Week of March 7

The Mystery Hidden in God

"But You have hidden these things in Your heart; I know that this is with You." (Job 10:13)

"And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things." (Eph. 3:9)

The forty-two chapters in Job leave us with a crucial question of two parts: What was the purpose of God in His creating of man, and what is the purpose of God in His dealing with His chosen people?

The great answer to this great question is the mystery hidden in God throughout the ages, the eternal economy of God.

God's purpose in dealing with those who love Him is that they may gain Him to the fullest extent, surpassing the loss of all that they have other than Him, so that He might be expressed through them for the fulfillment of His purpose in creating man. (*CS Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes*, msg. 1, I, II, Key Statement 1)

Bibles for America

BfA has recently updated gospel tracts in Spanish, including three new titles: "You Must Be Born Anew," "Who is Jesus?" and "How Can I Know God Exists?" These new tracts will soon be available in print on <u>materials.bfa.org</u>. In addition, all the Spanish tracts are now accessible digitally on the <u>Spanish</u> <u>Share the Gospel page</u> on our site.

Please pray that the printing process would go smoothly. Pray also that these tracts would be widely shared with many people who need to hear the word of the truth of the gospel.

FTTL

The Spring semester of the Full-time Training in London begins this week on March 8. Please pray for the perfecting of the young European saints for the Lord's move in these crucial days.

Poland

A seminar was held on February 27 for Rhema Set 3 readers in Poland. Approximately 35 readers and 55 saints joined the seminar by Zoom. The small group times were sweet and enjoyable for all participants. Some readers shared their enjoyment and were very open to the fellowship. One Polish reader from Germany was so happy to have met the saints in the study group that he wanted to have more contact with saints in his area in order to be baptized. Please pray that the readers of the ministry in Poland and all over Europe will be shepherded by the saints into the church life.

Southern Africa

The annual Southern Africa Blending Conference will be online from March 12 to 14. The general subject is "The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ." Participating countries include Angola, Botswana, Egypt, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. This year, there is a particular burden to care for the children in a way that is simple yet full of life, so that they would sense that they, too, are part of the conference.

Please pray that the saints—of all ages—will be cared for by the Lord's presence and enlightened through His Word. May they be unveiled to enter into and cooperate with the Lord's intrinsic move.

On March 15, the new academic year begins at the University of Pretoria with online classes. Recently, during a weeklong national internship for our students in South Africa, the burden was to know Christ and to make Him known. Topics included life, fruit-bearing and the vital groups, as well as considering various avenues (mainly online) to reach students this year.

In the coming weeks, we are looking to the Lord for Him to gain remaining fruit from among the freshmen. Please pray for the Lord to bless us with one accord and be our wisdom as we endeavor to reach these ones by all means possible.

Lord's Move to Asia

The March 2021 newsletter of the Lord's Move to Asia contains reports on Nepal, Turkey, and a recent blending conference in the Middle East. Details and photos are at: <u>http://lmasia.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/E-2021-03.pdf</u> (English) <u>http://lmasia.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Asia-2021-03.pdf</u> (Chinese)

Announcements

- 1. Morning Revival: Week 1 of Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes.
- 2. **The Spring High School Conference** will be California-wide via Zoom, March 26 to 28. Deadline for registration (\$15) is this Lord's Day, March 14.
- 3. Words of Fellowship to the Church in LA: <u>Seizing Every Favorable Opportunity</u> is available to watch now on YouTube and in our church app, with translated versions in <u>Chinese</u>, <u>Korean</u> and <u>Spanish</u>. We hope the saints will be encouraged and supplied by these short and practical fellowships.
- 4. Life-study of the Bible with Witness Lee: This 30-minute program focuses on the enjoyment of the divine life as revealed in the Scriptures. Ministry portions are followed by a discussion, including helpful questions and answers. The entire archive is available for free at <u>www.lsmradio.com</u>. In particular, saints may be interested in Job (15 episodes) and <u>Proverbs and Ecclesiastes</u> (10 episodes).
- 5. Ways to Give: Information on setting up online giving through Subsplash, as well as where to mail checks while our meeting halls are closed, are at <u>www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings</u>.