

Week of December 7

Reflect the Heavenly Ministry of Christ

“If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth.” (Col. 3:1-2)

As the divine High Priest, the ascended Christ is interceding for us (Heb. 7:25), and we need to respond to His intercession. We need to become on earth the reflection of Christ’s intercession in His heavenly ministry, praying the prayers of the interceding Christ. When we seek the things which are above, we respond to Christ’s heavenly ministry and reflect it. (from Thanksgiving conference, msg 5, III.)

Gospel in Thousand Oaks

The church in Thousand Oaks has taken action for the furtherance of the Chinese-speaking gospel. At the end of summer we began an eight-week training based on “Fellowship Concerning the Urgent Need of the Vital Groups.” In early October, we began our 10-week countdown in groups to pray for the coming gospel and to contact gospel friends in preparation for our December 13 gospel time. We established groups for the practical services at the gospel meeting and for those who will testify and speak the word. There are also twos and threes praying for the gospel on the daily basis.

May the Lord bless us with many remaining fruits.

Southern California Gospel

This Saturday at 4 pm at the Church in Arcadia meeting hall (630 E Live Oak Ave, Arcadia) there will be a Chinese-speaking gospel truth forum for the Chinese-speaking saints and gospel friends in Southern California, dinner is provided. After that we will have a gospel meeting, concluding at 8.30pm.

Middle-Age Training

Thirty-four trainees will graduate on Saturday. May each one be supplied to follow the Lamb wherever He may go (Rev. 14:4). May they also be supplied to continue their daily living according to the life practices that have been imparted in the training.

Give Thanks

Thank the Lord that Building 7 (to be used by FTTA) received the occupancy permit from the city of Anaheim last week. Ask the Lord to richly supply all who will be involved in moving things from the MCC into building 7 and in other preparations for the winter training.

Bibles for America

The BfA distribution tour of the US Southeast concluded Lord’s Day, November 23. During these three weeks, the saints gave away nearly 1,200 Bibles and many ministry books to students on college campuses as well as to police officers, mechanics, waiters, and hotel staff. Everywhere the teams visited, they were encouraged by the openness and warmth of the people they met and the sweet blending and coordination with the local saints.

Praise the Lord for another opportunity to reach people face-to-face with the precious gift of the Word and the ministry. Please pray for the many people contacted during this tour, that they would open the books they received and that the Lord would enlighten the eyes of their heart that they may see what the economy of the mystery is!

Belgium

The annual conference is Saturday and Lord's Day December 13 to 14. The content will be from the Thanksgiving Conference, The Vision and Experience of Christ in His Resurrection and Ascension.

Netherlands

After the Lord's Day morning conference meeting and lunch in Belgium, all saints are invited to drive 2½ hours to attend the first Lord's table meeting in Utrecht, the Netherlands, on Lord's Day afternoon, December 14. Utrecht is home to a large and highly ranked university.

India

December and January is propagation time in five cities in India. Their goal is 80 baptisms in each city, and 2 small groups, 4 churches, and 2 new districts to be established. Participants at various times during these two months include local saints in India, 35 from FTT New Delhi, 50 from FTT Taipei, 11 from FTTA (including two LA-related), 20 saints from Malaysia, and some others from outside India.

Please pray:

- that all participants be prepared with a burning spirit, mind of suffering, and healthy body;
- for the spiritual atmosphere and practical arrangements in each of the five cities;
- for the care of current contacts in these cities and for reaching the goals in each city.

Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** week 1 the fall 2014 ITERO, *The Vision, Practice, and Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ*.
2. The **Southern California Spanish Speaking Conference** will be January 23 to 25 in Anaheim. There will also be a young people's conference and children's meetings. Información en español and English is at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer/.
3. The **2015 International Chinese-speaking Conference** will be in Taiwan February 21-22. There will be translation into English and other languages as needed. There will also be optional church visiting trips before and after the conference. Information is at <http://www.icsc2015.org/about/index>. A letter about a good air fare is at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer/. **THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS EXTENDED;** contact the registration coordinator for the church in LA, brother HongChang Lin (310) 904-3483 in hall 3.