FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Joseph and Dr. Rosa Shao represented BSOP at the 63rd anniversary of the Bacolod Trinity Christian. Dr. Joseph Shao spoke at two services on March 17, 2013, while Dr. Rosa Shao spoke to an elderly group of 60 people, ranging from age 60s to 99! On May 17-19, 2013, Dr. Joseph Shao was the speaker for the 60th anniversary of Cagayan Gospel Church.

Prof. Allen Lim and **Rev. Dennis Yam** were the speakers of the Family Conference of Glory Evangelical Church held on March 28-30, 2013.

Dr. Rosa Shao served as a member of the Visiting Evaluation in Singapore on May 3-10, 2013 . On May 20-24 she led 5 students who served as counselors in the Nationwide Youth Conference organized by the Filipino-Chinese Christian Foundation (FCCF). The venue was at Waterfront Insular Hotel in Davao City.

Rev. and Mrs. Philip Co were guest speakers at the United Evangelical Church of Legaspi during the Lenten Week and Resurrection Day, from April 28-31, 2013.

Dr. Jean Uayan gave a special seminar on "Our Past Heritage, Our Present Task" in Cebu City on April 28, 2013. Around 60 members of the Living Christian Church attended.

Dr. Jay Hallowell spoke at a High School and College Camp in Baguio City on March 25-30, 2013, and taught an extension course on Missions in General Santos City from April 18 to 21.

ALUMNI NEWS

Ps. Caroline de Vera and Ps. Emmanuel Jian Horng Puah were joined in holy matrimony at Cagayan Gospel Church on June 1, 2013. Caroline will continue to serve at CGC while Emmanuel will be serving at Oro Christian High School. BSOP faculty Dr. and Mrs. Jay Hallowell, Dr. Tan Chiu Eng, and Prof. Allen Lim, as well as many alumni, graced the happy occasion.

BSOP DOWNTOWN LAUNCHED

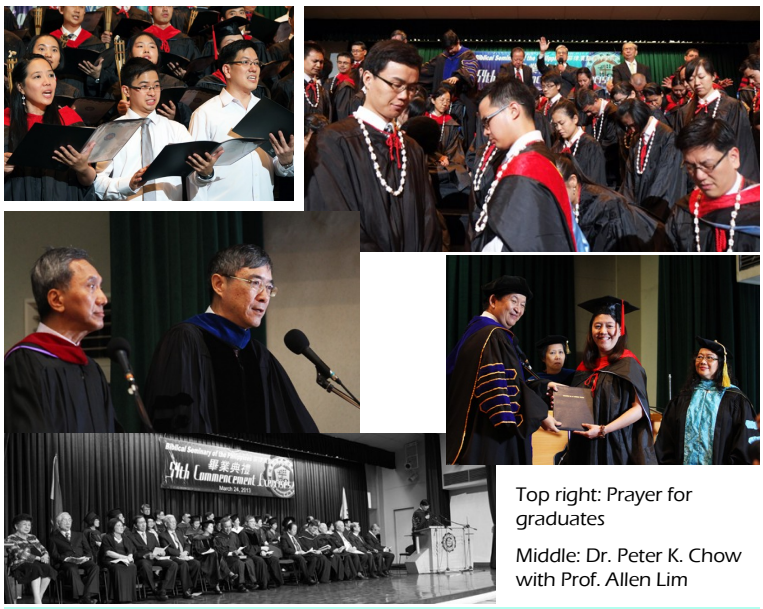
ANNOUNCING: BSOP Downtown – bringing theological education to God's people – will start in June! There will be two courses offered in downtown Manila. The first is Dr. Jay Hallowell's *Profiting from God's Word*, to be held at the St. Stephen' Parish (Masangkay St., Manila). Classes will be held every Saturday afternoon from 2 – 5 p.m., starting from June 22 until August 24, 2013.

Inductive Bible Study (understanding the Bible as it was understood in its original situation and applying the principles taught there to one´s life) is the fundamental Bible study method on which on all other methods rest. In this course you will have the chance to learn both how to study the Bible in this profitable (see 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV) way and how to lead a small group to do so.

The second course is *Studies of the Four Gospels* by Rev. Anthony Hao. It will be held at Grace Gospel Church (Piña Avenue, Sta. Mesa, Manila) on Thursdays, 7-10 p.m., from June 20 to August 22, 2013. Each of the 10-hour course will be given 3 credit units.

This course is a study of the most important person in human history. The Gospels record the greatest story ever told, the events of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah. They narrate the climax and turning point of human history, when God acted decisively to achieve salvation for people everywhere. To study the Gospels is to study the foundation of Christianity. Even to those who do not follow Jesus as their Lord. This course will focus on introductory and critical issues, historical and geographical context, and key theological themes.

54th Commencement Exercise



Top right: Prayer for graduates

Middle: Dr. Peter K. Chow with Prof. Allen Lim

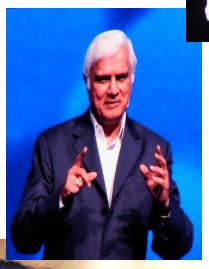
The 54th Commencement Exercise was held at the BSOP Auditorium on March 24, 2013. There were 53 graduates in Master of Theology (AGST), Master of Divinity, Bachelor of Theology, Diploma in Christian Ministry, and Certificates in Biblical-Theological Studies and Pastoral Leadership Training. Dr. Peter K. Chow, president of China Evangelical Seminary, exhorted the audience with his message "More Love to Thee." Justin Jireh Fung, Li Luyu and Guo Yinuo represented the graduates by giving their testimonies and thanksgiving. Guests from local and foreign churches filled the auditorium. God has once more shown His mercy and love throughout another school year. May His Name be honored and glorified!

BSOP AT

BSOP faculty, staff and students in 2 buses and 2 vans traveled to Pasig City daily to attend the Global Discipleship Congress from May 22-25, 2013. The venue was the newly-constructed seven -story Worship and Training Center of Christ's Commission Fellowship. The Congress was a joint effort of the Global Alliance of International Disciple Making Churches headed by Covenant Evangelical Free Church leader-mentor Rev. Edmund Chan, and CCF. The 9 Plenary Sessions and 14 Workshops focusing on "Following Jesus: Returning the Church to its Disciple-Making Roots" blessed and edified the 7,000 delegates from 61 countries. An added highlight was the addresses given by Philippine President Benigno Aquino III and the Chief Justice of the Philippine Supreme Court Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno. Both government officials were prayed over by CCF senior pastor Rev. Peter Tanchi and Bp. Efraim M. Tendero, respectively.

BSOP delegates attending the Global Discipleship Congress inside the CCF Main Worship Hall (May 23, 2013)

Top left: Plenary Session speaker Rev. Edmund Chan. Top right: Prayer for President Benigno Aquino III, led by Rev. Peter Tanchi.



Left: Plenary Session speaker Dr. Ravi Zacharias. Top: Prayer for Chief Justice Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno led by Bishop Efraim M. Tendero, national director of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches.

BSOP AT FCCF Conference

More than 425 participants gathered at the Waterfront Insular Hotel in Davao City for the FCCF 35th Nationwide Youth Conference on May 20-24, 2013. During the dedication night, 8 accepted Christ as Savior and 17 committed themselves to fulltime ministry. Two students gave their testimonies. Here is an excerpt of what Jovy Apostol (photo below) shared:

"I have now become a graduating student at BSOP. I stand before Him daily surrendering back to Him the life He has given me, to be equipped with God's word so that I might become God's worker for God's world and for His glory.

BSOP has always been the first seminary for me to consider. Maybe this is because I grew up in a Filipino-Chinese family and a Filipino-Chinese church and a Filipino-Chinese seminary training was the best choice. Westminster Student Church has also been assisted by BSOP student interns throughout the years and personally, I have always looked up to them because of their passion in teaching us, the youth. Some day and even today, I pray I can also be able to inspire and shepherd the youth as they did before me and continue to do so in their respective fields of ministry and in their unique places in the world.

I thank God for His great love, for the great people He continues to use to influence my life, including BSOP, the local churches, organizations, and FCCF."

Clockwise from top left: Student Jennifer Lao counseling delegate; Nikko Chu leading his group; group shot of counselors (many of them alumni) with Dr. Rosa Shao (center), Elder Christopher Beltran (front, 2nd from right) who is a student at BSOP and FCCF Chairman and Overall Coordinator; and Jovy in counseling session.