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This Christmas issue of the LTS News, English edition, focuses on words, which are so important in a faith that clings to the Word of God who "became flesh and lived among us, ...full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). That same Word has made fleshly words out of us, too, saying, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21). So, from all the far-flung places where we have been sent, we celebrate together God the Word's birth among us during this season.

In these pages you will find words about words from the assistant editor, Sophie Chuek Hei-Suet; words of introduction from the new international students; words describing the current ministry of two Cambodian alumni; words about LTS's role in building up librarians for theological schools in mainland China; words of farewell to our dear retired librarian, Mrs. Anna Hsiao; words of thanksgiving for the heritage of LTS; and words exploring Jesus' teaching about what it means to be blessed.

A special word of thanks goes to Nao Sokhom and Ry Channlyda, who responded to my plea for stories and photos from you, dear readers. You can read about the important work they are doing in Cambodia on page 7. I leave open the invitation to share your stories and photos for a future issue. You can send them to me at cmschneider@lts.edu.

May "the word of Christ dwell in you richly" this Christmas (Colossians 3:16).

Carolyn Schneider

Introducing Sophie Chuek Hei-Suet, Assistant Editor

Interview by Carolyn Schneider



After the last issue of the LTS News, English edition, came out, one of the readers expressed to me his admiration for the layout of the newsletter. I told him that the credit for that goes entirely to the assistant editor, Ms. Sophie Chuek. So I am taking this opportunity to introduce to you the person who makes this newsletter look so good.

Sophie arrived at LTS in August 2014 to begin her work in the publication department. The LTS News, English edition, is just one of the publications she works on. She is responsible for the layout of the newsletter, which involves collecting the material and typesetting it. When laying out the newsletter, Sophie thinks about the theme and the thematic color of the issue, searching for related images. Her main aesthetic principle is that simple is beautiful, and that nature, in particular, has a unique beauty. In Sophie's words, "The normal is miraculous."

I asked her about the work she did before and how it prepared her for the work she does now. She described two previous job experiences; the first taught her how to work with pictures and the second taught her how to work with words. She sees both as God's preparation of her for her current work. After graduating from secondary school, Sophie went back to work at her school. Although her job did not involve any aspect of publishing, a colleague of hers knew that Sophie loved photography and had a good sense for design. So he taught her how to use the software that would enable her to work with digital photos.

Sophie's next job was in a publishing company. It helped her to discover the field of publication as a career that would enable her to work with words. Her various tasks included minor editing work and proofreading in Chinese. Of this job, Sophie says,

God led me to that company to learn editing and I love to do this job. Words are beautiful. I have thought so ever since I was a child. Words are like miracles – pictures with stories behind them. We come to know God better through words. God left us the Bible with words for us. It was my dream to work with words. I don't know why I love reading; I am the only one in my family who does. This love for words is simply a gift from God.

When asked what she would especially like to say to you readers, Sophie answered, "Thank you for reading this and appreciating my job! Give praise to God for the inspiration."

New International Students



My name is Marip Kum Awng. I come from Kachin State, Myanmar. I belong to the Kachin ethnic group, which is one of the eight major ethnic groups of Myanmar. I am a student of pastoral care and counseling in the Master of Theology program here at LTS. Before I came here, I was working as the General Secretary of the Myitkyina Kachin Baptist Association and as a pastor of Hkanu Kachin Baptist Church. After completing my study at LTS, I am going to serve as a lecturer at Kachin Theological College and Seminary.



Hello! I am Naw Win Thet Su Tun. Everyone calls me Win Thet. I am from Myanmar, where beautiful and colorful people live. I belong to the Karen ethnic group. I grew up in Yangon, the second capital of Myanmar. I am a dedicated worker at Northern Shan State Union Christian College, Lashio. Now I am studying in the M.Th, two-year program at LTS, and my concentration area is Christian Ethics. I am very glad to be here. I love to learn from differences.



Hello! I am Dawt Tha Zing. I come from Chin State, Myanmar. I am studying in the Master of Arts program in Diakonia. It is a great blessing for me to not only to learn about the word of God but also to learn new things from new friends and new environments. I like the place, the programs and the community life I have been experiencing in LTS because all these experiences help me and build me up to be a better Christian. I give my heartfelt thanks to God, my lecturers, faculty members and staffs of LTS, my sponsors and my friends for giving their helping hands to me. Peace be with you all!



Hello! I am Bawi Cung Nawl from Chin State, Myanmar. I belong to the Falam Baptist Church, in Falam, Chin State, where I have had three years' experience as pastor. I have been an assistant lecturer at Chin Christian Institute of Theology since 2013. At LTS I am studying for the MTh degree in the area of Old Testament. I am married, with a four-year-old daughter and a one-year-old son. It is my great honor to be here at LTS to dig out God's word more deeply. Shalom!



Photo by Fong Alan

just arrived from Yangon, Myanmar. My name is Jan Philip Zaw Tun Win and my friends called me Jan. I am a Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. By the grace of God, I was gifted in music. So, I have served in the Church as Youth Leader, Organist, Choir leader and Gospel songs composer. For my future, I must always stand firmly on the will and word of God as Luther did and learn more about God, which strengthens me for ministry as Abraham a teacher and Pastor.

Hello everyone and Min-ga-lar-bar! I am grateful to participate in the LTS Christian community with my studies in the B.Th. program. I have



I'm Ouy Yoisaykham. My program is the Diploma in English and Leadership.

I come from Vientiane Province of Laos. My father is a school teacher and my mother is a housewife. I am the only Christian. I live with my grandfather and grandmother in Vientiane Capital City. Before I came here I was on the staff at Lao Evangelical Church in the Program of Think Small Ministry. I'm a Sunday school teacher at the Naxai Church.

In my free time I like reading books and listening to music. I'm ready to learn from LTS in order to get knowledge and go back to savor my Church and my job.



My name is Zam Khen Khai. I am pushing 40 by September 2017. God blessed me with a lovely wife Cing Dim Niang, a daughter Cing Hau Huai (6), two sons Mung Kho Thang (4) and Cin Sian Muan (3). I live in Yangon, Myanmar. I received my M.Div degree in 2007

at Myanmar Institute of Theology. Since then, I have been one of the assistant pastors in Tedim Baptist Church - Yangon. My wife is one of the Sunday teachers in the church. We are very happy serving in the ministry of God.



Chomreab Suor (greeting). I am Tharo

from Cambodia. I am very glad to be here at LTS. Having been a helper in seven churches in the past seven years, carried out pastoral ministry in the Anglican centre for the past five years, and rescued workers from human trafficking in Cambodia at a Christian organization for almost four years, it is a great joy and challenge to be able to come and study the MDiv 2-year program in Diakonia. This program relates closely with my experiences in the past and prepares me for the future, too. What I appreciate about life here at LTS is that I can learn from professors, local students, and also new friends from many countries in the world. LTS is my lovely seminary.



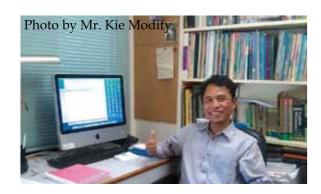
Hello!!! My name is Maung Tharn, from Nagaland, which is located in the northwest of Myanmar. I have two elder brothers and one younger brother. My mother Church is called Lahe Baptist Church, and I served there for two years as a Director of Christian Education. This is great privilege to study here at LTS, in the two-year MTh program.



My name is **Zam** Khaw-Lang, and I am a new D.Th student. I was born and raised in Chin State, Myanmar. In my family line, I am in the fourth generation of Christians.

I entered Christian service when I was 24, became an evangelist for two years, and then had 21 years of pastoral ministry. Now I am a teacher and the Dean of Studies in All Nations Theological Seminary in Yangon.

I consider studying in a Bible Seminary to be very important in terms of preparation for a better Church-related ministry. Here at LTS, I enjoy the place, the lessons, and teachings very much. I appreciate the care and love we share as a community.



My name is *Tlaboi*, came from Myanmar. I have been serving as an ordained Pastor in the Mara Evangelical Church, Chin State. By the grace of God I have the privilege to study for the English and Leadership Development Diploma at LTS. After completing this course I will continue to pursue an MA in Diakonia for one year.



My name is *Phonexay Santisouk*, but everybody calls me Kie. I come from Vientiane, the capital of Laos. I was born in a Christian family. My father is Rev. Phonexay Khanphet, who ministers in The Lao Evangelical Church. My mother is Mrs. Phonexay Hassade, who does business.

My program here LTS is the English and Leadership Development Diploma. It is a oneyear course. After I finish my English Diploma, I will continue to study my final year of Computer Business at Pakpasak Technical College.

I am very happy to come and study at LTS. So I thank God for giving me this chance. My thanks also goes to those who support and help me with finances and other needs.



I am *Sui Lian Thang*. I come from Kalay, Myanmar. I am married and have two children. I am a full-time lecturer at Tahan Institute of Theology in Tahan, Kalay, and have served for seven years there. My program is M.Th. in Old Testament. I am happy to be here LTS. So, I express my thanks to God for His guidance, to the LTS authorities for the admission, and to the Methodist Church, UK, for the financial support. And thanks to all my friends for your kindness and frienship. I love music, and guitar is one of my best friends!

The Continuing Learning Organization in Cambodia

By Nao Sokhom and Ry Channlyda (All photos by CLO)

Graduates of LTS engage in all kinds of ministry all over the world. The LTS News invites readers to share stories about these ministries. Two alumni, Mr. Nao Sokhom and Ms. Ry Channlyda, have responded to the invitation with this article about the work they do in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, through the Continuing Learning Organization. The Continuing Learning Organization (CLO) builds on the work of the earlier Continuing Education Program for Alumni, established in 2009. Nao Sokhom is the Executive Director of the CLO and Ry Channlyda is its Accounting and Administrative Officer.

The goal of the Continuing Learning Organization is to strengthen church development and leadership by helping people develop their knowledge and skills, and by opening up networks both within the Christian community and between people of different faith in the same community. Participants are bible school alumni, pastors and church leaders, and church workers in Phnom Penh City and the four provinces of Prey Veng, Kampong Cham, Battambang, and Kampong Som, as well as people who work in non-governmental organizations. The focus of CLO work in 2016 is on three areas: strengthening families, developing churches, and building interreligious peace.

Generally ten workshops are conducted per year in five different areas of Cambodia (four provincial areas and one area in Phnom Penh City). CLO creates the networking space for them to come for fellowship and to share their concerns, needs, and resources with each other. Participants from different churches in the same area get to meet each other, share experiences and challenges that they are facing, and learn from one another, not just from the facilitator(s).



The photos with this article show participants in action at the workshops.

Lyda finds that what she learned by studying Diakonia at LTS has helped to prepare her for this type of work: "It definitely helps me in communicating with people better and improves my working ability in different ways. It has opened up my mind to understand peoples' situations better than before. It has changed my concept of serving while I work with different people instead of just fulfilling my duties. May the Lord bless everyone at LTS abundantly!"





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Theological Library Training in Mainland China

I started to work in Lutheran Theological Seminary Library in 1994. In 1997, I first visited the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary Library, China, and provided consultation for their library automation and library development. After the visit, they started to build their new automated library building.

Besides faculty, the library is another cornerstone in theological education. Among the Asian and Mainland China seminaries, with the effort of various churches, missions and foundations, there has been great progress in faculty development in the past 30 years. In the near future, if we hope theological education in Asia and Mainland China continues to progress, better seminary library development will be another strategic step. However, library staff in this area are lacking library training. Therefore, the Lutheran Theological Seminary started the Theological Librarianship Program in 1998 to respond to this big need. By now there are about 50 graduates from this program who have gone back to their seminary libraries to serve in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Myanmar, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Samoa,

Since the LTS Theological Librarianship Program reached out to the whole of Asia, at the very beginning the medium of instruction was in English. But English

proved to be a constraint for the staff of libraries in Mainland China. Hence, before 2015, there was only one graduate from Nanjing, Mainland China.

In order to overcome the language constraints, LTS now provides short-term training in Mandarin. First, it was provided for individual seminary libraries, such as Beijing and Guangzhou, upon request. But in 2011, the China Christian Council organized short-term theological library training for all seminary libraries at the national level. I have the privilege to be one of the trainers. Among the 22 seminaries in China, 20 seminaries (over 30 seminary library staff members) have joined the training. With this national training opportunity and meeting platform, preliminary theological library networking has started in Mainland China. A Theological Library Service Group was formed during the training and 3 subgroups were established to serve the 22 seminary libraries. These subgroups include collection development, library automation and library training. With the efforts of the network and their mutual help, 4 seminary libraries started their automation after the 2011 training. In 2014, I was also involved in the second short-term nation-wide training that was organized by the China Christian Council. After the training, more seminary libraries automated and by now 13 Mainland China seminary libraries have automated!

Seeing the fruit and importance of training Council arranged with LTS to provide a long-term theological librarianship program in Mandarin for Mainland China seminary libraries. In March, 2015, a 2-year M.A. program started. The goals and objectives of the program include:

- 1. Equipping learners to handle Chinese and English theological information, especially in acquisition, cataloging and classification;
- 2. Equipping learners to develop usercentered theological library services and
- Helping learners to understand current library automation technology;
- 4. Encouraging learners to face the challenges of theological libraries in Mainland China and take up the leading roles.

Thanks to the Lord, 4 students were enrolled for seminary libraries, China Christian in the program; they are from Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, Eastern China Theological Seminary, North East Theological Seminary and Shaanxi Biblical Institute. Three of the students have over 15 years of library work experience and are the most experienced among the mainland China seminary libraries. With the support of the China Christian Council, respective seminaries and various partners, these students will be graduated in December in 2016! I am hoping that they are the first fruits and in the near future more students can join the program.



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In the spring of 2017 LTS will say goodbye to a beloved member of the community who was the head librarian from 1975-1998, Mrs. Anna Hsiao. She will move to Seattle, Washington, in the United States, so that she can be close to her three children and six grandchildren. In an interview, she graciously shared highlights of her story, which is closely intertwined with the history of LTS, stretching back to its beginnings in Hubei Province, China.

When the seminary was still located in Shekow, Hubei, Anna's father was a student there. His roommate would later become the father of Anna's future husband, Andrew Hsiao. After his graduation and some years of working as a parish pastor, Anna's father became a professor at LTS, where Anna was born under the careful midwifery of a seminary professor's wife, who also assisted at the birth of Andrew.

These were difficult years. The Sino-Japanese war and the civil war that followed it were times of flight from one place to another, of scarcity of basic goods, and of intermittent education for Anna and for the seminary. At one point the seminary had to hold classes in Chongqing, the

capital city during the Sino-Japanese war. In 1948 the Christian Mission to Buddhists invited the seminary to operate on its campus at Tao Fung Shan in Hong Kong. But because everyone expected the seminary eventually to return to Shekow, Anna and her brother remained in Hunan Province in China, where Anna lived in her grandmother's village and devoured books. Anna moved to Hong Kong in 1950 and shortly thereafter the border between Hong Kong and China was closed.

The years at Tao Fung Shan were happy for Anna, who was confirmed at the seminary, received her own Bible (which she read voraciously), had her own room, and was able to attend secondary school at Bethel Mission School, with instruction in Mandarin. At this time, Anna was drawn to Andrew Hsiao, then a student at LTS, because of his complete dedication to the church and to suffering people. In addition to watching his work with youth at the Tao Fung Shan campus, Anna heard how Andrew devoted many hours traveling on foot to various areas of the city to tell stories about Jesus to homeless refugee children from China. He had even learned a few magic tricks to attract their attention.

After graduating from secondary school, Anna was accepted at the new Chung Chi College, where she studied first social work and then English language and literature. She went on to Teacher's College, where she earned the qualification to teach in Hong Kong's Middle Schools.

Meanwhile, since a return to Shekow was no longer possible, in 1955 the seminary purchased a former orphanage in Pak Tin Village and moved into its own space. Four years later LTS admitted the first two female students to study in the regular curriculum, and Anna married Andrew Hsiao, who had become a professor at LTS. Anna says of him, "He was the only man I loved."

When the seminary invited Mrs. Hsiao to work in the library, she underwent training in librarianship and earned a Master's degree in Library Science in the United States. She was the first female to head a major theological library in East Asia. The big challenge for her as a librarian at that time was computerizing the library. Anna was determined that the library at LTS would develop not only an internal system of digital access but also a digital network connecting the

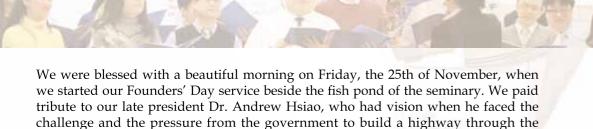
records of several theological libraries in Hong Kong. Anna and her staff happily realized this dream when the seminary moved to its present location in 1992 and a new library was built. We benefit from her foresight and hard work as we use that library and its network today!

In 1984, proposed changes in land use at Pak Tin created the need for the seminary to move again, so the Christian Mission to Buddhists donated part of its land on Tao Fung Shan for a new campus. The move was called a challenging "Pilgrimage of Faith" as construction costs kept rising. Anna calls the present campus "a miracle of God," which she celebrated with joy in 1992 at the service of dedication in the new chapel, along with representatives from local churches and churches around the world. At this time she learned something important to share: "We don't know the future, but God does, and God prepares the way. Each step builds on the others. So there is no need to worry about the future." As you move into your future, Mrs. Hsiao, we give thanks to God for your life and work at LTS now and in so many phases of its history.

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The 103rd Founders' Day of LTS

By Dr. Nicholas Tai Ho-Fai (who has the distinction of being the longest-serving current faculty member at LTS!)



old campus that would eventually tear the seminary apart. God was faithful to His

servant and the new campus of LTS was built in 1992. God be praised!

I don't know how many Founders' Days I have celebrated. But I do know that whenever we faced challenges and pressures or even hardship, God provided a new way for us. From the very beginning, the seminary faced the hardship of Japanese invasion and had to move to Sichuan. In 1948, during the fierce fighting of civil war, the seminary decided to move to Hong Kong and hoped that one day they could move back to Shekou. But after seven years of sojourning in Tao Fong Shan Christian Centre, the seminary decided to buy a permanent place in Shatin in order to continue to equip God's servants. Dr. Hsiao decided to move on to Tao Fong Shan again in 1985 when the pressure of building a highway through our campus came. God provided again!

As we celebrate God's faithfulness to us, we are still facing problems. This time the second generation of professors (those who moved from China were the first generation), who were raised in Hong Kong, are going to retire. We need the third generation of professors and administrators for the new challenges ahead of us. But we have experienced God's faithfulness in the past and I am sure that He will provide. With this assurance in heart, we experienced a wonderful Founders' Day on November 25, and God be praised.



Being Light of the World or Being of the World?

A Timely Challenge from Lectures on a Mount in Shatin about Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

By Dr. Sin-Pan Daniel Ho

Just after his monumental work Parables and Rhetoric in the Sermon on the Mount: New Approaches to a Classical Text (WUNT 351) was published last year, it is our honour to have had Dr. Ernst Baasland present his recent research on the Sermon on the Mount (abbrev. SOM) in the Annual Theological Lecture of LTS, 2016. On October 14, 2016, Dr. Baasland, aiming at seminarians, delivered a lecture titled "Why is SOM the most influential speech in world history?" Another lecture, aiming at biblical scholars and students on an advanced level, titled "Contemporary Research on the SOM", was given on October 15, 2016.

As I was the interpreter of his speech on Oct. 14, I listened attentively and benefited a lot. I glimpsed some classic works on interpreting the SOM. Yet, his exegetical interpretations still widened my eyes and has given me new insights in understanding this familiar text. For instance, he argued that Matt. 5-7 is Matthew's summary of a genuine speech of Jesus instead of Matthew's composition of different sayings of Jesus, and that the immediate audience included those who had not yet believed in him, even Gentiles. By comparing this long speech of Jesus with other historic speeches that changed human history by Buddha and Confucius, Dr. Baasland pointed out the distinctiveness of Jesus' speech: it was not confined only to followers, but was rather a public

discourse that has had tremendous impact in world history.

Second, from his rhetorical analysis, Dr. Baasland helped me identify the rhetorical functions of the beatitudes that begin the SOM, and see how helpful these eight blessings can be in unlocking the messages of ensuing teachings. For instance, Jesus says that the reader's righteousness must exceed "that of the scribes and Pharisees (Matt. 5:20)." The beatitudes demonstrate how subversive the righteousness is that Jesus expects from his followers. The righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees is a selfrighteous attitude that leads people to death (cf. Matt 23.16-22). If we cannot live out the subversive nature of Jesus' righteousness demonstrated in the beatitudes, we may return evil with evil, or love neighbor and hate our enemy, resulting in shutting ourselves from the entrance of the Kingdom of heaven.

In the second lecture on Oct. 15, Dr. Baasland further explained rhetorical purposes of other teachings of the SOM, such as 5:11-16, 19 and 7:21-27. He argued that the SOM was not intended to be taken as idealistic requirements for just a few super-Christians, but is supposed to be taken as daily practice by everyone. Yet, these teachings should not be practiced according to their literal meanings, for they include numerous parables and highly symbolic vocabularies. We should decode the principles symbolized by these parables or hyperbolic speeches and then act accordingly in our daily lives. The SOM is a key for the Christian community to live out distinctive life principles and let the church really be salt and light in the world.

I look forward to reading more scholarly works like Baasland's that demonstrate the beauty and timely message of the Bible, so that we may rightly apply the bible and avoid the fallacy of making use of the Bible for our own propaganda. The monograph of Dr. Baasland's study of SOM is now available in LTS library, call number 230.B112p.2015. It is worth reading in spite of its thickness!







Lutheran Theological Seminary 2017-2018 Enrollment

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Ministerial Leadership Programs

Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.)
Bachelor of Christian Education (B.C.E.)
Three-Year Master of Divinity (M.Div.3-yr)
Two-Year Master of Divinity (M.Div.2-yr)
Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)

One-Year Master of Arts (M.A.1-yr)

Emphasis in: Classical Judaism, Diakonia, Lutheran Studies, Mission, Pastoral Counseling, Spirituality, Theological Librarianship

2. Academic Theological Leadership Programs

Master of Theology (M.Th.) Doctor of Theology (D.Th.)

3. Lay and Special Ministry Leadership Programs

Diploma in Theological Studies (Dip.T.S.)
Diploma in Theological Librarianship (Dip.T.L.)
Graduate Diploma (Grad.Dip.)

Two-Year Master of Arts in Theology (M.A.2-yr) One-Year Master of Arts in Diakonia (M.A.1-yr)

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Statement of Income and expenses for the 2 Months Ending 30 September 2016

Coming Up

9/1/2017 Students and Faculty Retreat.

Looking back

- There was 400 person join "Walk In One Heart With LTS" Walkathon and raised fund HK\$120,000 above. We are thankful for all your efforts to our seminary.
- 3/11 Friday Lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. Hans Martin Barth on "Mysticism in Luther's Theology?".
- 9/11 Orientation, Seminars and Academic Courses are successfully completed and the Dissertation Proposal is approved. Student will officially nominated to be D. Min. candidate: Chung Yiu Man and Tang Chun Shing
- 9/11 Oral Examinations are successfully completed and the Dissertation Proposal is approved. Student will officially nominated to be D. Th. Candidate: Chang Wei Wei, Fong Hak Shun, He Ai Xia, Nang Seng, Naw Phoo Plet, Si Mon Thang, Tsang Ho Yin Kenneth, Umnai Kui and Wong Ka Yu.







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Economy

14/11	School trip. There were 80 person joined including Faculty, students and staffs. Thank God for prepare good weather for us.
25/11	Founder's Day and Family Celebration. Thank God bless our seminary for 103 years.
2/12	Friday Lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. Chan Kam Kuen on "Prilgrimage and Healing".

President's Itinerary

President is suffering from Sciatica, please pray for him.

1-3/12 Attending ATESEA director meeting at Chiang Mai, Thailand.

TEE News

21/10 MCS Student, Mr. Chan Kai Yin, by the grace of God a new born boy was given to his family on 21st Oct, 2016. Congratulations!

Ordination & Commissioning

- 28/10 Alumnus Missionary Leung, Wai Kai Alex (2007 MDiv) by the grace of God, will be ordained by The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China. May the Lord Bless him abundantly.
- 30/10 Alumnus Mr. Lee, Ka Keung Leo (2011 BTH) and Theology Student Mr. Huang, Hsin Jung Anthony (MDiv Year 1) by the grace of God, will be ordained by The Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod as pastors. May the Lord bless them abundantly.
- 13/11 Alumnus Ms. Chan Lai Mee Loelle(2014 MA-M)by the grace of God, will be ordained by International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Ltd as pastor. May the Lord Bless her abundantly.
- 13/11 Alumnus Dr. Lau, Man Leung Philze (2014 D-Min) by the grace of God, will be ordained by Church of Holy Calling in Fanling Ltd and Life Gospel Ministry Ltd. May the Lord Bless him abundantly.

Staff News

7/11 Wong Chi Sun commenced serving as the Library Assistant. May God bless him.
21/11 Zhu You Cai commenced serving as a fellow worker. May God bless her.
21/11 Yang Ying Nong commenced serving as a fellow worker. May God bless her.
25/11 Fellow worker Cheung Lai Kuen has undergone gastric surgery and now at home. Please pray for her.