

HARVEST

ASIA

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Asia's Harvesters Advance The Gospel

The tremendous expansion of the Asian harvest fields by the Asia Evangelistic Fellowship (AEF) has aroused much praise, thanksgiving and joy among delegates at the 7th AEF International Triennial Conference of Leaders just ended in Singapore in mid 2004. Christ is exalted in the latest mission initiatives in some great cities of India, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, as well as the remote parts of Myanmar, Nepal, Vietnam, and the new work at the Pacific - The Solomon Islands. The excitement has inspired shouts of joy and victory among the supporting countries - Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada.

In their praise and worship, devotionals, strategy papers, country reports and public lectures, some 50 delegates from the 13 countries recounted the bountiful blessings of the Holy Spirit in their harvests in Asia.

Founder's Legacy Lives On

In the five-day deliberations 14-18th July 2004, AEF delegates and the local Singaporeans were uplifted and encouraged to learn how the faithful preaching and teaching of God's Word advanced in old and new fields despite severe persecutions and difficulties. Among the memorable moments in the public lectures and conference meetings were the individual sharing and group presentations about different types of mission harvest as a result of the visionary, loving and multi-directional spearheading efforts of the late Dr. G.D. James, the founder of AEF.

Opening the conference, Mr Jonathan James, the Executive Director of AEF, set the tone and directed the delegates to the 8 Cardinal Principles of the AEF Philosophy of Ministry as that which is initiated by God and worked out by Man. Dr Alan meers, former Principle of Perth Bible College, presented the first Strategy Paper by reminding delegates about the regenerative nature of evangelism and the different agencies of regeneration. Christ has done all that is necessary for our salvation while the Holy Spirit is continuing to convict, comfort, encourage and help us to communicate God's Word to all people in different contexts and countries. The other strategy papers spelt out specific methods for meeting diverse needs using traditional and modern strategies in different tenor and media - radio and the internet to preach Christ as our Lord and Saviour.



The delegates at the Singapore conference.



The Dr. G.D. James Award For Preaching. Presented by Mr. Davidson James to Rev. Dr. Michael Shen

New Directions

Delegates from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal and Vietnam reported their harvests despite sacrifices of lives goods and properties.

Ezung of North East India shared with deep emotion:

"I was shocked to learn that my co-worker was shot dead last December while preaching at an open-air meeting..."

Singapore has focused its outreach wisely to the foreign workers and students at the Institute of Technical Education. New work was launched at The Solomon Islands with the commissioning of Felix Vari as the national worker while Rev. Benjamin Tham was appointed as the national worker for Malaysia focusing in Kuala Lumpur. People of these 9 countries will also be reached by an additional agency, Radio Destiny, a weekly short-wave radio program going to a potential audience of 1.8 billion people. The workers will be trained in the newly launched Asia College of Ministry (ACOM) headed by Dr. Alan Meers, recently appointed as the Training Coordinator of ACCOM. The other four countries, Australia, New Zealand, USA, and Canada, will continue to support the work of harvesters under God's grace through prayer and finances.