



2019 Annual Report of Asian American Ministries

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MISSION: Reaching the Unchurched, Being Missional as Multiethnic, Making Christ-like Disciples.

General Superintendent, Dr. David Busic, our District Superintendent, Dr. Sam Vassel, members, and friends of the Metro New York 2019 District Assembly. I am honored to bring you my 12th report for Asian American Ministries.

We were the first Nazarene missionaries from Korea sent by the Nazarene Global Mission to serve in the Asia-Pacific region from 1993 until 2006 (17 years). We served in the South East Asian Field based in Cambodia, Thailand, and Laos first, and transferred to the Chinese Ministry Field based in Taipei, Taiwan, Hongkong, and Mainland China as the Field Communications Coordinator; Clergy and Lay leaders Trainer; and a Church Planter. And then, since we came to Metro New York District and started AAM under our former DS Art Alexander's leadership, in January 2007, it has been the most incredible years of ministry and growth by God's grace and providence! AAM is affiliated with 14 churches in Metro New York District ; 7 Korean, 2 Chinese, 2 Filipino, 1 South Asian, 1 Indian, and QFFCN, and God has done amazing and mighty works in and through AAM.

As I reflect upon this past year in ministry under our new DS Dr. Sam Vassel, I do so with the utter and profound gratitude to God for the opportunity to serve. What a blessing it has been to serve as the President of such a wonderful ministry.

I. Multiethnic & Movement-Minded & Missional (Modeling the New Testament church at Antioch: Acts 11-13)

One of the biggest and greatest priorities for AAM, in partnership with QFFCN over the last ten years, without a doubt, has been a cooperative, Missional In-reach & Out-reach as Multiethnic Community. There are about 130 nationalities living in this community in the Flushing area, QFFCN is a congregation that welcomes a diversity of cultures and viewpoints in accordance with the new vision from DS Sam Vassel, "CELEBRATING DIVERSITY & AFFIRMING UNITY!". Currently, there are a total of 13 different language groups within QFFCN congregation.

Since April 25, 2014, we have been operating a community outreach ministry called, **Café and Class in Christ (CCC)** at QFFCN. Through CCC ministries we have witnessed its positive and significant spiritual influence in the NY and NJ area, which has resulted in: Making over 30 new converts; helping over 100 Christians who had been leaving the church for a variety of reasons, to return back to the church; and providing faith counseling for many broken families and jobless people to find a new and the right direction.

II. Nazarene Chinese Ministries Networking

1. **Planning to open a Chinese Leadership Training Center:** At NY Chinese Church of the Nazarene in Manhattan; and at Flushing Chinese Nazarene Church in Queens, along with Palmer Institute and partnership with several other districts including the Northern California Nazarene District & New England District, AAM could create work together to resource and train Asian American leaders on our districts and in the USA/Canada region.

2. **Creative China Mission Project: Joseph Project exists to equip and develop Church leaders in China through Bible-based training.**

The beginnings of the Joseph Project Training Center (JPTC) in Mainland China started back in 1993 when Pastor David Jien, from Taiwan and I (when I was a missionary in Taiwan) began traveling to Mainland China regularly to offer teaching and comfort to the church family members. Through consistent trips, a strong bond was formed between the foreign teachers and the Mainland pastors that had been arranged by my Nazarene connection. And Pastor David's passion and vision spread among other ministers in Taiwan, the United States, and Korea, along with me. In 2005, several pastors and laymen from multiple countries gathered in Taiwan to pray and ask God what the future direction would be for this important ministry. Through a series of miracles, God led to establishing a regular-based JP Project Training Center in X city in 2010. Then most of the students agreed to become the full-time leaders at the JPTC.

Structurally, JPTC made two significant changes in 2017. First, the board unanimously decided that Joseph Project would become an official ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. The board will continue to advise and direct JP, but the CofN will provide additional leadership and spiritual covering. Second, the board made a historic decision to open another second training center in K City. The first classes began in September 2017. Also, in March 2018, the first of our students began a graduate program designed to provide an MA in Pastoral Leadership. We are grateful to God for his blessing and direction. Up to now, nearly 100 JP graduates were spread over Mainland China proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We are excited about the prospects of developing students to be leaders and teachers within Mainland China continually. JPTC and partnership with AAM are grateful to God for his blessing and direction. I am actively participating in the Joseph Project as a Board Member; serving as a supporter and the builder of the Intercessory Prayer Networking. I believe that this is a great historical event in the 120 years of Mainland China mission history of the Nazarene. All these glories and joys are ascribed to God. **(I will present the Video if necessary)**

In conclusion, AAM has had ten years of fruitful and productive ministries in its 'role model' partnership with QFFCN (which has existed for 99 years and) where I have been serving as Senior Pastor. It is one of our greatest transformational moments. I count serving for these two divine organisms, (not organizations) to be among one of the greatest privileges of my life, and I am truly blessed to be entering into another year. The measure of our faithfulness is found in the joy and mutual support and trust with the church's work here in New York and around the world.

By His grace and for His glory,

President of Asian American Ministries
Rev. Philip Park