

Week of January 21

Overcoming Degradation by Living Christ

“For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all that those who live may no longer live to themselves but to Him who died for them and has been raised.” (2 Cor. 5:14-15)

In order to overcome the principle of Babylon, we need to daily take Christ as our burnt offering, which typifies Christ in His living a life that is perfect and absolutely for God and for God’s satisfaction and in His being the life that enables God’s people to have such a living. When we lay our hands on Christ through prayer, the life-giving Spirit will immediately move and work within us to live a life that is a repetition of the life that Christ lived on earth, the life of the burnt offering. (The Recovery of the Church, msg. 3, VI., VI.B)

A New Beginning in Los Angeles

We continue to pray for a new beginning this year. This new beginning will not be sudden (miraculous) but gradual (of life). We pray that each one of us will experience the Lord in new ways by forgetting what is behind and stretching forward to pursue Christ in spirit. Lord, call us upward this year!

FTTA Gospel Trips

The gospel trips are 15 to 18 days duration. Five trips began two weeks ago, four began last week, and 42 begin later this week. A total of 253 trainees are on these 51 teams. Most teams will go to multiple cities. Reports are posted multiple times per week at <http://beseeching.org>. Please pray for:

- the Spirit to brood over the 120 cities in North America to prepare many hearts for the gospel of the kingdom;
- the Lord to reap a harvest across all of the campuses in North America;
- the coordination and blending of the trainees with local saints;
- the health of all the trainees and the safe travel of the trainees to their gospel trip destinations.

FTTA Boston

The Spring 2018 term of FTTA-XB begins on January 22. There are 7 incoming trainees with a total of 33 trainees this term.

Lyon, France

The church life began in 2003 with a small group of students. Families moved to Lyon beginning in 2005 to strengthen the church life. Currently there are about 40 saints participating regularly, of which 40% are college students. Meetings are in saints’ homes and a restaurant owned by saints. Beginning in September 2016, we felt the need to purchase a meeting hall so we could be enlarged. At the end of December 2017 we found a small office property (1,200 square feet) which meets our needs. Our offer was accepted by the owner and we expect to close escrow by the end of February. We will continue to pray that the Lord will enlarge our capacity to receive His grace

A six minute video of their church life is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9McEIBf3pn8>.

India

Pray for the coming propagation in India by college students from Taiwan, January 29 to February 7, that the Lord may make them fruitful branches abiding in the True Vine.

Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** Weeks 2 AND 3 of *The Recovery of the Church*. Keep *Material Offerings and the Lord's Move Today* for further use later in the year.
2. **Information about Germany and Europe:** see the right side of www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.