

Week of August 4

Let the Word of Christ Dwell in us Richly

Colossians 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God."

In this passage the infilling of spiritual life that overflows in praising and singing is related to the word, whereas in the parallel passage, Eph. 5:18-20, the infilling of spiritual life is related to the Spirit. This indicates that the word is the Spirit (John 6:63b). A normal Christian life should be one that is filled with the word, that the Spirit may bubble over with praise and lauding melodies from within the believers.

The word of the Lord must have adequate room within us that it may operate and minister the riches of Christ into our inner being.

The riches of Christ (Eph. 3:8) are in His word. Such a rich word must inhabit us richly.
(excerpts from notes 1-3)

May the Lord lead every one of us into a habit of reading His word and reading the ministry so that we may be richly constituted with and have a rich outflow of His word.

Los Angeles Young People

Please pray that the young people in Los Angeles would enter into and continue 1) reading their Bible regularly to enjoy the Lord's presence; 2) having a companion; and 3) loving the Lord. Please ask the Lord to sustain them throughout this next school year and make this year the best year yet for each one.

Bibles for America

Several years ago Bibles for America received a burden to reach military service members and their families with free Recovery Version NTs and ministry material. BfA developed a military packet with a booklet of verses accompanied by short ministry portions; a pocket-sized NT; Basic Elements of the Christian Life, vol. 1; a gospel tract; a letter of thanks; and an offer for a free NT with footnotes.

About 5,000 Bibles and 17,000 military packets have gone out. BfA is looking to the Lord for new ways to reach individual service members. Please pray for the Lord's leading in this matter that those who serve this country could be spiritually supplied with the riches of the interpreted Word of God.

Full Time in Europe

Fourteen of the 17 FTT London graduates are available to serve full-time in Europe beginning in the fall of 2013. In addition, four of the 14 FTTA Boston graduates are ready to emigrate to Europe, and several others will follow later. Please pray for:

- the release of visas from the UK immigration authorities for the FTTA-XB graduates and for the couple who will emigrate with them to London.
- the Lord's rich supply to the new full-timers in London, for their blending with all the current serving ones and the saints in Europe, and for the Lord's abundant blessing on all their labor.

Report from Conference in Ethiopia

Praise the Lord! The International Blending Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (July 26-28) went very well. The hall was perfect for the conference. Those who attended went home fully fed and their eyes enlightened. The Lord's table was marvelous and awesome! The saints sang and released their spirits with a "ringing shout"!

This conference was unprecedented in that so many from all over Africa came together to blend as the Body of Christ! This was very much needed for them to see each other and fellowship with each other for their mutual advancing. The blending was beyond words. Praise the Lord for the one new man in Africa.

Through the word that was released, may all the saints in Africa grow in Him and may they minister what they have seen and heard to so many around them. May the Lord's recovery spread and increase to be the shining testimony of Jesus on that continent!

The Word of the Lord in Ethiopia

LSM sent a 12 ton container of books to Ethiopia before the conference. The church in Addis Ababa is still working with the officials to get the container released so that the books can be distributed—used books to be given away and new books to be sold. O Lord Jesus! May Your word “run and be glorified” (2 Thes. 3:1) throughout Ethiopia.

A Conference Meeting in Ethiopia

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Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** week 4 of *The Completing Ministry of Paul* (Memorial Day Conference).
2. **Southern California Young People:** Saturday, August 31, from 9 am through dinner there will be a perfecting time in Arcadia for junior high young people. After dinner all young people grades 7 to 12 are invited to a blending meeting. Details will be announced later.
3. Anyone may **receive the weekly prayer email** by entering an email address in the lower right of <http://www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer/> .