

Week of December 30

Christ is the Center and Leader of God's Move on Earth

“The children of Israel shall encamp each by his own standard with the ensigns of their fathers' households; they shall encamp facing the Tent of Meeting on every side.” (Num. 2:2)

The entire Bible shows us one thing—that God's intention is to have a people formed into an army to take Christ as their meaning of life, testimony, center, Leader, way, and goal and to proceed on and fight for God so that He may have the ground on earth and have a people built up as His kingdom and His house, which will consummate in the New Jerusalem. (*Crystallization-Study of Numbers*, msg. 1, III.G)

“So they set out from the mountain of Jehovah three days' journey, with the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah setting out before them....And when the Ark set out, Moses said, Rise up, O Jehovah, and let Your enemies be scattered; and let those who hate You flee before You. And when it came to rest, he said, Return, O Jehovah, to the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel.” (Num. 10:33, 35-36)

Christ is the center of God's move on the earth. God is still moving on this earth in and through the church, and He is moving with Christ as the unique Leader and center of the church. (training banner 4)

Christ Our New Year

“The body [the substance, the reality which casts the shadow] is of Christ” (Col. 2:17). Christ is the reality of all positive things in the universe, including our new month and our new year. These outward beginnings remind us that there is always a new portion of Christ for us to see and to gain. Lord, lead us into fresh experiences of Yourself this month and this year.

North America College Training 2019

Many testified that the National College Training in 2015 impacted their choices and had a life-changing effect on the direction of their life. The upcoming North America (US + Canada + Mexico) College Training will be July 14 to 20, 2019 in Champaign, IL. A brief video is at tinyurl.com/NACT2019. College students, college-age young adults, graduating high school seniors, and serving saints may register at collegetraining.org beginning January 1.

Please pray for:

- the Lord's move on every campus to gain typical, local students for His move on earth;
- all the college-age “church kids” to be preserved to attend this training and be fully gained by the Lord;
- all the saints to pray for this training and to help shepherd students into this training;
- the training to reach its maximum attendance of 2800 (1000 more than 2015) including 2000 students;
- all students to plan ahead and save for this special event, which occurs only once every four years.

Sweden

The recovery has existed in the Stockholm area since 1980. There are now two localities, Stockholm and Uppsala, one hour drive apart. Typically we have 20 adults meeting on Lord's Day in Stockholm and about 10 in Uppsala, plus children and young people. The two churches blend once a month.

There is definitely something in Sweden but we believe the Lord wants to do much more and we look to Him that it will happen in 2019. We need to move out of our present meeting hall at the end of January 2019. We sense that finding a new meeting hall is part of renewing and expansion of the church. May the Lord lead us by being our Head.

Also, we are in process of releasing 12 booklets by Watchman Nee (in Swedish) which we believe will be of great help to Christians and seekers here.

Cambodia

Pray for the translation work of the NT Recovery Version into the Khmer language.

Pakistan, Nepal, India

The two-page Lord's Move to Asia newsletter has photos and reports from the national blending conference in Pakistan and the national young people's training and national adults' training in Nepal. Both reports touch the topics presented and also speak about coordination in practical service.

The newsletter also has reports of gospel propagation after a cyclone and a flood which damaged parts of south India, including heavy damage to 42 homes of the saints (but no loss of life).

<http://lmasia.org/temp/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/E-2018-12.pdf> (English)

<http://lmasia.org/temp/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Asia-2018-12.pdf> (Chinese)

Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** Week 3 of *Material Offerings and the Lord's Move Today*. After week 4, on Monday, January 14, we will begin *The Reality of the Body of Christ* (Thanksgiving Conference).
2. The annual **Southern California Spanish-speaking Conference** will be Friday evening, January 18 through mid Lord's Day, January 20, in Anaheim. The messages will be in English with simultaneous translation into Spanish; they are open to all the saints. Child care will be provided for kindergarten through 6th grade plus a room with a broadcast for parents with children younger than kindergarten.
3. A **Southern California Young People's Blending Conference** will be simultaneous with the Spanish-speaking conference. No meals or hospitality will be provided.
4. Beginning January 1, the **Spanish language radio broadcast** in Los Angeles Monday through Friday will change time to 9:00 to 9:30 pm. For L.A. County the frequency will change to FM 100.3, with FM 90.3 for San Fernando Valley and Ventura County.
More information is at <http://www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer/>.