

Missionaries to the Asia Pacific Theological Seminary, training leaders for the Asia Pacific Church

STRATEGIC LEADERS IN APTS



The passion of the Chinese Church Leaders were clearly on their faces when they gave a special number at APTS



Young upcoming leaders in APTS under the "20+70 CHINA DEAL." More will be coming next year!!

THE "DEAL" CONTINUES

After the first year of the "20+70 CHINA DEAL," we revisited the top House Church leaders in China again. We wanted to make sure that we keep this good thing going. There were some hiccups in our first year but the leaders understood that we were on a very steep learning curve. They felt that APTS' missionary emphasis and Pentecostal heritage will fit well with their ministry approach in China. They promised to continue sending their current and upcoming leaders to APTS. Please keep this matter in your prayers.

We estimate that the next "Intensive Chinese Leadership Training" (July to Sept 2011) will cost APTS US\$35,000. I urge you to prayerfully consider the possibility of putting this very strategic project on your missions budget. It is a huge but completely worthwhile investment, when we consider the strategic importance of the Chinese Church in world missions.

There are opportune "times and seasons" in history. Some people use the word *kairos* to describe these opportune times. I believe this is the *kairos* time for the Chinese Church to move out from its persecuted mentality and take a stronger role in world missions. For them to do that, they need the help of the Church outside of China.

From July till September, APTS organized a 3-month training program for 38 House Church leaders from China. These 38 came from 4 of the largest House Church Networks. This is part of the so-called "20+70 CHINA DEAL" where APTS will train strategic mainland Chinese leaders in Baguio. The "DEAL" calls for APTS to pay for all their in-country (Philippines) expenses while the Chinese House Church networks pay for the airfare and immigration charges.

This year's 3-month training covered many subjects, including Hermeneutics, Missions, Counselling, Marriage and Home, Media Ministry, etc. - including even a module on Worship Dance! The Leaders were exposed to different kinds of ministries. They were even given the opportunity to do street evangelism - something they don't get to do in China. These are the kinds of ministry exposure that will help these strategic leaders enter the new era of "open ministry" that seems to be coming very soon in mainland China.

HELP US CARRY ON . . .

Our third term of appointment under the Malaysian AG World Missions Department (WMD), ends on October 31. **Yes, we have been on field for six years already!** Since our coming on to the field in 2004, our ministry has grown beyond our wildest imagination. Who would have thought that Tham Wan would become the President of APTS? Who would have thought that we could come to a long-term ministry agreement with the top House Church Networks?

We have been approved in principle for a new term (2011 to 2012) on condition that we have the commitments to support at least 80% of our new budget. Our new budget could be about 7 to 9 percent higher than the previous budget to cover for inflation and extra missions projects that we are involved in. We are very thankful for faithful partners who have helped us fulfill God's call in our lives. We now need our present partners to increase their regular support and also new partners that will expand our support base.

PLEASE WRITE TO US (at thamwan@gmail.com) TO CONFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT SO THAT WE CAN CARRY ON OUR WORK AT THE ASIA PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (APTS).