

EMERGING MISSIONS POSSIBILITIES



The words, "emerging" and "emergent" have been bandied about by writers in various fields. Economists talk about "emerging markets"; scientists talk "emerging technologies"; doctors talk about "emerging infectious diseases"; etc. In Christian circles, the concept of "emerging or emergent churches" has become a kind of a vogue, with some even arguing for a differentiation between "emerging" and "emergent" churches.



Moon Tee with Mrs. Lee In Jae, wife of the APTS Business Administrator

When used in church, the words now have a lot of baggage.

While I may not agree with a lot of what is described as the "emergent" church, I find the word particularly useful to describe the innovation and sense of newness that is a part of ministry today. In a constantly changing world, we need to seek new paradigms in ministry.

Moon Tee and I are boldly talking

about new possibilities. For example, we brought together 12 leaders of the major Chinese House Church Networks to meet in Baguio with the APTS administrators and leaders of missions agencies related to APTS. We challenged them to become full partners in the missions enterprise. They agreed to send 20 students to APTS for the new 2010/11 school year and they will pay for these students' airfares and immigration charges. The students will also work for 25% of the school fees. These are very important initial steps for the Chinese Church.



For security reasons, we cannot show you photos of the meeting with the House Church Leaders. You will have to take our word for it...

The old paradigm of China as only a missions field must give way to a China that is an **emerging** missions sending country. We need to help the Church in China embrace this new paradigm by allowing their **emerging** leaders to get the same kind of training that we ourselves have gotten.

We are asking you to help us with the Chinese students coming to APTS. Will you pray and give towards this **emerging** possibility?

PRAYER NEEDS

1. For good health and wisdom as Tham Wan and Moon Tee travels and meets with supporters.
2. For our colaborers at APTS
3. For scholarship for the 20 new mainland Chinese students expected to come in next year.
3. For more Asian support for APTS.
4. For family and loved ones.

APTS - A CHANNEL OF RELIEF

The recent typhoons brought about great sufferings to the people of the Philippines. More than 1,000 died through floods and landslides. There were landslides and even floods up in the Baguio area, 5,000 feet above sea-level!! Whole villages up on the mountains were buried or washed away.

APTS tried to bring relief in any way it can. Funds were collected from the APTS community. Other funds coming through APTS missionaries were also coursed through APTS to help with the

Philippines General Council to help in the relief work. We continue to do relief work with whatever funds left in our "Calamity Fund Account."



We met recently with the World Missions Department Committee (WMD). The WMD members are very precious people to us. They continue to be our biggest supporters.



Baguio flooded! The typhoon washed away the main access roads to Baguio and isolated Baguio for 3 days. During that time, there was rationing of fuel and vegetable prices went up to be almost the price of meat.

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