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Our Church In Indonesia



Establishment of the First Church

In 1920, Jao Hoan Tek from Phutian, China, emigrated to Indonesia and settled in Mukasa (now Ujung Pandang), South Sulawesi. Twelve years later, he returned to China to get married. Three months after his wedding, a fever kept him bed-ridden for six months. All efforts to cure him were unsuccessful. His mother visited temple after temple, praying to numerous idols, but to no avail. Then one day, his aunt visited him. She encouraged him to believe in Jesus and to attend services at the True Jesus Church (TJC). Jao agreed and was carried to the church on a stretcher for

prayers. Thank God, after staying and praying in the church for 28 days, he recovered. He and his mother accepted Christ and received baptism. Towards the end of 1932, he returned to Mukasa.

In January 1936, Jao visited China again. Stephan Siau, the preacher who had baptised him, asked him to apply for a licence from the Indonesian government to preach in Indonesia. But the licence was granted only in 1939. By then Jao was already working in Jakarta and had met up

with an elder, Tan Chauw Sin, also from mainland China. Eld Tan offered his house as a place of worship. Thus on 1 February 1941, the first TJC in Indonesia was formally established.

Development of the Churches

The Lord continued to work in Indonesia and over the years, churches (and prayer houses) in different parts of the country were established:

Year	Church	Location
1941	Jakarta Church	Jakarta
1943	Bandung Church	West Java
1947	Cianjur Church	West Java
1950	Pontianak Church	West Kalimantan
1951	Banjarmasin Church	South Kalimantan
1956	Tasikmalaya Church	West Java
1959	Tangerang Church	West Java
1969	Solo Church	Central Java
1974	Salatiga Church	Central Java
1976	Siantan-Pontianak *	West Kalimantan
1980	Lasem Church	Central Java
1984	Sukabumi *	West Java
1985	Sendangcoyo Church	Central Java
	Sewan-Tangerang*	West Java
1987	Surabaya Church	East Java
1988	Cilacap Church	Central Java
	Tewah *	Central Kalimantan
1989	Sandung Tambun*	Central Kalimantan
	Malang *	East Java
1990	Nusa Indah-Cilacap *	Central Java
	Layur-Cilacap *	Central Java
1991	Bekasi *	West Java
1992	Bogor *	West Java
	Perum Nelayan-Cilacap*	Central Java
1993	Purwokerto *	Central Java
	Semarang *	Central Java
1994	Palangka Raya *	Central Kalimantan
1995	Bonang-Tangerang *	West Java
1995	Ujung Pandang *	South Sulawesi
1996	Kopo-Bandung *	West Java
1997	Sunter Church	Jakarta

* Prayer Houses

Currently in Indonesia, there are 14 churches and 17 prayer houses.

The membership too has grown over the years. Based on our records, the growth has been as follows :

Year	Membership
1967	1,406
1975	1,583
1984	2,472
1990	4,613
1997	5,415



There are currently 17 full-time preachers and 25 ordained elders, deacons and deaconesses.

The Kanaan Christian School (KCS)

On 15 January 1970, KCS in Jakarta was established, offering kindergarten, elementary school and junior high school education to the general public. This was a major milestone in the history of the TJC-not only in Indonesia, but also internationally - for this was the first time the church had established an educational institution.

KCS is a formal educational institution recognised by the Indonesian government. It has full private status and does not receive any government subsidy. It follows the national education curriculum of

Indonesia. Today, there are also branches in Tangerang (from 1986), Cianjur (from 1991) and Banjarmasin (from 1992). The total student population from kindergarten to senior high number some 3,000.

Unique features of KCS are that teachers and students are required to attend Sabbath services, and students in the elementary and high schools are given two-hours of religious education every week by teachers from the Indonesian General Assembly (GA).

Theological Education

In 1984, the GA started a three-year theological education system to train members for full-time ministry. Lecturers are invited from other general assemblies, such as Taiwan. Amidst the peaceful surroundings of Cibodas, students devote themselves to the study of the Word of God, striving to attain deeper spiritual communion with Him. Since its inception, a total of 22 students have graduated and 17 are now serving as full-time preachers in Indonesia, while the rest are religious education teachers in KCS.



The True Jesus Church Marches On

No one knows when our Lord Jesus will come again. But one thing is certain, His second coming is imminent. Therefore, it must be with a sense of urgency that the church fulfils her mission of saving souls and prepares her members to be



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Looking ahead, many things need to be done. Externally, we have to be known and reach out to those who do not believe. We also need to understand the social, economic as well as technological developments taking place in our increasingly complex world. Internally, we have to strengthen our members' faith against the increasing tides of materialism and false teachings. We must have effective and progressive church organisation, and more importantly, spiritually mature workers with the correct mindset to serve God.

Under the Lord's gracious guidance, our membership in Indonesia has grown in recent years and the Lord has led many to return to His fold. But in a country that spans over 76 miles and has a population of 200 million, it is clear that there is still a

lot of work to do. We pray that the Lord will continue to guide and direct us so that the True Jesus Church in Indonesia will become a dynamic, progressive church that can confidently and boldly accomplish the commission to propagate the complete gospel throughout the 17,000 islands in Indonesia.

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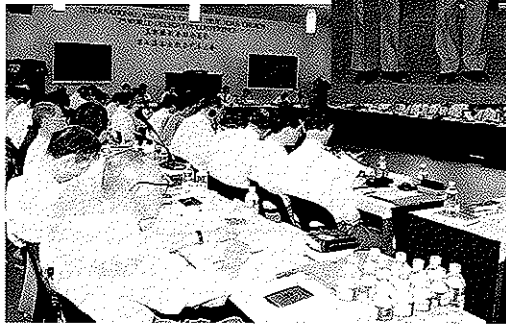
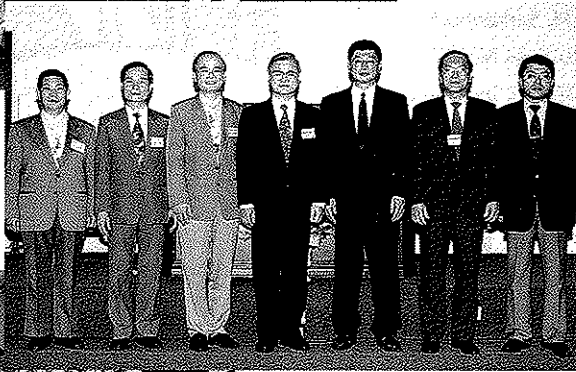
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Delegates' Conference

Delegates Group Photo

