



It seemed like only yesterday that I attended my first class in BSOP. Excited and grateful for the unexpected opportunity to study in a seminary, day one became month one to year one until BSOP already became part of my life. True to its mission of providing holistic Christian training for students of God’s word, I have surely grown in biblical knowledge, theological training and its applications from my Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies – and this training took place inside and outside the four walls of the classrooms.

God was faithful and gracious to me throughout the years. He molded me by using new relationships that developed through dealing with international students and faculty, learning new words in Mandarin and Hookien, weekly chapel time, prayer meetings, Interest Group and Care and Share interactions, sports and exercise, grocery trips, special events, Student Council responsibilities, music lesson opportunities, words of wisdom and insights

from dorm room conversations, the tutelage of Greek and Hebrew scholars (!), and even conflicts, misunderstandings, discouragements and disappointments. Truly, since that first day I have grown spiritually and improved in ministerial skills, all in preparation and equipping for what God has in store for the full-time church ministry up ahead.

*I still do not want to graduate, I want to study and grow more.* This is my sentiment as graduation day draws nearer. But I know that as learning is a lifelong endeavor, I will never stop growing and maturing, even outside BSOP. And so a few weeks from now I, together with other graduates will march onto the stage in our gowns. It is with a thankful heart and a life of surrender that offers all glory, honor, praise and adoration to the Lord of lords and the King of kings, my Savior and Redeemer - Jesus Christ, who has been my constant companion through all times and who alone is worthy. Praise God!

Jovellyn O. Apostol 施麗君

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Three years of tense studies have slipped by so quickly. As I think back, my heart is full of thanksgiving. First, I thank Jesus Christ for His leading and protection. Were it not for His unceasing grace, empowerment and wisdom, I would not have accomplished my requirements since I have so little theological knowledge.

Second, I thank God for the teachers and the resources of BSOP that have provided an international platform for learning Christian theology. Not only have I learned all kinds of knowledge, but I had the chance to learn from internationally-known pastors and their experiences. This has laid the rational and empirical foundation for my future pastoral ministry.

In summary, these past three years have been a treasured time for learning and spiritual growth.

Lois Iai



I can summarize three years of living and studying in BSOP using the acronym B-S-O-P.

**B** is for the **Bible**. Before studying in BSOP, I already knew that the Bible is the word of God and is our guidebook for living. But my stay in BSOP led me to experience the Bible becoming alive as I handled situations and struggles in my life. I became aware of my state of being created in God’s image and how I should live and interact with people. I thank God that BSOP emphasizes the Bible as the word of God in every aspect of its teaching.

**S** is for **self-control**. Proverbs 25:28 says “A man without self control is like a city broken into and left without walls.” BSOP is a place where one can learn self-control in many aspects: control of the tongue, anger and other emotions. There were times when I was tempted to curse but the Lord reminded me to have self-control so that I will not sin against Him and His people. I believe I will never finish learning self-control even until the day I see my God.

**O** is for **opportunities**. I thank God for my practicum churches (Christ Universal Mission and United Evangelical Church of Pasay), for giving me opportunities to share

God’s word on a regular basis. These opportunities helped me grow not only in my preaching skills but also in my personal walk with God. I also had multiple opportunities to exercise love, forgiveness, patience, kindness and to share blessings to the people around me. Although there were many painful experiences but I was able to experience God’s presence and guidance in my life.

**P** is for **prayer**. My prayer life improved in BSOP. My eyes were opened to the vast need of the world for Christ particularly the unreached people groups and because of this my family and I developed a habit of praying for one unreached people group every night. I thank God that prayer is emphasized in BSOP. Whenever a church member, BSOP friends or alumni is in need of prayer the school prays together for them. Through this my faith in God grew as I continue to learn to trust God and commit to Him my heartaches and difficulties. The Lord proved His faithfulness every time.

Indeed my stay in BSOP has been fruitful, creating memories that are forever etched in my heart as I continue to grow in my walk with God. Praise the Lord!

Keith Bryan S. Ching 莊善賢

The first day I entered BSOP was also the first day I stepped out of the corporate world. A day earlier, I was still in my previous company's high-rise office building, finishing off the last of my marketing projects and turning over the rest of my responsibilities to my teammates. Later that night, I hosted my last marketing event for the company at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel, and the company van took me home afterwards for the very last time. I stepped out of one world, and entered another.



After three years of seminary studies and ministry training, thousands of pages of readings, hundreds of pages of paper writing, countless hours of burning the midnight oil, and various challenging experiences, there's only one phrase to sum up how I survived: "God-power." Without God's empowerment, I would not have made it through at all. The past three years have gone by more quickly than I expected, and I have witnessed God's hand guiding and helping me in every single one of my experiences in the classroom as well as on the harvest field.

While there were many challenges along the way, studying at BSOP has been such a great blessing nonetheless. I have learned so much and continue to expand my knowledge

of God's word every day. I have also gained a lot of new friends, both local and foreign, and it was a privilege to be exposed to different cultures in school. Moreover, it was also a great privilege meeting other servants of the Lord from different churches and learning from them, especially during my weekend and summer practicum ministries. But perhaps what's most incredible and touching for me was how God has never ceased to provide for my needs ever since I left the corporate world behind. It is truly a joy having assurance from God that He will watch over me, and I have learned to trust Him even more at BSOP. Now I stand at the doorsteps of another world, one that I am very excited to enter—the life of a God-glorifying pastor in full-time ministry.

This is it. This is what I've been training for, what I've been equipped to do, and what I've been looking forward to since I committed my life to Christ. New challenges surely await me, but one thing's certain, God will be with me every step of the way. Once again, by faith, I know that He will continue to give me the strength and power to serve Him, as He has been faithfully doing the past three years since I entered BSOP. Once again, I will rely on one thing: God-power.

Hanniql Micah Lim 林冬陽

As I look back at the past three years, my heart is filled with gratitude and praise. Thank God our gracious and faithful Heavenly Father! He prepared a quiet place for me that I am able to concentrate on studying. Thank God, He provided everything needed by my family members, just as He promised me before, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time." (Mt. 19:29) Thank God, He protected my heart and soul. Whether tears or laughter, pain or comfort, He always brought spiritual fruits out of them. Thank God, He placed many people with beautiful testimonies around me. I am blessed not only in knowledge, but also in spirituality. All these cause me to say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." (Ps. 16:2) And I pray that I may completely surrender to Him and be used by Him as His faithful witness wherever He leads me.

Jenny Qi

As I recall the time when I had just entered BSOP, it seems like yesterday, but three years have swiftly gone by, and now I have reached the time for graduation. These were three abundant years of unforgettable memories. I will always remember attending classes and having enthusiastic interactions with other students, the cheerfulness of engaging in sports, the times spent meditating and studying, the delicious meals and mealtime conversations – there are so many things I won't forget. Soon these will all become a part of my life and my memories.

I thank God for allowing me to be a student in BSOP. He used BSOP to enrich and nurture my life. I deeply feel that BSOP, such a dear name for me, will never be erased, no matter where I go to serve Him – I will forever be a part of BSOP! I love you, BSOP – I will pray for you and be proud of you. Lastly, I thank the teachers for their diligent teaching, the board members for their all-out support, and the believers for their generous giving. May God bless you and continue to use you!

Merry Lu

Three years of training in BSOP is about to end. These were years full of grace, joy, and difficulties. Whenever I encountered any dilemma, I could experience God's wonderful leading, helping me to overcome and break through, providing grace, growth experiences and victories.

Although it was just a short period, I experienced God's grace daily. I would like to thank BSOP for providing this beautiful environment for learning, and the Chinese churches for their support, allowing us to study without worries. The teachers diligently taught us and provided life models for us, so that we did not only gain knowledge but also valuable and abundant lessons in life.

I thank God for the love and concern shown by BSOP and for the bountiful equipping that I received. Henceforth I know God will be with me and will empower me, so that I may testify the value of the journey that I have just taken.

Chzn Xin Min

Three years ago, I was called to enter BSOP to be equipped. The time has flown and I have so much to be thankful for.

First I would like to thank God for His wonderful leading. Coming to BSOP was a miracle, because I could only dream about being trained outside my homeland. Although financially I had practically nothing, yet God used those who love Him to supply all my needs.

Second, I thank God for His provision. He provided His children – teachers and students around me. BSOP teachers faithfully serve Him with gladness; they love us, teaching God’s word and dissipating much of my confusion. They also help us personally. May God remember their sacrifices. The students of BSOP are also lovable, many of them will become colleagues helping each other in ministry.

Honestly speaking, BSOP is not heaven, but it definitely is not hell either. My sober conclusion is: looking back at the past three years, whether in knowledge or in life’s lessons, what I’ve learned here has its limits. But there is no end to learning and a Master of Divinity degree is not the end-it-all. A theological degree is really nothing, what is important is learning from the Son of God and becoming more like Him, and this will last a lifetime.

Moses Zhou

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There are not enough words to express my thanksgiving for three years of training. On April 24, 2011, as I stepped out of the airport and viewed the impoverished sections of the Philippines, the motto “Obey Christ, suffer for Him” pulsed through my mind. I never thought there could be such a beautiful campus, such complete facilities, so many knowledgeable teachers who love the Lord, and such a big library! We never lacked for anything these past three years because of the financial provisions from the Seminary and faithful believers.

What I received was not only biblical knowledge, but also in terms of interpersonal relationships, spiritual growth, and love. Living in BSOP allowed me to see my own inadequacies and weaknesses in life. I learned humility, obedience, passion in service, and how to love, be thankful and pray for others through teachers, staff, and visiting lecturers who love the Lord and care for the students. I have seen the greatness of God; may He continue to uphold BSOP and bless the supporters, for we are all part of God’s Kingdom.

Studying here has widened my kingdom perspective, and made God’s calling more firm to me. God has shown me more needs in the ministry, not only in the College Students’ Fellowship where I served before, but also in theological education, pastoral ministry and the mission field. Although there are sure to be difficulties ahead, yet God’s faithfulness and mercy remain unchangeable. All glory to Him for all eternity!

John Qiu

The annual recital of students learning piano, voice, guitar, accordion, harmonica and electronic piano was held at BSOP on February 20, 2014. We thank the dedicated teachers Ms. Susan Lim, Rev. William Huang, Pr. Elmer Huang, Pr. Sheila Joyce Huang, Ms. Trixy Grace Chen, Pr. Jean Ting, Ms. Hepzibeth Ting, Mrs. Sarah Li, and Music Department Head Pr. Joyce Shao Co. Graduating student Dr. Keith Bryan Ching (piano) and Pr. Nenita Lee (violin) rendered special numbers.



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