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As happens when many months passed by between newsletters, there are many updates to be shared. God has been faithful in sustaining and upholding us as always. In this update we have several positive developments for praise to share with you.

May's Visiting Preacher

Shortly after all last update earlier this year, our brother from metropolitan Tabernacle, Chris Cooper, visited us for a weekend. Speaking on second Peter chapter three, he encouraged us to be diligent unified as servants of Christ maintaining pure minds and seeking to grow in knowledge and likeness of Him.



Bro. Chris Cooper preaching with translation from Ps Miki

Church Discipline

This was a timely encouragement as we had an unfortunate incident of a long-time attendee who is seeking benefits of membership while not qualifying for membership and in the process caused much hurt amongst the members and heartache for the pastor who has been working with them for several years. They left and the matter was laid to rest with a clear conscience on the part of the leadership. We do pray that they will return to fellowship with us and repair the relationship.



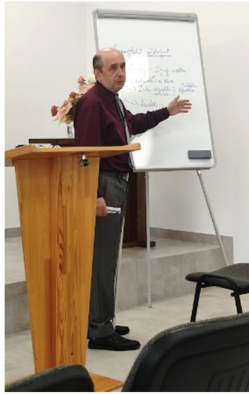
June's Visiting Preacher

Oliver Allmand-smith from Ramsbottom Reformed Baptist Church was finally able to visit us after planning and preparing for a visit several years ago when COVID made it impossible to travel. It was a blessing to fellowship over a week, with teaching from Ephesians on being a confessional church, and the blessings of God in Christ from Revelation chapter 1.

Ps Oliver and Ps Miki teaching from the pulpit

Changes to services

We shared previously the strategic change we made to our weekly meetings earlier in the year to focus our resources better after the church in Buda was officially begun and we were short several members. Part of this change meant shifting prayer meeting from Mondays to Wednesday evenings and instead of weekly Bible studies, to have intensive sessions on the last Saturday of the month. We started working through a translated and adapted "Study Guide For Churches" by Joseph A. Pipa Jr. (2005), where two chapters were distributed ahead of our meeting for members to complete in preparation. This was relatively well supported and usually followed by a bring-and-share lunch afterwards with wonderful opportunities for fellowship.



Saturday Biblical training sessions and a fellowship meal

In late September, we reverted to our previous arrangement, seeing the need for more regular Biblical input and holding the members to a higher account of meeting regularly. So far, this has been well received and well attended.



Youth meetings

Our meetings for young adults resumed with Donat organizing and running the sessions. Both Gideon and I have had opportunities to contribute with translation assistance and look forward to continuing. The thematic focus was on purity, especially sexual

Gideon and Donat at a youth meeting. purity, and we had visitors for a few of our sessions, including some foreign guests who were invited.



Sunday School

We have also, after many years of planning, begun our Sunday school ministry. This began first with the older group (10-16 years) and has recently begun with the younger group (4-10 years). File numbers for the older group were great before the school holidays they have diminished a little with the children of regular attendees forming the core group. Our curriculum is a translation of the London Metropolitan tabernacles Sunday school program and utilizes a rewards-based program to encourage participation.



The Sunday school setup

Waiting on the older kids to select their rewards

Expected Memberships

We are greatly encouraged as we are expecting several new members who are currently being prepared, of whom you will hear more in our next update, Lord willing. We are still praying earnestly

for those who will fill the role of elder and deacon, as well as those who can consistently play the organ during worship services. To the latter end, we have a few individuals who have shown interest.



Child Dedication

On the 30th of July we celebrated the dedication of baby Annabelle, Artur and Anna's first child, praise the Lord for a healthy baby girl and her parent's desire to bring her up in the way of the Lord!

The dedication of baby Annabelle

Visitors

We've had a regularly attending couple from China who have recently undertaken Biblical studies through a Chinese speaking seminary in Spain With the name of being more prepared for the gospel work amongst the Chinese diaspora. They will be in Spain for several weeks at a time returning to us while studying remotely. They participate at a local Chinese church twice a week as well.

In June, we were contacted by Rob and Teri from southern California as they were holidaying here and wished to serve in their brief time with us. As classically trained musicians, it was a blessing to have them play the organ and sing with us over a period of three weeks.

We've additionally had visitors from Romania, Japan, and, most recently, from Brunei - Terry and his wife Joanne connected with us before arriving while on vacation and as with other visitors intentionally seeking us out, it has been a blessing to serve and hear of the Lord's work in foreign lands.

Until next time, may the Lord keep you as He has us.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cuan Hundermark'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Cuan Hundermark
On behalf of Pastor Miki Chiciudean

Soli Deo Gloria