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SOC SCHOOL COMING SOON

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We want to invite you to join us in Denham Springs, LA, beginning Monday, June 12, 2023, where for thirteen wonderful days we will be totally immersed in Prayer and the Word of God.

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church Denham Springs, LA

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Guatemala Moving Forward With SOC Training by Delvis Mercedo

We praise the LORD for continuing to allow the School of Christ International to work in the Republic of Guatemala. Upon arrival at the La Aurora International Airport, our fieldworker Pastor Jorge Chamale, who directs the work of the SOC in Guatemala, was waiting for us with open arms.

Everything was in place, and from the very beginning of the Congress, the atmosphere was filled with the Glory of God. Brother Richard Goebel brought a challenging message to the congregants encouraging them to remain firm in the times we live in and prepare for what is coming. Each message spoke to the very heart of each attendee.

An exceptional graduation service was held by the Guatemala team graduating more than twenty students. Again the message was brought by Brother Goebel, encouraging each student to take advantage of the experience they received from the Lord during their time at the SOC. He reminded them that behind each School were those that sacrificed so that others could receive the Word of God.

After graduation, we traveled to visit the Pastors in Almolonga, Guatemala. This



Delvis Mercedo SOC Fieldworker

area experienced a powerful revival in the '90s. We then traveled more than six hours to the town of Huehuetenago, Guatemala. We felt this was the Will of God for us to encourage them. Pastor Venicio Gomez, a graduate of the SOC in 1999, started running a SOC at the beginning of this year. Four pastors in this area were excited to receive training from the School of Christ International.

Thank you to all who gave to make this trip possible. Your prayers were felt, and the Kingdom of God is moving forward in Guatemala.

SOC graduates in Guatemala.



SOC School in Myanmar by Andrea Sekhin



Andrea Sekhin SOC Fieldworker

In 2014 we held a School of Christ School in Shan State, Myanmar. Pastor Ko Aung attended that School as a young teenager. It had such a significant influence on his life. After high school, he went into ministry and is now a pastor and church planter.

A year ago, Pastor Ko Aung felt led by God to organize a missionary school for youth that feel the call to be pastors, missionaries, or evangelists. He contacted pastors in the surrounding area and twentyeight students enrolled—the churches he reached out to have only existed for ten years or less. The pastors have never been to Bible School, so they were so excited to be able to send their young men and women who feel the call of God on their lives to be trained.



When Pastor Ko Aung found out that I was coming to Myanmar, he contacted me and requested that I

conduct the School of Christ at the missionary school while I was there. The School of Christ changed him, and he wanted these young ministers to also have the right foundation for their Spiritual life through the School of Christ lessons.



The missionary school had been training these young students for a year. Patterned after the SOC training Pastor Ko Aung received at the School he attended, the students prayed an hour before and after lessons each day. Pastor was thrilled to see the joy on the students' faces as they listened to the teaching of the School of Christ. As I began the video lessons, you could see the Holy Spirit was working in the hearts of each student. Pastor believes that the SOC teachings will have a strong impact on their Spiritual lives as it did in his own life. When I left, I gave him the SOC videos to continue using in the missionary school.

Praise the Lord that the School of Christ continues to train men and women to lead their generation to Christ.



Horn of Africa Report by Richard Goebel



Richard Goebel SOC Director

that make up the Horn of Africa are Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, Sudan, and Djibouti.

We thank

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Ethiopia has suffered dramatically

from a Civil War in 2020 and 2021, so we were excited to travel there to see the work personally. We were able to visit some of the new churches planted through graduates of the School of Christ in Ethiopia and Djibouti.

In every church we visited, we found pastors truly hungry for the Word of God, living as Disciples of Jesus Christ. The pastors trained through the School of Christ continue reaching out and planting churches

in difficult regions. God is with them, and we saw firsthand the new disciples that have come to know Jesus Christ within the last two years. Our emphasis over the last few years has been to train disciples through the School of Christ and send them out to witness as missionaries, plant new churches, and pastor those churches. The possibilities for sharing the

Gospel in these countries are significant. It was a great blessing to finally meet some of the pastors living the Life of Christ and seeing God move in the fields that are white to harvest. Many shared great testimonies of what God has done in their lives. Brother Clendennen talked about the quality of men that God would put together to work for Him. I often think about his statement as I travel to meet with these brethren. Many left goodpaying jobs to go as missionaries into these difficult areas and plant churches. Many of these churches planted by SOC graduates are the only church in the entire region.



These men are called by God, and they know the great need for their own country to receive the teachings of the School of Christ.

I was privileged to see again a brother that I had not seen in almost five years. He was put in prison in 2013 for preaching on the street. While in prison, he led thirty-three people to the Lord and started a church within the prison. After

his release, he continues to pastor these new converts in prison. The Lord has also used him to plant two new churches in Djibouti. It was wonderful to see and visit again.

The churches in Sudan and Somalia continue to grow despite challenging conditions. Continue to pray for the underground work in Eritrea. We plan to run a SOC School in each of these countries in 2023. Pray that God will give us boldness and grant us great signs and wonders that the name of Jesus Christ will be glorified in these places, and souls will come to the saving Knowledge of Christ.

> We continue to run schools in Ethiopia under the direction of Pastor Samuel. This country is our stronghold and launching pad into the rest of the countries that surround Ethiopia.

Thank God for the financial support of the School of Christ for the work in this part of Africa. We continue to run Schools and train church planters

in the same manner that we were trained to do so by Founder B. H. Clendennen. We are seeing the hand of God at work in this area of the world.

Please earnestly pray for our brothers and sisters in these countries. Indeed, the fields are ripe to harvest, and we have workers called by God, who are going into the fields to labor.

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