

## MERDEKA!

For freedom, Christ has set us free! (Gal. 5:1) As we celebrate Merdeka Day, we may want to have a look at the idea of freedom within the ministry. Those of us who are



Tham Wan and other APTS administrators cutting the 45th Anniversary Cake. APTS celebrated its anniversary on July 29th. The Thanksgiving service was webcast live. People from as far the USA watched the celebrations.

"in power," must learn to set others free. I can perhaps say that I am "in power," being the President of APTS. It is important that I do not see my power as a means of control.

When we set people free, "faith, hope and love" are being exercised. I am having **FAITH** in God and in people when I release people from my control to God's control. I am also expanding my **HOPE** and expectations. It is no longer just what I can do or what God can do in me. The circle of expectations have moved beyond me to cover another person that I have set free. True **LOVE** is never exercised by self-centered control. A genuine love relationship can only take place in an environment of freedom.

We must NOT put people under bondage to our personal biases. As our students mature, they must become free to minister as the Lord leads them. In fact, our theology of the Divine Call requires us to release people to answer God's call themselves.

## THE KOREAN CONNECTION



Moon Tee preaching at the early morning service in Haeundae.

We ministered at the Haeundae Church in Busan, Korea from Aug 9 to 12. Moon Tee preached 4 times at the daily prayer meeting that starts at 5 am every morning while I preached for 4 evening revival services. It was an awesome experience for both of us.

Senior Pastor John Chung is a very strong supporter of APTS. The church had been faithfully giving to APTS for many years. They have also been receiving APTS students for "field education" at their church. The present Business Administrator at APTS is a missionary from their church. We already have many Korean students but we hope the Korean connection will be strengthened further and there will be more Korean investment in APTS.



Tham Wan preaching at the Haeundae Church in Busan. The interpreter is Kim Byeong-Gug, one of his former students from APTS.

At the end of our stay at Haeundae, Pastor Chung was apologetic & said, "I am so sorry. We can only support US\$100 per month." (He has been supporting APTS \$100 per month for a long time!) My response to him was: **"If every church in Asia follows your example, APTS will be very rich!"**

### PRAYER NEEDS

1. That Tham Wan will have wisdom and humility in leading APTS.
2. That APTS will fulfill its "2014 Jubilee Vision":
  - a) 200 students
  - b) 14 lecturers with doctorate degrees
  - c) A Prayer Mountain on campus
  - d) DEBT-FREE!
3. That we will have enough funds to travel to promote APTS.
4. For our family in Malaysia
5. For our supporters - that the Lord will bless them in return.
6. For Tham Wan's studies



### 1st South-Central Cordillera (SCC) District Prayer Conference

Tham Wan preached at a historic gathering of almost 1,000 pastors from the new SCC district. Hundreds of participants responded every night to the altar calls.