Week of April 7

The Development of the Kingdom of God

"Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth." (Matt. 6:10)

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness..." (Matt. 6:33a)

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come." (Matt. 24:14)

The general subject of last weekend's International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones in Anaheim was "The Development of the Kingdom of God in the Christian Life and the Church Life."

The kingdom of God is Christ Himself as the seed of life sown into His believers, God's chosen people, and developing into a realm over which God rules as His kingdom in His divine life. We need to experience the development of the divine life and the divine nature contained in the divine seed that has been sown into us so that we may have a rich entrance into the eternal kingdom. May the Lord grant us grace and do a deeper work in us through the cross so that we may strike deep roots and live a hidden life in the depths to fulfill God's requirements and satisfy His heart.

For the building up of the church, may we learn to exercise three keys—of denying the self, taking up the cross, and losing the soul-life—to shut up the gates of Hades. The work of the church is to bring in the kingdom of God. The church bears the responsibility of bringing the kingdom of God to the earth. As the church, may we pray to bring in the kingdom of God and learn to utter prayers of warfare in order to bring in God's kingdom and to drive out God's enemy.

SoCal College Conference Registrations

The Spring College Conference (April 19 to 21 in Anaheim) provides college students a significant opportunity for blending, not only with other students, but with many families in Southern California who provide hospitality. The conference title is "That I May Gain Christ." Early registration ended April 7; late registration ends April 14. Please pray for the Lord to release and motivate more students to attend!

North America College Training Registrations

The summer college training has consistently had a powerful impact on college students, college-age young adults, graduating high school seniors, and serving saints. This year's time from July 14 to 20 in Champaign, Illinois is even more special since there will be one training for all of North America (US, Canada and Mexico), an event that occurs only once every four years. Many saints testified that the last combined training in 2015 impacted their choices and had a life-changing effect on the direction of their life. A brief video is at tinyurl.com/NACT2019. Early registration ends April 15 at collegetraining.org.

Please join us to be eech the Lord to release our students and serving ones to participate in what He would do during this time. May all participants see a vision, be infused with the truth, and get to know one another to encourage one another in the years to come. Pray for the training to reach its maximum capacity of 2800 (1000 more than 2015) including 2000 students.

Junior High Sisters' Conference

From April 12 to 14, sisters from across Southern California will gather at Oak Glen for the Spring 2019 Junior High Sisters' Conference. For this conference we pray:

- for the Lord to prepare the hearts of all of the sisters in Southern California;
- that they would see how much the Lord loves the church; and
- that they would choose the church and would dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of their life (Psalm 27:4).

Venice High School

Venice HS Bible Club participated in the school's club fair last Friday, with about 28 new ones signing up for further contact. Please pray that the Lord would bind the strong man so that many of these young people can be released out of Satan's kingdom.

Spanish-Speaking Perfecting

Every spring we have a time of fellowship and perfecting in the truth with the Spanish-speaking elders, responsible and serving brothers in Southern California. This year's fellowship will be on Saturday, April 13 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at the meeting hall of the Church in Anaheim, District 2 at 1916 W Ball Road, Anaheim. May the Lord fill this time and grant each brother definite perfecting.

Germany

Please continue to pray for the follow-up from the Leipzig Book Fair, held from March 21 to 24, at which 5060 Bibles were given out and some ministry books sold. A one-page report with encouraging testimonies is posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/information-about-germany-and-europe.

Azerbaijan and Bangladesh

The Lord's Move to Asia newsletter has reports from both nations with a burden for the gospel: http://lmasia.org/temp/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/E-2019-03.pdf (English) http://lmasia.org/temp/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Asia-2019-03.pdf (Chinese)

Announcements

- 1. Morning Revival: Week 7 of Crystallization-Study of Numbers, vol. 2.
- 2. **July 2019 Semiannual Training** is July 1 to 6. Registration is open until April 28 for the live sessions in Anaheim (\$205) and June 11 for webcasts in LA (\$105). No late registrations. Saints in LA are requested to register online at <u>tinyurl.com/summertrainingla</u> and follow payment directions.
- 3. **6th Grade Conference** at Oak Glen will be May 3 to 5. Registration deadline is April 21.
- 4. Southern California Blending Conference will be June 8 and 9 in Anaheim.
- 5. **Junior High School Conferences** at Oak Glen: for sisters, April 12 to 14; brothers, April 19 to 21.
- 6. **Memorial Day Conference** will be May 24 to 27 in Seattle, WA. Conference information, including MORE ROOMS at an ADDITIONAL HOTEL, is at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer. Saints from LA attending should RSVP no later than April 28 at tinyurl.com/memdayla (adults) and tinyurl.com/memchildrenla (children).
- 7. **Spanish language radio broadcast:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 9:30 pm. LA County 100.3 FM; San Fernando Valley and Ventura County 90.3 FM.