Week of January 15

Give Heed until the Morning Star Rises in Our Hearts

"We have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." (2 Peter 1:19)

To take heed to the prophetic word is to pay attention to the living Word and enter into the Word until Christ as the morning star rises within us and something from the heavens shines over us. (*Orthodoxy*, week 5, V.B.3.a)

United States

The presidential inauguration is Friday, January 20. "Let every person be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God" (Rom. 13:1). "Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings [and presidents] of the earth" (Rev. 1:5).

Let us pray that what God has ordained will result in further development and spread of His move in the United States and over the whole earth.

Bibles for America

The saints at BfA are currently working on several new projects, such as a new website design, and are in fellowship about other potential changes for 2017. Please pray that the Lord would lead the saints at BfA in all their coordination and in every new project and that many more people would have the opportunity to discover the riches in the NT Recovery Version and the books by Witness Lee and Watchman Nee this year.

FTTA Gospel Trips (340 Saints, 42 Teams, 21 Countries, 4 Continents)

This is the season for FTTA gospel trips. This year 305 FTTA trainees, 10 FTTA-Midage trainees, and 25 serving saints are in 42 Teams visiting 21 Countries in North America, South America, Europe, and South Africa. Each trip is 15 to 19 days long. The destinations and dates are:

- 3 teams, 29 saints to Argentina, Brazil, and Chile, various dates, January 6 to February 6
- 12 teams, 110 saints to United States and Canada, between January 27 and February 13
- 26 teams, 193 saints to Europe, January 19 to February 2
- 1 team, 8 saints to South Africa, January 19 to February 2 Please pray:
- for the gospel to go out to all the cities visited by the gospel trips;
- for much and thorough blending with the local saints;
- that the trainees will see the Lord's move and be open to His personal speaking.

FTT Taipei Gospel Trip to Germany

This year the FTTT gospel trips have expanded beyond Asia. On January 3 32 trainees plus some serving saints arrived in Germany for one month. They are split equally among the four key German cities.

Germany

Please pray that:

- the Lord will burden more to offer themselves to serve in Germany both short term (one month or more) or long term (several years);
- the door will remain open for the full-timers to obtain visas to labor in Germany long term;
- the Lord will strengthen the churches in Germany;
- the Lord will have a way to gain university students in Germany;
- the Lord will continue the shepherding and perfecting of those who were saved in 2016.

Krakow, Poland

Please pray that (1) the Lord will provide housing for the full-time serving ones near the entrances to the university campuses, (2) He will gain His chosen and seeking ones, and (3) a golden lampstand will be raised up as the testimony of Jesus in Krakow.

Cuba

Rhema reports that email requests from Cuba for ministry books increased in the past year. To match this, the Lord has provided channels for sending books to Cuba. Please pray for a further increase in requests and for the maintaining of the delivery channels.

India

This month translators in India are starting work on the NT Recovery Version in six Indian languages—Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, Kannada, and Mizo. (More than 300 million people speak these languages.)

Announcements

- 1. **Morning revival**: *Returning to the Orthodoxy of the Church*, week 5.
- 2. There will be a special **fellowship for high school juniors and seniors** from 9 am, Saturday, January 28 through lunch Lord's Day, January 29, at Oak Glen. Cost is \$75. Please register through the serving ones in L.A. Deadline for registration was January 15.