Week of July 11 Praying Together in One Accord

"Again, truly I say to you that if two of you are in harmony on earth concerning any matter for which they ask, it will be done for them from My Father who is in the heavens." (Matt. 18:19)

"These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer..." (Acts 1:14a)

In Matt. 18:19 the Lord spoke of two praying together on earth in harmony, in one accord. That was His leading, His training, and His directing us to pray in one accord. As a test of whether we are practicing the oneness or not, we may check to see whether there is one accord in our prayer meeting.

To say Amen in response to others' prayer is a practice taught by Paul in 1 Corinthians. In 14:16 Paul says that we need to pray in such a way that others can say Amen. If there are no Amens to indicate our one accord, we should not expect that our prayer will be heard. If only two on earth pray in one accord, their prayer will be answered. The one accord is the practice, the application, of the oneness, and the oneness is the basis on which we practice the one accord. (*CWWL*, 1989, vol. 4, "Elders' Training, Book 10: The Eldership and the God-ordained Way (2)," pp. 371-372)

Gaining, Possessing, and Experiencing More of Christ for Christ

"...Now then arise, and cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Israel." (Josh. 1:2)

Our need today is to gain more of Christ, to possess more of Christ, and to experience more of Christ. Our gaining, possessing, and experiencing Christ will make Him real to us. This is not only for our enjoyment but also for Christ to be what He should be. At present, the Christ among us is much less than the Christ in the heavens. The Christ among us is different from the Christ in the heavens. This means that among us Christ is not yet what He should be.

We today need to take and possess the land for Christ. We need to gain Christ for Christ. If we do this, we will do Christ a favor. However, if we go on living a routine Christian life and church life, we will not be able to gain the land for Christ. For this, God needs some overcomers. (*Life-study of Joshua*, msg. 6)

Pray that the Lord's speaking in the recent Crystallization-study of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth would operate in us through our musing and laboring on the Word. Pray that through this training the Lord will gain a people in His recovery who are one with Him to possess Him as their God-promised good land and who are the proper persons to bring Him forth to meet today's need of both God and men.

FTTL

Starting from this upcoming term of the Full-time Training in London, non-UK residents will be attending the training via a two-year visa designed for people attending a residential Christian community. Over the coming two weeks young people from different countries will be making their applications. Please pray that the Lord's hand would be with each application and that each trainee would successfully receive their visa for the sake of the Lord's move in Europe.

Indonesia

Indonesia, the world's fourth-most populous country, is currently experiencing a devastating wave of coronavirus cases. More than 850 of our saints have been infected, 8 of whom have passed away, and over 150 have recovered. We have also witnessed the churches fellowshipping and praying more fervently in one accord, and the saints have been offering themselves selflessly to care for the sick saints.

We hope that the churches all over the earth can stand one with us in prayer. Pray for the safety of all our saints who have been infected, for the spread of the virus to be contained, for the saints to be strengthened into their inner man, and for the Lord to gain what He is after.

Please refer to the Appendix below for the full letter of fellowship from the brothers in Jakarta on behalf of the churches in Indonesia regarding the current situation there.

Lord's Move to Africa

The June 2021 newsletter of the Lord's Move to Africa reports on how the Lord is strengthening His testimony in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. We thank the Lord that the restrictions from the pandemic have gradually been lifted, and the Lord is now able to move unhindered.

This issue is available to download in English and Chinese at www.lmafrica.org.

Announcements

- 1. Morning Revival: Week 5 of Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life (ITERO).
- 2. FTTA and FTTA-XB virtual graduation videos may be viewed for a limited time at www.ftta.org.
- 3. Ways to Give: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at <u>www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings</u>.

Appendix

A LETTER OF FELLOWSHIP FROM THE CHURCHES IN INDONESIA

Dear saints in churches in the US,

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us of the frailty and the uncertainty of our human existence, while at the same time it has afforded us the opportunity to enter into the practical application of the reality of the Body of Christ.

As of July 10, 2021, the number of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in Indonesia is 2,491,006, with an increase of 35,094 new cases from the previous day. With the rest of the nation and the region, we have been reeling in the past two months with the swift turn of events as we assist hundreds of saints who have been infected with the virus to have access to limited medicines, hospital beds, and timely medical treatment.

As for today, more than 850 of our saints, their families, and their gospel contacts, mostly in Jakarta, have been infected, and 8 saints have passed away, while more than 150 saints have recovered. As we are feeling the sorrow of those who have lost a loved one and the worry of those who are currently sick, we have also witnessed the churches fellowshipping and praying more fervently in one accord, and the saints have been offering themselves selflessly to care for the sick saints.

On the practical side, the serving ones are daily coordinating with the saints in all localities to assist the infected ones in finding resources for medicines and treatment. The leading brothers in the churches are also calling all the saints to rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, and persevere in prayer through shepherding one another. We believe that through this pandemic we can practice to love one another, to allow Christ to make His home our hearts, and to have a substantial expression of the Body in the church for the spreading of the gospel and the truth.

Although we are many, we are one Body in Christ, and the sufferings of the members of the Body is our suffering. With this pandemic, we are reminded that no one is safe unless everyone is safe, and the same holds true for our church life. We hope that the churches all over the earth can stand one with us in prayer. Please pray for the safety of all our saints who have been infected with the virus, for the spread of the virus to be contained, for the saints to be strengthened into their inner man, and for the Lord to gain what He is after.

Your brothers in the church in Jakarta On behalf of the churches in Indonesia