Week of August 14

The Need of the Dead – Life's Resurrecting

"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live; and everyone who lives and believes into Me shall by no means die forever. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

In the Lord's salvation He does not merely heal the sick; He also gives life to the dead. Hence, He remained two days until the sick one had died. The Lord does not reform or regulate people—He regenerates people and raises them out of death. Hence, the first of the nine cases in chapters 3 through 11 was a case of regeneration, and the last was a case of resurrection, revealing that all the aspects of Christ as life to us, as unveiled in the other seven cases, are in the principle of regeneration and resurrection. This last case was the actual changing of death into life. (John 11:14, footnote 1)

The Lord said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life," and asked her, "Do you believe this?" She answered, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God." Her reply did not answer the Lord's question. Her old, preoccupying knowledge covered her, preventing her from understanding the Lord's new word. Man's old knowledge and old opinions are coverings that keep him from knowing clearly the Lord's new revelation. (John 11:27, footnote 1)

In the church in LA, may human opinions be subdued that resurrection life could be manifested!

FTTA

The fall term of the Full-time Training in Anaheim begins this week. Please pray that all the trainees and serving ones would be fresh and new as they start this term. Pray also for all trainees to arrive—some are still in the process. May the Lord cover each one's tripartite being and gain the full glory and benefit for His interests and move on the earth.

UCLA

Several of our UCLA students have given two weeks of their summer to serve the Lord, spending time to be built together and perfected in their function to build up the Body of Christ. They will also participate in outreach to incoming UCLA freshmen who are attending orientations and other summer programs throughout this next month. Please pray that:

- Our serving students would learn much and be supplied to function organically in their measure.
- The Lord would operate in the freshman class to stir up many to seek God and seek genuine fellowship.
- In one accord, all the ones laboring at UCLA could have adequate prayer and warm, face-to-face contact with many freshmen during the summer.

Our Young People

The LAUSD 2022-23 academic year started on Monday, August 15 with other schools having already begun, or beginning soon. Please pray for all our young people to be encouraged by the God of peace (Rom. 16:20) and strengthened to be factors of life in their schools (John 7:38).

GTCA Cities – Normal and Tampa

Please continue to pray for the migration of burdened saints and the strengthening of the Lord's testimony in our target cities (Cincinnati and Columbus, OH; Memphis and Nashville, TN; Normal, IL; Omaha, NE; St. Louis, MO; Tampa, FL; and Virginia Beach, VA) and campus teams (Cincinnati and Columbus, OH; Lexington, KY; Pittsburgh, PA; Columbia SC; St. Louis, MO; and Tampa, FL).

This weekend there will be virtual tours of Normal (Saturday, August 20, 2:00 pm PT) and Tampa (Lord's Day, August 21, 2:00 pm PT). More information and links will be posted at gtca.us.

Germany – Stuttgart Meeting Hall

The church in Stuttgart has identified a suitable meeting facility close to where many saints live and to the university, with easy access to public transport. Next to the property is a public park with playgrounds and spacious green areas for picnics, recreation, and gospel outreach.

Immediate renovation needs include better soundproofing and some cosmetic repairs. For longer term use, after approval from the city in 6 to 12 months, more extensive restorations and installations will be necessary to meet current building codes. The total project costs are estimated to be 2,775,000 euros.

Please pray for timely approval from the city and for adequate giving. Saints in LA who are burdened to contribute may give through the Church in Los Angeles designated for 'STUTTGART MEETING HALL'.

Ukraine

Please continue to pray that:

- Adequate housing will be found for the Ukrainian saints who expect to remain in Europe.
- The Lord will continue to shepherd the Ukrainian refugees in Europe and bring the chosen ones to believe into Christ and enter 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.
- The Lord will open a way for several thousand Russian NT Recovery Versions to enter into Europe and be distributed among the refugees.

Pakistan

Since the beginning of the Lord's move in Pakistan in 2012, many ministry books have been translated into the Urdu language. So far, 58 ministry titles have been translated, along with the *Life-study of Genesis*, the *Holy Word for Morning Revival* from 36 conferences and trainings, and some home meeting materials. Seven Rhema books have been translated and are ready for typesetting, and 501 hymns have been translated and recorded. The saints have also done a preliminary translation of the verses of the NT Recovery Version to meet the needs of shepherding and the day-to-day church life.

To read an encouraging testimony from one of the brothers serving in translation, see the August 2022 issue of the Lord's Move to Asia newsletter:

- <u>lmasia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/E-2022-08.pdf</u> (English)
- <u>lmasia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Asia-2022-08.pdf</u> (Chinese)

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Revival**: Week 5 of our morning revival topic on "Life in the Gospel of John." Next week, we begin *Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life* (Memorial Day Conference).
- 2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The weekly online broadcast of the ministry meeting will resume next Wednesday, August 24 at 7:25 pm.
- 3. **Labor Day Conference:** An online conference for the saints and churches in Southern California will be held from September 2 to 4 on "The Lord's Coming." More information to come.
- 4. **Thanksgiving Conference:** All the churches and individuals are invited from November 24 to 27. Saints from LA planning to attend the in-person sessions in Washington, DC should RSVP no later than October 31 at tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla (adults) and tinyurl.com/thanksgivingchildrenla (children). More conference and hotel information is posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.
- 5. **Bibles for America**'s latest post at <u>blog.biblesforamerica.org</u> is entitled "4 Key Verses About the Blood of Jesus Christ."
- 6. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at lsm.org/timely-speaking.html. The current series is *The Secret of God's Organic Salvation*.
- 7. **Ways to Give**: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.