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Mission: **Theological education**



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### First-ever graduation of 'Knowing the Spirit'

At the end of May, we celebrated the first-ever graduation of our new grassroots course: 'Knowing the Spirit'. The graduation was especially joyous as this was the pilot group with which we tested the new course material. We had 10 graduates. We were especially grateful because we could meet face-to-face for this course and graduation. A year ago, the group graduated from the 'Knowing Jesus' course, and at that time – due to Covid-19 restrictions – we only met physically twice and conducted the study through WhatsApp calls. The course followed the book of Acts, and then we read the letters of the New Testament within the historical framework of Acts to see how the story of the early church moved out of Jerusalem to the end of the earth. Here are some comments from the graduates:

"The most important thing I take from the course is the need to read the Bible in context. I had read Acts before and the other books as well, but this time around, realising the connection was an amazing discovery."

"I think most of the Acts of the Apostles were under the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit, and throughout the course, we have a picture of the Holy Spirit's actions or promptings being manifested. Everything points to the Holy Spirit leading, guiding and prompting actions by disciples."

"I have gone through all three courses and been enlightened about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I think I am now a Christian with knowledge and understand that certain things, though practised in churches, are not in tandem with the Gospel of Jesus. These are vitally important courses that Christians who are serious about their faith should take. I would recommend it to anyone"



### Prayer points

- Praise God for the graduation of the first 'Knowing the Spirit' course. Pray for the graduates that they continue to seek God.
- Pray for the course writers as we now finalise the course in light of the pilot to improve the course flow after our evaluation.
- Continue to pray for health and safety for the whole family.