦榮	200.00
麥兆輝伉儷	1,000.00
楊勝南	400.00
蕭桂娥	1,800.00
賴美艷	500.00
羅國樑	200.00
HK\$	<u>16,550.00</u>

Distance Education Program

Ernest & Sylvia Ho	2,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	700.00
專題講座(參加會眾)	310.00
HK\$	<u>6,010.00</u>

Local Filipino Program

創熙有限公司	50,000.00
張智理伉儷	5,500.00
陳麗英	200.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
HK\$	<u>55,900.00</u>

Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

張智理伉儷	1,000.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
HK\$	<u>1,200.00</u>

Education Fund (Donor/Organization)

Mr. & Mrs. John Dockerill	10,000.00
Hui Siu Mei	100.00
Lam Ka Ki	1,520.00
白智信伉儷	500.00
何譚惠如	1,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00
呂志華	1,000.00
周佩珊	1,000.00
胡文恩伉儷	500.00
徐詩雅	300.00
曹偉彤	4,000.00
許鋒威	400.00
陳麗英	500.00

DONORS REPORT FOR DEC 2009

Education Fund (Church)

上水浸信會	10,000.00	周佩珊	1,000.00
上環浸信會	2,000.00	林威烈	1,000.00
大埔浸信會	10,000.00	洪鷹輪	200.00
大埔國際浸信會	750.00	胡文恩伉儷	500.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00	徐詩雅	300.00
以馬內利浸信會	7,000.00	袁鳳蘭	3,000.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	1,000.00	曹偉彤	4,000.00
竹園浸信會	1,000.00	許鋒威	400.00
佐敦浸信會	750.00	陳麗英	500.00
利群浸信會	2,500.00	馮德華	300.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00	黃華娟	100.00
香港天樂浸信教會	500.00	楊謝金玉	900.00
香港西區浸信會	5,000.00	葉煥章	300.00
香港浸信教會	88,500.00	劉永生	300.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00	劉建紅	600.00
海怡浸信教會	10,000.00	鄭非兒	300.00
荃灣潮語浸信會	1,000.00	薛聲明	1,000.00
基立浸信會	4,000.00	龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
基磐浸信會	1,000.00	羅佩珊	100.00
彩坪浸信會	50,000.00	關德華伉儷	140.00
富安浸信會禧年堂	10,000.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
富亨浸信會	1,000.00	婦女普及神學課程同學會-聖誕義賣	5,100.00
愛群道浸信會	6,000.00	無名氏	500.00
置富浸信教會	1,500.00	無名氏	300.00
蓮頌塘浸信會	2,380.30	無名氏	400.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00	無名氏	200.00
廣林浸信會	1,000.00	無名氏	30.20
興田浸信會	1,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00
觀塘浸信會	8,684.60		HK\$ 284,919.70
恩約浸信會	1,000.00	William J. Lacy	1,000.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	500.00	馬志遠	100.00
	HK\$ 236,764.90		US\$ 1,100.00

Mrs. Wan Ho Wai Ying Memorial Scholarship & Bursary

梁憲孫伉儷 HK\$ 50,000.00

Mrs. Sue Mau Memorial Scholarship & Bursary

冒懷慶 HK\$ 20,000.00

Lay Theological Education Program

王慧明	100.00
吳秀華	900.00
杜桂鵬	500.00
逢守本伉儷	200.00
麥兆輝伉儷	1,000.00
蔡豐桃	2,000.00
蕭桂娥	1,800.00
婦女普及神學課程同學會-聖誕義賣	5,100.00
	HK\$ 11,600.00

Lay Theological Education Program - Bursary

婦女普及神學課程同學會-聖誕義賣 HK\$ 5,100.00

Lay Theological Education Program - Book Fund

李志偉	200.00
張浩贊	200.00
龐若蒂	200.00
	HK\$ 600.00

Local Filipino Program

張智理伉儷	5,500.00
陳麗英	200.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
	HK\$ 5,900.00

Education Fund (Donor/Organization)

Lo Ying Hum & Wong Shui Kau	10,000.00
Margaret Anderson	500.00
Chan Chi Wing	100.00
白智信伉儷	500.00
何譚惠如	1,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00
呂志華	1,000.00
李少梅	500.00

Scholarship and Bursaries

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
B. S. Smith Foundation Ltd	120,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
羅凱慈	4,890.00
無名氏	47,010.00
	HK\$ 177,200.00

Distance Education Program

何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	700.00
	HK\$ 3,700.00

Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

溫祥、黎琮珍 HK\$ 200.00

DONORS REPORT FOR JAN 2010

Education Fund (Church)

九龍城浸信會	13,650.00
九龍國際浸信會	26,000.00
上環浸信會	1,500.00
大埔浸信會	10,000.00
屯門浸信教會	600.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	1,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	3,500.00
尖沙嘴國語浸信會	1,000.00
西灣河浸信會福音堂	5,058.00
佐敦浸信會	1,000.00
紅磡浸信會	3,500.00
美門浸信會	200.00
香港浸信教會	88,500.00
香港聖尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00
基督浸信會	2,000.00
第一城浸信會	5,000.00
置富浸信教會	1,500.00
筲箕灣國語浸信會	1,000.00
銅鑼灣浸信會	3,000.00
廣源邨禧年浸信會	2,000.00
耀東浸信會	3,000.00
灣仔浸信會	90,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,316.00
中華錫安傳道會慈雲山錫安堂	800.00
浸信宜道會明道堂	500.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	500.00
基督教宣道會觀塘堂	3,000.00
HK\$	<u>271,324.00</u>
Chinese Independent Baptist Church of San Francisco	US\$ 540.00

Education Fund (Donor/Organization)

億利栢蕙花廊	1,000.00
Chan Pak Yan, Grace	1,000.00

Cheung Chuen Yeung Allan	500.00
白智信伉儷	500.00
何譚惠如	1,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	500.00
呂志華	1,000.00
李錦霞	1,000.00
周佩珊	1,000.00
胡文恩伉儷	500.00
徐詩雅	300.00
莫少霞	1,200.00
許鋒威	400.00
陳麗英	500.00
彭蔡靜雯	2,500.00
馮德華	300.00
黃挺安伉儷	100,000.00
黃華娟	100.00
楊謝金玉	1,800.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生	300.00
劉建紅	600.00
鄭非兒	300.00
薛聲明	1,000.00
龐凌玉珍	1,000.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅凱慈	1,000.00
關德華伉儷	140.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
主所愛的兒女	2,000.00
第五十八屆學士畢業班奉獻	1,000.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	500.00
HK\$	<u>125,940.00</u>

Scholarship and Bursaries

香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00
香港中華基督教青年會	9,000.00
愛子伉儷	300.00
HK\$	<u>14,300.00</u>

Lay Theological Education Program

北角浸信會	500,000.00
何鏡煒伉儷	800.00
余美蓮	1,000.00
逢守本伉儷	200.00
蔡麗桃	1,000.00
鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00
蕭桂娥	1,800.00
信徒部(書卷奉獻)	200.00
無名氏	10.50
HK\$	<u>506,010.50</u>

Distance Education Program

何鏡煒伉儷	3,000.00
鄒小寶	700.00
無名氏	20,000.00
HK\$	<u>23,700.00</u>

Local Filipino Program

張智理伉儷	6,000.00
陳麗英	200.00
溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
HK\$	<u>6,400.00</u>

Theological Education for the Hearing Impaired

溫祥、黎琮珍	200.00
HK\$	<u>200.00</u>

Edna Wong Christian Workshop
and Arts Education Centre

2009年綜合音樂初階(一)班同學	500.00
HK\$	<u>500.00</u>

Graduate School Program

北角浸信會	500,000.00
HK\$	<u>500,000.00</u>

Precious Moments

October 2, 2009 A Day of Fun and Games for Teachers and Students

Teachers and students assembled in order to get to know one another better. Through a variety of group games and activities, the HKBTS teacher-student team spirit was built up.



October 11, 2009 Parents' Day

Students invited their family members for a campus tour and a gathering. That day President Cho and our teachers extended a warm welcome to students' family members, and students shared their testimonies of God's call and expressed warm concern and gratitude for their family members. After the meeting, they had dinner together and shared many joyful moments in the Seminary canteen.

October 18, 2009 The Ninth Graduation Ceremony Distance Education Program

This year there were 41 graduates from the diploma and certificate programs, including 4 students who are visually impaired from the "Spiritual Light Project."

The Graduation Ceremony was held at our Sai O campus. Dr. Andres Tang, Professor of Christian Thought, preached the Word of God while President Joshua Cho presented the graduation certificates and gave the exhortation to the graduates.



Amidst vigorous handclapping and shouts of cheers, grandma Tang, aged 82, who was blind in both eyes, received her Certificate in New Testament Studies. This elderly woman has tried hard to offer up to God her best and is certainly our role model.

October 20-22, 2009 Baptist Heritage Week

The theme of the Baptist Heritage Week 2009 was "400th Anniversary of Baptists: Heritage Revisit." The speaker was Prof. Robert E. Johnson, Academic Dean of Central Baptist Theological Seminary. The morning lectures were held at our Sai O campus with the theme, "Priesthood of All Believers."





◀ The evening lectures of the Baptist Heritage Week were held at Mong Kok Baptist Church with the theme, "Baptist Polity and Community Life." Dr. Yip King-tak served as the interpreter. The respondents for the three evenings were Rev. Choi Siu-kei, Rev. Chan Che-keung and Dr. Vincent Lau.



▲ **November 15, 2009 The Fifty-Eighth Graduation Ceremony for Main Program**

The Graduation Ceremony of our Graduate Studies, Ministerial Training Program and Pastoral Continuing Education Program was held at Kowloon City Baptist Church. There were 34 graduates this year. President R. Philip Roberts of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary preached on the topic "Go All Lengths."



▲ **November 22, 2009 Lay Theological Education Department Joint-Programs Graduation Ceremony**

The Graduation Ceremony was held at Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church with as many as 382 graduates receiving master and bachelor degrees, diplomas and certificates. Dr. Andres Tang spoke on the topic "How Can They Believe in the One of Whom They Have Not Been Preached? How Can They Be Jesus' Disciples without Teachers?" as an exhortation to the graduates.

▶ **November 28, 2009 Talk on Full Time Ministry**

The Talk is especially designed for those who are seriously considering entering full time ministry and ready for theological training. Dr. Alexander Mak, Assistant Professor of New Testament, is pictured delivering his message.



◀ **November 26, 2009 Thanksgiving Day**

Our annual Thanksgiving Day is the day when all the faculty, students and staff got together to give thanks to God. In the chapel, a teacher, a staff and a student shared their testimonies of God's wondrous grace. Then, each one of us wrote on a small piece of white stone our words of thanks to God and joyfully put these momentos one by one into a glass jar.

