Week of October 15

Blending for the Reality of the Body of Christ

"For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ." (Eph. 4:12)

"But you did not so learn Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus." (Eph. 4:20-21)

The highest peak in God's economy is the reality of the Body of Christ. The purpose of the blending is to usher us all into the reality of the Body of Christ. The reality of the Body of Christ is the corporate living by the perfected God-men, who are genuine men but are not living by their life but by the life of the processed and consummated Triune God, whose attributes have been expressed through their virtues.

This corporate and mingling living by the perfected God-men consummates ultimately in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth as God's increase and expression for eternity. The corporate living of the perfected God-men as the reality of the Body of Christ will close this age, the age of the church, and bring Christ back to take, possess, and rule over the earth with these God-men in the kingdom age. (*An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery Before His Appearing*, msg. 4, IV, III, IV.B, C.3-4)

LA Korean Festival

We give thanks and praise to the Lord for leading us to have a gospel table during the LA Korean Festival last week. It was a joyful and encouraging time. The saints were filled with the spirit of the gospel as they distributed tracts and Bibles. We distributed 220 copies of the NT Recovery Version in Korean, 100 copies in English, and 46 copies in Spanish. Forty people gave us their contact information.

Please pray for every Bible recipient, for the follow-up with these 40 people, and for seeking ones to come to our Bible seminar this Saturday, October 21.

Germany Gospel Trips

Gospel trips are taking place in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria from October 8 to 22. In this final week of the trips, please continue to pray that the Lord will bless the saints from abroad and the local saints as they labor together to contact the university students and distribute Bibles in the communities. Pray that many of the people contacted will become remaining fruit, and that the ground will be further prepared for the raising up of new lampstands in various cities.

Israel

During this difficult time of conflict, please pray:

- That the minds and hearts of the saints will be guarded and protected.
- For the safety of the saints all over Israel, and that none would be harmed.
- That the saints serving in the military will be protected from physical harm and that they and their families will be supplied and comforted.
- That the white horse of the gospel will run in Israel, that many will turn their hearts to God, be unveiled concerning the Lord Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and the Savior, and receive Him.
- That the Lord as the Ruler of the kings of the earth would exercise His authority over the situation, manifest His victory over His enemy, and do something to further His economy.

Turkey

The first Turkish ministry book was published in 2014, and 39 titles are now available. Through the Rhema distribution, we have received many contacts throughout the whole country. In the past two years, the saints have frequently visited Rhema contacts in a south-central city called Adana. Please continue to pray for the distribution of ministry books to gain the real seeking ones through the word of the truth. May the Lord strengthen the translation work and spread His ministry in this land again before His return.

For a brief history of the literature work in Modern Turkish, see the September 2023 issue of the LSM newsletter at <u>newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry</u>.

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Reviva**l: Week 4 of An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing, vol. 1.
- 2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The ministry meeting continues this Wednesday at 7:25 pm.
- 3. **Bibles for America**'s recent post entitled "What Does God Want?" is now available to read and share at <u>blog.biblesforamerica.org</u>.
- 4. **Semiannual Training:** December 25 to 30 in Anaheim. For LA saints, registration is now open until October 30 (live) and December 11 (video) at <u>tinyurl.com/wintertrainingla</u>. Past issues of LSM's digital newsletter contain helpful fellowship on <u>the burden for semiannual trainings</u>, <u>the need for training and regulations</u>, and the purpose of training donations.
- 5. **Thanksgiving Conference:** November 23 to 26 in Dallas. Saints from LA interested in possibly attending in Dallas should RSVP by October 31 at tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla. This site also has an information packet with hotel information and children's registration.
- 6. **2024 ICSC:** The next International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference will be in Taipei from February 10 to 11, 2024. Registration to attend the conference and blending trips must be done by locality. For LA saints, go to tinyurl.com/ICSC2024LA for more information; the registration deadline is November 28, 2023.
- 7. **LSM Digital Resources**: Living Stream Ministry's many digital resources, including newsletters and free booklets, may be found at lsm.org/daily. The September 2023 newsletter features a helpful introduction to the 1968 classic, *The Economy of God*, the first ministry book published by Brother Lee in English in the United States.
- 8. **Ways to Give**: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.