

INAUGURATION INTO A NEW PHASE

A new phase has already begun in our lives. Tham Wan was made the 9th President of the Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (APTS) on April 2. The installation was a simple ceremony, following the annual APTS graduation exercises. We were honored at this event to have the international APTS Board present together with friends from Malaysia, including our General Superintendent and the World Missions



Revs. Chris Pak and Chin Keng Leong represented the Malaysian World Missions Department at the inauguration service.



Another Malaysian VIP was our good friend and General Superintendent Rev. Ong Sek Leong.

PRAYER NEEDS

1. That Tham Wan will have wisdom and humility in leading APTS.
2. That the Chinese students who have gone back during the holidays will be able to get their visas renewed for them to return for the new school year.
3. That APTS will get more scholarship funds for students.
4. That more local Filipino Chinese will attend our church in Baguio.

Director. Our family was present too.

Some years ago, I prayed a prayer and used it to preach a message. It was a prayer-message based on Abraham's life. The prayer went like this: "Lord, by **grace**, lead me through this **phase**, into the **place** you want me

to be." In that prayer, I focused on the 3 words: GRACE, PHASE and PLACE. Ministry is "**GRACE**" in the sense that we never qualify ourselves. We

are called by God's grace. While committed, to our calling, we must hold our ministry lightly for we do not know when this "**PHASE**" will end. We cannot practice our ministry like we used to in the past. Every season in life is a PHASE. Ministry is also a location. It is not just what we do but where we do what we do. We must be willing to uproot and move. Many like to DO but few like to GO. That is what I meant about ministry as a "**PLACE**."



Tham Wan responding to the installation charge. The charge was given by former APTS President, Dr. John Carter

PARTNERS FROM HOME VISIT US

One of the greatest encouragements for missionaries on the field is to have visitors from home. Our thoughtful visitors brought along goodies, e.g. durian dodol, Marmite, coffee, dried meat, etc.

A team from Kota Kemuning AG came in March. They were actually making a weekend stopover after visiting their missions station in the mountains. They preached for our Chinese service and also did tracting in the busy streets of Baguio.

There were 3 teams in April. One was from Elim Assembly, Kepong. Another one was from the International Christian Missions (ICM). The ICM team had their own itinerary, while the Elim team did a service for our Chinese congregation.

The 3rd team was from the Tabernacle of Worship in Seremban (TOW). This team of 16 ladies ministered in at least eight different services. They sang and preached in both English and Chinese. They also did tracting and evangelism in the Baguio

red-light district and fed some street kids. For many of them, this was their first "on-the-ground" missions exposure. The team wrote back and thanked us for the life-changing experiences they had.

Over the next two months, we will have another five or six different teams visit us. It is nice to know that friends in Malaysia still remember us. We hope to be their contacts in the Philippines so that they can make their missions investment here (especially in APTS) with confidence.

We would like you to come too!



Some of the team members posing in the traditional costume of the Filipino mountain peoples.