

Clemente Newsletter **June 2018**

David's Discussions

(May 23, 2018) I am here in South Asia, for the last 20 or so days, meeting up with pastors and local leaders, teaching from the Book of Mark and encouraging everyone to be serious about their study of God's word and its application in their daily life. I have traveled to six different locations. I have eaten the people's local food; lots of dal, jero, and chicken curry. I have seen the diversity of cultures and languages here. Most of the locals have mistaken me for one of them. Obviously, I have the Asian look but once I open my mouth and start speaking, then they know I am a foreigner.

I am here and have seen the challenges of leadership. Pastors have the need to be trained on how to train others. A few of our national leaders are capable of doing this task. I keep pushing them to go out of their way and start developing their circle of leaders and empower them. I sense their lack of confidence. In due time, however, they will be the ones to train their pastors. I cannot wait to see that day come, when leaders from one district go to another district for a time of ministry and pastoral training. I am looking forward to the day when I do not have to come here, because the leaders themselves are doing their own training.

Meanwhile, I am here developing our own Free Methodist leaders. On the side, I travel around training pastors and teaching some seminars on basic ministry skills on Bible and theology. The good thing about this traveling around the region is that I am able to identify a few of our national leaders who are able to train pastors. These national leaders are committed, tested, and passionate about God's work for the region. It won't be long until they themselves will be the ones traveling around and training pastors in South Asia.

Prayers and Petitions

***** Praise God for David's recent teaching trip to Nepal. Pray for the pastors as they continue to serve God through their local churches and as they continue to strengthen their commitment to partner with the Free Methodist Church in Nepal.

***** Pray for Sarah's Dad as he continues to live with cancer. We thank God for the great progress he is experiencing with his immunotherapy treatment. We look forward to spending time with him and the rest of Sarah's family this summer.

***** Pray for us as we leave for the United States on Monday, June 4th for seven weeks of Partnership Building and family visits in Illinois and Colorado. Pray for safe travel, good health, and sweet times of fellowship.

Summer Speaking Schedule

Durley Camp (Greenville, IL)
June 9-10

Moundford FMC (Decatur, IL)
June 23-24

Emmanuel FMC (Alton, IL)
July 15 (morning)

Cowden Camp (Cowden, IL)
July 15 (evening) - 16

Thank you for your prayers and support!

David, Sarah, Carmen and Jacob Clemente