

Amnos Newsletter

Autumn 2015



Arise Campaign 2015

Through God's marvellous grace and wonderful prayer support from churches in the UK and worldwide, Arise 2015 campaign - a two week practical evangelism training and outreach programme - successfully took place between 7th - 20th July 2015.

We were so encouraged to see 63 delegates, from Australia, Korea, US and England. They willingly gave up their holidays, responding to God's call to the harvest field and paying their own expenses. After 5 days intensive training at Trinity church, Brentwood they were commissioned to 6 different churches in the London area. In the 9 day outreach period, the delegates diligently carried out evangelistic works. Altogether, the teams distributed over 10,000 gospel tracts, New Testament Bibles and Jesus DVDs, and visited over 6,000 homes. Some 900 showed openness to believe in Jesus, and dozens accepted Christ. Some of the hosting churches took the momentum to form evangelism teams to follow up the new contacts.



Dr Aija Kim, an internationally acclaimed pianist, and **Rev Rae-Chung Lim**, a mime artist with bubbles and balloons, supported the Arise teams by performing at different hosting churches during the outreach week.

On the last night of Arise, all delegates returned to the camp to share about what God had done through them. It was like the day when the disciples of Jesus returned and reported back after their commission in Luke 10. Our time together culminated in a grand celebration and thanksgiving.



Some 85% of the delegates gave very positive evaluations. They pointed out that Arise not only had excellent trainers and speakers, but was also well-prepared and well-organised. Comments from some of the delegates and the hosting churches:

"Arise was one of the most valuable experiences in my whole life as a Christian."

"The Arise campaign has revolutionised my view of my ministry as a pastor, and as a Christian."

"Ground breaking and an answer to our prayers as a church... We like to be involved with Arise every year!"

It is our desire that Arise will contribute to reversing the trend of church decline. Please pray for the follow-up of the new contacts, and for the delegates to continue to share the gospel wherever they are. Pray for Arise 2016 as we are praying for 200 delegates and 25-30 hosting churches to work together in July.

Keen to get involved next year? Please contact us for further details.

UK Christian Heritage Study Tour



Since 2013, Amnos has run the UK Christian Heritage Study

Tour for Korean church leaders worldwide to witness the spiritual reality in the UK. 13 members of the Elder's committee of Korean Central Presbyterian Church in Washington DC, USA visited Amnos from 10th - 15th August 2015.

It was remarkable to see splendid heritage sites and learn about the legacy of the Christian faith and mission. Through this tour, they all deeply felt God's sorrow for the current spiritual climate and at the same time how much He loves people in the UK. The elders fervently prayed with tears for the churches in this nation. In fact, they all believed that God had brought them to see the spiritual reality to prevent a possible similar trend in the USA.

Internship Report & Preparation Day



Most of our graduating students actively took part in the Arise Campaign and then went for internship. We heard some encouraging testimonies from our graduating students about their

internship experience. Among them was Ps Jonathan Wade, who feels privileged to have spent four weeks at a church in Minnesota, USA. There he was asked to preach and teach on evangelism and prayer for the church members. He led mid-week Bible studies and spoke at the Pastors' Union meeting on evangelism. Jonathan reported that the material and skills he obtained at Amnos were most useful to minister in the USA. Their leadership are keen to continue to work with Jonathan as he begins a new church plant in London.



Vivian Agboola was given many responsibilities during her 10-week internship at a church in Wolverhampton. As PA to the Pastor, she looked after the church admin and catering as well

as accompanying the pastor on her daily duties. She also took on the role of choir leader and played keyboard. She learned much about pastoral ministry. Vivian joined an Arise team after the training. She

commented: "I realise that I can do more than I thought with God, and for God."

Graduation and Induction

On Saturday 26th September Amnos Church Planting School commissioned 11 graduates and welcomed 7 new students. The graduates received congratulations from their friends and families for successfully completing the course. We had a wonderful year with



them, and some of them are ready to plant churches very soon. The Lord has entrusted us with excellent new students, and we are looking forward to equipping them so as for them to fulfil God's purpose in their future ministries. **Dr Daniel Chae, our Principal,** gave the address from Matthew 16:23-24, to encourage them and to commit them to the Lord Jesus.

Pray for our 25 graduates (altogether) as nearly all of them are actively involved in ministries of evangelism, church planting, revitalising and pastoral work. Pray also for our new students for them to focus on the course despite challenges in life and ministry.

Thank God for What He is Doing in the UK!

For the first time in their history, the Church of England recently appointed the Rt Rev Ric Thorpe as Bishop for Church Planting. Praise God for placing church planting at the centre, and pray that other denominations would follow the model. The number of the churches in the UK has increased by 1,248 between 2005 and 2010. The UK is in a season of church planting!

According to a recent survey at www.talkingjesus.org, 65% of non-Christian adults in England have a good impression of Christians, and only 13% said Christians are narrow-minded or hypocritical. 20% of non-Christians say, after such a conversation, they felt open to believe in Jesus. People are more open than we think!

Thank you very much for your prayers and your partnership with us. Grace and peace be with you.

Love from the Amnos family.

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