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"Congratulations on the launch of the newsletter"

President Ho-Deok Kwon

We are living in a time of great chaos.

We are passing through a very difficult process.

There is news of war in our midst, and the miserable sights of war make us sad, and there is no end to the news of famine caused by floods and droughts.

Those of you who are currently laboring in the ministry will feel this pain even more acutely. When will these misfortunes stop? The Bible teaches that only the gospel can stop these misfortunes.

We thank God for protecting our mission and seminary in the midst of these difficulties. I would like to thank Mr. Chairman, and everyone else who has worked hard for Life Road Mission and Hong Kong LifeRoad Theological Seminary. I believe that God will repay you for your hard work at the Last Judgment on the Last Day.

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this for the newsletter of the Seminary. It is a beautiful thing that we share mutual love and dialogue between campuses thousands of miles apart through this newsletter. Christians can gain new strength and be sanctified by encouraging each other and praying for each other.

In the age of AI, personal interaction between people will become less and less, and although there are many things that are convenient through AI, human society will become more and more walled off from our neighbors, as is the tendency of people in the post-modern era. In such a time, we hope that there will be a work of unity in the Holy Spirit through personal interaction through this newsletter. May all the scattered workers be strengthened, and may the hand of God's power be with you.



"Congratulations on the publication of HKLTS newsletter"

Prof. Heo Sung Sik

As we see Hong Kong LifeRoad Theological Seminary, which was started under God's wonderful providence and grace, develop into a school that is more faithful to the mission entrusted to it by the Lord year after year, we give thanks and praise to the Lord for His goodness and care.

We are deeply grateful for the prayers and dedication of the President and all the faculty members who have been serving with dreams of the Lord's good work through Hong Kong LifeRoad Theological Seminary. May the Lord establish Hong Kong LifeRoad Theological Seminary as a center for world mission and enable it to fulfill its mission well. It is with great joy that we are now publishing this newsletter as the seminary takes a new leap forward. We hope that it will be an indispensable tool for the seminary to fulfill its mission as a center of world mission with Hong Kong as its center, and I congratulate on its launch.

We are deeply grateful for all the hard work that has gone into making this happen.

We hope that the publication of this newsletter will lead to a closer relationship and better communication with the seminaries in the various mission fields where we work together.

Once again, congratulations on the publication of this newsletter!



Nehemiah International

Director Eunice Yung

Our heartfelt Congratulations on launching of HKLTS Newsletter!

What a thoughtful and effective way to connect and encourage one another in Christ!

As a partner organisation of HKLTS, Nehemiah International is grateful to stand together with HKLTS in its concerted effort to shape and train future Christian leaders all over the world. We have already witnessed God working through HKLTS to reach God loving group of pastors in Malawi, Laos and Philippines in a record breaking time.

May HKLTS continue to identify increasing number of potential shepherds who are hungry for knowledge of God and willing to dedicate themselves in His ministry.

Our prayer is that our partnership and accountability will be mutually edifying and sustainable to enable us to remain faithful and growing to serve God in each of our calling.

We eagerly look forward to honouring and glorifying God through the synergy that results from cooperation and unity and glorious harvest promised to HKLTS.



“Partnering Schools” with Hong Kong LifeRoad Theological Seminary (HKLTS)

Since HKLTS was officially established in Hong Kong in 2016, God has enabled us to partner with a number of leading schools around the world. Through the partnership MOUs with each of these schools, we have seen the value of a mission-oriented school and equipping pastors and church leaders with theological education in the mission field.

In the case of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS), we signed an MOU in 2016 with the Church Music Department of HKLTS and the Life Road Singers (LRS), the exclusive praise group of HKLTS. Since then, we have already conducted a certificate program for the faculty of the Church Music Department, and next summer 2025, a group of SWBTS’ faculties will conduct a certificate program for all the students of the Church Music Department of HKLTS.

The Master's Seminary (TMS), located in Los Angeles, is the seminary of Dr. John MacArthur, the pastor of Grace Community Church (GCC), a leading Reformed conservative church in the United States, and our seminary visited and shared ministries there back in 2020. As a result of the partnership, TMS provided us with a significant amount of video lectures for our online courses at no cost. TMS Seminary has been an invaluable outlet for us to provide quality theological education to pastors on the mission field.



In addition, Virginia Christian University (VACU) has granted HKLTS students a dual degree program, and Moody Theological Seminary (MTS) in Chicago has agreed to allow HKLTS students to participate in online courses on MTS's website at no cost and to issue certificates of church leadership upon completion. As part of the MOU, we agreed to participate in mission conferences at each other's schools to share our ministries.

In November of this year, another MOU will be signed with Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary (MBTS) in Malaysia. MBTS is one of the few prestigious seminaries in Southeast Asia, and this November, our staff will participate in their 70th anniversary service & commencement, followed by the MOU signing ceremony with HKLTS.

We are very grateful to God for these partnerships with these prestigious seminaries overseas, and we believe that through these partnerships, HKLTS will work even harder in providing “sound theology” to pastors and church leaders in the mission field that we serve.



News from HKLTS Hong Kong Campus!

First of all, We are delighted to announce that we have finally launched our online newsletter to keep you up to date with what's happening in our school. For HK campus, we are offering the M.A. in Christian Education and the M.Div. for Sunday school teachers and leaderships of Korean churches in Hong Kong. During the July and August holidays, Professor Yongyi Yang's Matthew course will be available online, and the fall semester, which starts in September, will include Revelation II, Christian Apologetics, and Romans II.

- ① The M.A. in Christian Education provides students with the foundational biblical and theological training necessary for leadership in the church and for their Christian life.
- ② M.Div in Christian Education is a program that trains Sunday school teachers and ministers to serve the church.

HK campus becomes a place of learning to serve the Korean churches in Hong Kong from various angles.

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Pray for:

- 1) For the M.A. and M.Div programs at the Hong Kong campus to serve as a source of training spiritual leaders equipped with sound doctrine for Korean churches in Hong Kong.
- 2) We are preparing to launch the Mandarin Bachelor's program in Hong Kong. May it be a valuable program for training ministers among the mainland Chinese living in Hong Kong.



News from our G campus!

Last week, we finished the Spring 2024 semester by the grace of God.

We have six faculty members, four local instructors, two master's students, and 12 bachelor's students, along with six Life Road missionaries, covering the ministries of "Laroguang" (LifeRoad Singers Gxxx) and "Laroki" (LifeRoad Kids Singers) along with the curriculum.

We have also been granted a preparatory school in NT area, where students aged 15-17 are preparing to enter the conservatory.

This summer holidays, we have plans to conduct a camp in Hong Kong with Professor Eun Myung Paik, Ryungman Sung, Siro Sung and to do a praise ministry with the 'Raroki' children.

We are also continuing to interview new students for the September semester.



Our prayer requests are:

- 1) for the NT Preparatory School to have the most suitable teachers as we are in the process of hiring a faculty.
- 2) that the NT and Gxxx campuses would receive new students who are called to church music ministry
- 3) For the safety of the conservatory and for the opening of the music hall.



S Campus

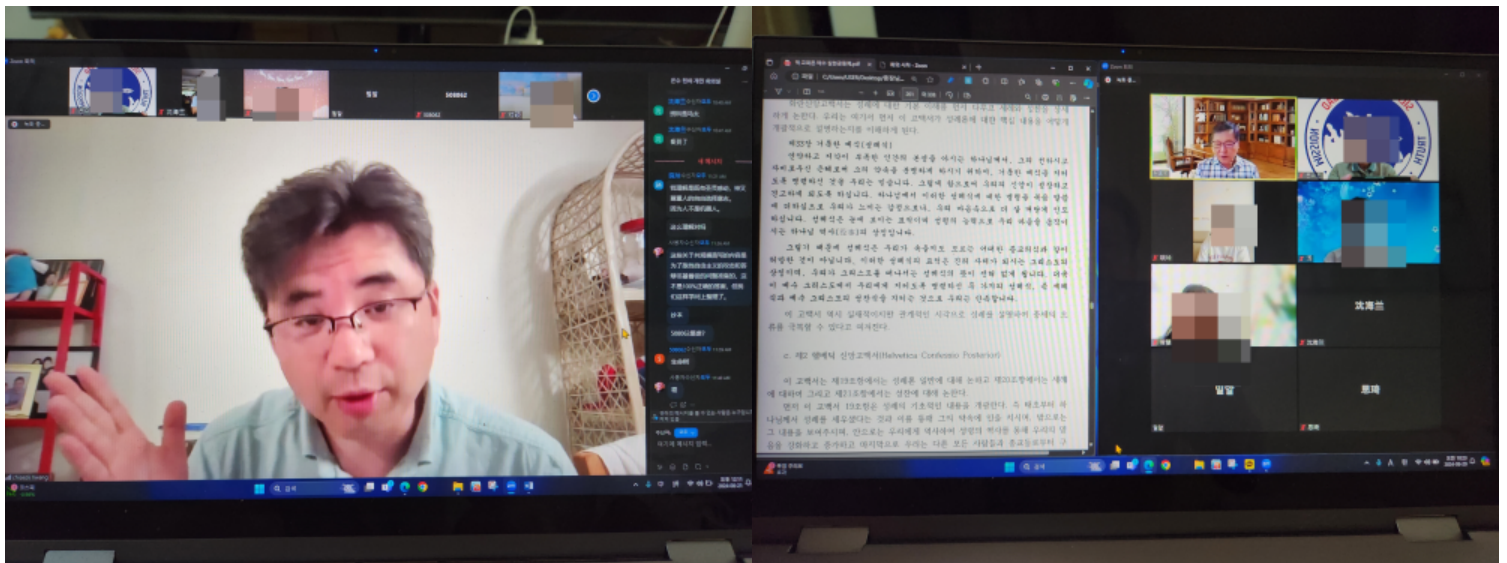


Sxxx Campus News!

Sxxx Campus has completed the final exams for two of the four courses that began in March: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology, Discipleship, Missions and Cultural Anthropology, and The Gospel of Mark.

Mission and Cultural Anthropology and Gospel of Mark are still in progress, (with 8 students and 4 taking the class as guests,) for a total of 12 students. Not only are the students growing and being transformed by the good quality of teaching of the professors, but they are also sharing abundant grace with many questions and lively discussions after each lecture.

Thank God for the opportunity to establish sound theology and build up good ministers for the local leaderships here.



Prayer requests:

- 1) that the Sxxx campus would be under the Lord's protection and that the lectures would go well despite the current tightening of Cxxx policies.
- 2) that the professors who teach will have good health and physical and spiritual strength, and that the students will have wisdom and faith for their ministry and studies



Update from our CxxDxx campus!

Currently, the Master of Arts in Worship program, which opened in September last year, four worship leader training courses, one worship leader training course in cooperation with local churches, and two Sunday school teacher training courses are in progress. In the case of the worship leader training course, there are many people from other regions outside of CxxDxx who are interested in the course, so discussions are underway to open the course remotely in other regions as an integrated online/offline course.

In June, three teachers from Life Road Singers Korea visited CxxDxx and gave vocal lessons to the students of the worship studies course and Sunday school teacher training course, which were well received.



Prayer requests:

- 1) For the continued availability of faculty members who can teach in Chinese.
- 2) For safety in all aspects of the theological education process



HKLTS West (X) Campus

By 8 July, all spring semester courses were completed.

By the end of June, we had finished our 'beginner' and 'advanced' classes, and on the morning of 4 July, we held the beginner and advanced classes' graduation ceremony. Two students from the beginner class and another two from advanced classes graduated.

It was a very emotional and honourable time as it was the culmination of a year or two of study.

The Bachelor of Christian Education classes are almost finished with the final exams and the Bible exam on 8 July. There are still 12 book reviews for students to complete before the end of July and a final week of intensive classes in the third week of August for graduation.

The seniors are working on a number of personal preparations for the graduation ceremony taking place on 1 September at our HK main campus.



Prayer requests:

- 1) that the bachelor's class will be well prepared for graduation
- 2) for a good start for the advanced and beginner classes in the second semester
- 3) safety in all the ministries and families in the area

Central Asia Campus



News from our Central Asia Campus!

The Central Asia region is home to a huge variety of ministries. Above all, our most important work here in Central Asia, the LifeRoad Seminary ministry, is going well. About 20 students from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan have done well in the Introduction to the Old Testament (April), Romans (May), and Christian Counselling (June) classes. We are now compiling and distributing the overall grades for the first half of the year to the students, and we will be having graduation ceremony early next year (our fourth graduation). More than 80% of the students are already pastoring local churches in the field, and the rest are also ready to serve in any forms. We look forward to seeing many groups established and strengthened here in Central Asia through these precious students.

Prayer requests:

- 1) For the Lord's amazing grace on the students during their special summer ministry.
- 2) For God's grace for "the early church history" class in September, "the missiology" class in October, and the field trip to Korea scheduled for the end of September.

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Malawi Campus



Malawi Campus Update!

Our campus in Malawi, Africa, opened in September last year and is currently running as a hybrid, using a combination of Zoom, video, and on-site classes to deliver the required courses. The 3rd batch students are taking programs with us now, and the 4th batch (another 40 students) class will begin in September. They are taking either B.A. in Biblical Studies, Master of Divinity, or M.A. in Christian Education program with us, and we are preparing to offer a combined Th.M/Ph.D. program in the second half of next year. As we are teaching the classes each semester, we are witnessing these local pastors who are really sincerely engaged in each course... They are being prepared to serve the local churches with sound theology on the ground in Africa.

Prayer requests:

- 1) There will be a ZOOM class and on-site class in September and December respectively. Pray for the preparation of the professors who will be teaching the classes. There are local pastors who have limited access to electricity and internet networks, making it difficult for them to participate in online and ZOOM classes. Pray for the helping hands and co-operation.
- 2) Pray for Pastor Lewis, who is serving as the student director in Malawi, that he will be well established as the leader there, and pray for wisdom for the Hong Kong team who are setting up the classes each month.

Southeast Asia Campus



Southeast Asia (Laos and Philippines) Campus Update!

The Southeast Asia campus has not officially started yet, but will begin in September this year at the request of local pastors in Laos and missionaries from the Philippines.

Currently, about 15 local pastors and missionaries have submitted applications and are preparing to take classes. The administrative set-up is complete and the classes will be taught in English, so we are expecting more applicants from local pastors in Southeast Asia, including Filipino missionaries in the diaspora. Through a Filipino businessman and missionary himself (Mr. Jun) who owns a hotel in the area in Lao, we have received requests from local pastors and missionaries to begin theological education in the area, and we are very excited that classes will begin in September.

Prayer requests:

- 1) We are in the process of recruiting additional professors who can teach classes in English. Please pray for the availability of professors with a missionary heart.
- 2) That God will send precious students (local pastors and missionaries) who will be educated in sound theology and will serve the church in various ways.

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Life Load Singers



"Life Load Singers" (LRS) Update!

By the grace of the Lord, Life Load Singers returned to Korea in February from the U.S. tour and are continuing the ministry. The mission of sharing the gospel through praise is being fulfilled by dedicated members who call themselves as 'praise ministers', and there has been an amazing and precious grace of the younger generation of members being dedicated and growing as part of the team. We hope and pray that LRS ministry will continue to be passed down from generation to generation, and that more members with classical music backgrounds will come together to sing.

In the meantime, LRS has been sharing the grace of worship with many other Christians in person through visiting many different churches. And through monthly music recordings, we have been sharing our refined and pure choral praise with more people. In particular, since May, we have been recording not only Korean but also English and Chinese songs, further clarifying our identity as a 'mission worship team' and expanding the audience with whom we share our praise. Only by God's grace have we walked this path, and we hope to continue to walk the path of life together in worship.

Prayer requests:

- 1) That many souls will come to know Jesus through the praise of LRS, and that souls will be restored and healed
- 2) For God to expand the reach of LRS' evangelistic outreach through praise, for the recruitment of younger singers, and for continued financial supporters
- 3) That in a rapidly changing world and culture, LRS will remain steadfast and fulfill the mission for which we are called.