

Alumni Retreat 2015: Times of Refreshing



The BSOP Alumni Association held a retreat at Subic Grand Harbor Hotel on August 20-22, 2015. The theme was “Times of Refreshing: Unload, Download and Applaud.” Fifty-seven alumni from the NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao regions listened to Rev. Danny Reyes exhorting from I Kings 19. Great fellowship, intense prayer time, good food, comfortable accommodation, uplifting encouragement, enjoying the presence and love of the Triune God, made all participants grateful that they came to the retreat.

News and Events

- ♥ Dr. Joseph Shao visited Toronto and Vancouver in September 2015 and met with alumni and friends of BSOP. In October he visited Bethany Global University/International Ministries in Minneapolis and a Foundation in New York.
- ♥ Rev. Eduardo Lo and his wife Carolina have joined the BSOP family, coming in July 2015. He is assuming the role of Special Assistant to the President. Born and raised in the Philippines, Rev. Lo was president and founder of a multinational corporation. In 1996, he answered the call of God to enter full-time ministry and finished Master of Divinity, then Master of Theology at Talbot School of Theology in California. He was one of the founders of the Philippine Chinese Evangelical Church of Southern California. Before returning to the Philippines, he served as Executive Director of the FEBC Chinese Ministries in California, USA.
- ♥ One of our provincial board members has gone home to be with the Lord. Elder Cleto Marcelino Uy, member of Bacolod Trinity Christian Church and founding board member of Trinity Christian School, passed away on August 16, 2015 at the age of ninety-four.
- ♥ Dr. Samson Uytanlet spoke at the church anniversary services of Christ’s Universal Mission Church on June 7 and of the United Evangelical Church of Balintawak on June 21, 2015.
- ♥ Rev. Anthony Hao taught a 10-session course on Hermeneutics at the United Evangelical Church of the Philippines, starting in September 2015. This is a joint venture of BSOP and the Association of Zhonghua Churches of the Philippines. He was also the speaker at the 75th Anniversary of the United Evangelical



Church of Sta. Cruz, Laguna on September 27, 2015.

- ♥ Three alumni were recently ordained: Pr. Johnson Lo was ordained during the 49th Anniversary of Butuan Gospel Church on November 16, 2014. Pr. Gonzalo Pe was ordained on September 27, 2015 during the 75th Anniversary of the United Evangelical Church of Sta. Cruz, Laguna. Pr. Anthony Techico was ordained at the New Millennium Evangelical Church on October 11, 2015 during their 15th Founding Anniversary .
- ♥ Mission is always one of the core foci of BSOP. Cherith Fellowship (based on I Kings 17:3) was formed on August 28, 2015 to challenge and nurture mission-minded students. With Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Shao, Rev. and Mrs. Eduardo Lo, Dr. Judy Tao and Dr. Wanki Jin guiding, the first meeting started with Ms. Aimee Paredes, who spoke on September 11 while Dr. Eunice Irwin, shared on October 2. Both meetings were well attended with about 60 to 70 participants.
- ♥ Rev. Philip Co and Prof. Joyce Co attended the 50th Anniversary of Butuan Gospel Church on August 30, 2015, and on September 27, 2015, they attended the 75th Anniversary of the United Evangelical Church of Sta. Cruz, Laguna.
- ♥ Rev. Dennis Yam attended the 80th Founding Anniversary of Dumaguete Christian Church on September 13, 2015.
- ♥ Dr. Juliet Uytanlet spoke at the Inter-church Full-timers’ Fellowship at Youth Gospel Center on September 27, 2015.
- ♥ Dr. Thomas Forster taught a BSOP Downtown course (*Church History I: From John the Apostle to John Wycliff*) at St. Stephen’s Parish and another course, *Movements That Shape our Day-to-Day Faith: Introduction to Historical Theology*, at Gerizim Evangelical Church (Muñoz). Both course started on September 19 and will end on November 21, 2015.