

Update on What the Lord Has Done in the Past Quarter
Joint Lord's Day Meeting
December 11, 2011

The church life in L.A. Hall 3 is around campuses and young people. In last August, the Lord graced us by giving Hall 3 the opportunity to pick up from the airport over 70 new students coming to UCLA and SMC. Many of them stayed in the saints' homes before moving into their dorms. It is the work of the Body even though most of the newly contacted students speak Chinese. Over 40 saints came from other meeting halls to coordinate and support the Welcome meeting in the early September. Brother Don Martin and his wife also came to warmly welcome them to the United States, to L.A., and to the church life in L.A. It was a prevailing testimony of oneness across languages, halls and districts. As a result, 24 of the new students joyfully received the Lord and were baptized into the Body in the following two months.

In order to perfect the new ones with truth and life, a six-week new believers' training was held before the Thanksgiving Conference. A vital group based church life has been particularly strengthened in the training. Each of the new ones has a spiritual companion with whom to pray and study the Word together every day. The training is over, but the spiritual companionship continues: now most of them are together pursuing the book of Genesis following the guidance of *the Journey of the Bible*.

In order to bring them into the normal church life to make them remaining fruits, homes that have a definite burden to open to receive students are urgently needed. There are not many married couples in Hall 3 as many saints are young students. But after saints' desperate prayers with one accord, thirteen homes including our brothers' house and sisters' house joyfully opened to invite students for love feasts during the Thanksgiving week. About 70 gospel friends enjoyed love feasts and had a sweet taste of our house-to-house church life. The Lord continues to add together those who were being saved.

We the saints in Hall 3, together with all the saints in L.A., continue to pray to the Lord: "Strengthen, O God, that which You have done for us," so that the new ones many open their eyes to see God's eternal economy, consecrate themselves to walk on the way of the Lord's recovery, be perfected unto the work of the ministry unto the building up of the Body of Christ. Amen!