Week of July 24

The Immoral Needing Life's Satisfying

"Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." (John 4:10)

"But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life." (John 4:14)

In [John 4:9-14] we see the contrast between the emptiness of religion's tradition and the fullness of life's living water... Although religion considers its way to be the most prevailing, yet religion's "water" never quenches the thirst of religious people... To "ask" is more prevailing than religion's way. The living water of God quenches our thirst and becomes a spring of water welling up into eternal life. Death's thirst is quenched by life. In principle, this also is to change death into life.

May the Lord impress us with what is proper worship. The proper worship is continually to drink the living water. God the Spirit is the living water, and our organ for drinking the living water is our human spirit. Whenever we exercise our human spirit to contact God, the living Spirit, we drink of Him as the living water in His Son, Jesus Christ. (*Life-study of John*, pp. 138-140, 150)

LA Truth School

Last Friday we began our Truth School. As each session progressed, so did the flow of the river of life, gushing up and springing up within all of our precious junior high and high school saints. Their hearts were opened up to see that our Lord Jesus came as life (John 1), that He quenches our thirst as living water (John 3 and 4), that He satisfies our hunger as the bread of life (John 6), and that He even meets the need of the dead as the One who is the resurrection and the life (John 11).

Please pray for a glorious continuation this week as our young people and serving ones endeavor in smaller groups to read the accompanying portions in John and be further impressed that their real need is Christ as life. Also pray that in their teenage years, our young people would lay the groundwork for a healthy diet in God's word, a solid foundation they could draw from all the days of their lives.

The 2022 Truth School concludes this Saturday, July 30.

UCLA Summer Freshmen Outreach

This summer, UCLA is hosting ten weekly orientations for incoming freshmen. The third three-day session starts on Tuesday, July 26 with an afternoon club fair. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet and connect with incoming students. So far we have 25 sign-ups from the two previous orientations. At the same time, we are also reaching out to incoming freshmen online through social media platforms such as Instagram. A good number are looking for fellowship and eager to meet up with us.

Please pray that we could meet many seekers and sons of peace on campus and online during this summer. May the Lord find these students and gain them to be remaining fruit for the church!

North America Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training

The 2022 North America Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training will be held online from July 27 to 31. This training is for Chinese-speaking saints who would like to be perfected in the areas of truth, life and service. The subject will be "The New Testament Priesthood." Over 3,200 saints from 172 churches have registered, including 30 saints from Los Angeles, and even many from Europe, Africa, and Asia. Please pray that the saints attending the training would:

- Prepare themselves as trainees, open their hearts, and have the spirit of an instructed one.
- Be encouraged by all the speaking and fellowship, and touch the burden of the training.
- Consecrate themselves for the New Testament priesthood, and enter into daily exercise for the priesthood after the training.

Bibles for America

As of mid-July BfA has sent out over 95,000 free NT Recovery Versions this year. Pray "that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified" (2 Thes. 3:1) and that all the recipients will experience "the word of God, which also operates in you who believe" (1 Thes. 2:13).

European Young People's Conference

This year's EYPC will be held in-person from July 31 to August 6 in Małe Ciche, Poland for the first time since the pandemic. Please pray for the Lord's speaking to the European young people and their response by loving and enjoying the Lord Jesus as the tree of life.

Ukraine

Please continue to pray that:

- Adequate housing will be found for the Ukrainian saints who expect to remain in Europe.
- The Lord will use the shepherding gospel trips in key cities in Europe to bring the chosen ones among the Ukrainian refugees to believe into Christ and enter into the church life.
- The local saints and serving ones will be blended with the Ukrainian refugees for the strengthening and building up of the Lord's testimony in key European cities.
- The saints in Russia and Ukraine will be kept in the oneness of the Body and the reality of the new man, where Christ is all the members and in all the members.

As the Lord leads, saints may give through the Church in Los Angeles designated for 'UKRAINE'.

The Lord's Move to Africa

The July 2022 issue of the Lord's Move to Africa newsletter presents an update regarding the Lord's move in three countries in West Africa: Ghana, Togo and Côte d'Ivoire. Read more in <u>English</u> or <u>Chinese</u> at www.lmafrica.org.

Announcements

- 1. Morning Revival: Week 2 of our special morning revival topic on "Life in the Gospel of John."
- 2. **Free e-Booklets**: Living Stream Ministry offers a series of free e-booklets to read and share at www.lsm.org/booklets, including "Life's Satisfying the Need of the Immoral."
- 3. **LSM Newsletter:** The <u>July issue</u> contains helpful articles including an introduction to a set of free e-booklets on "Life's Meeting Every Person's Need."
- 4. GTCA: A virtual tour of Columbus, OH will take place July 30, 1:00 pm PST at gtca.us.
- 5. **Lord's Move to Europe:** Both video and written reports on the Lord's present move in Europe can be found at amanatrust.org.uk/page/reports. Please stream but do not download any videos from this page. These reports will help to direct your prayer toward different aspects of the spreading and building up of the Lord's testimony in Europe.
- 6. **Bibles for America**'s latest blogpost asks, "What Does It Mean to Be Spiritual?" To read the answer, visit <u>blog.biblesforamerica.org</u>.
- 7. **Ministry Books Website:** Living Stream Ministry has recently updated <u>ministrybooks.org</u> with greater functionality. Some publications can be read for free, including all the Life-studies. Access to *The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, The Collected Works Witness Lee,* and *The Conclusion of the New Testament* and more is available through a monthly or yearly subscription.
- 8. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Each week LSM posts a free video from messages given by Brother Lee at lsm.org/timely-speaking.html. This week's is on *Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification*.
- 9. **Ways to Give**: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.