Week of May 29

Memorial Day Conference

The general subject was "The Increase of Christ for the Building Up of the Church." The increase and spread of the church is the increase and spread of Christ, who passed through death and entered into resurrection to impart His divine life into those who believe into Him so that they could become His reproduction. Everything in the church must be in the nature of life, with the content of life, and in the imparting of life. (banners 2 and 3a)

Acts 26:17b-18 says, "I send you, to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me."

Acts 26:18 reveals the work that we must do today for the increase and building up of the Body of Christ; this verse unveils the all-inclusive contents of our divine commission. We need to pray over the contents of our divine commission in Acts 26:18, asking the Lord to make them our experience and reality so that we can bring others into this experience and reality. (msg 1, IV and IV.B)

Increase through the Priesthood of the Gospel in Los Angeles

In April 2016 the average attendance in Lord's Day morning meetings in Los Angeles was 550, with about 700 believers regularly or infrequently participating in the church life in some way. Our goal is to increase the Lord's Day attendance to 650 by April 2017. This is 18 percent growth. Let us pray for this in general and also pray for each set of companions, each group, and each district to pick up the burden to participate in this increase.

The primary way for this increase to be realized is by companions—clusters of two or three saints—praying for each other and for specific people, contacting them, fellowshipping about care for them, and visiting some of them regularly to nourish them. Lord, bring us into this companionized church life.

United States

The California primary election is June 7. This is a reminder that we should pray with the Lord for Him to exercise on earth (Matt. 6:10) the authority given Him in the heavenlies "far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named" (Eph. 1:20-21). We are not for any particular candidate; we stand for the Lord to have His way in all the elections in the United States this year.

Germany

- 1. There is a beautiful coordination and transition from one gospel trip to the next. People baptized on this trip had been contacted on a previous gospel trip. Please pray for the one accord that commands the Lord's blessing for the remaining gospel trips (the sixth trip began Lord's Day, May 29). The gospel trips are increasing in number of participants, but may there also be a wonderful harmony through blending prayer and fellowship.
- 2. Please pray for the translators to be raised up and perfected to be our co-workers. The Lord needs these translators to be channels of life to the refugees. Also pray for our own brothers and sisters who can translate to come to Germany either by visitation or migration.
- 3. The Lord has answered prayers to acquire meeting halls in both Stuttgart and Frankfurt. These will be used for gospel meetings, seminars, meetings of the church, and other gospel activities. There is much need to pray for similar facilities in both Berlin and Düsseldorf. Even though there are halls in both cities, they are inadequate in size and location. Please pray for meeting halls in Berlin and Düsseldorf in the best location and adequate to meet the ongoing need.
- 4. We encountered a number of German students who were very open and happy to receive a Recovery Version NT. A few also prayed with us to receive the Lord. Each time this happens, there is an almost surreal sense of disbelief, accompanied by a real praise to the Lord for what He is doing. The fields really are white and finding these ones should be a normal and ongoing experience in our Christian life. Please ask the Lord to continue to bless the distribution of the Bible and to bring in remaining fruit through this distribution.

Lord's Move to Asia

The May issue of the LMA newsletter has reports from Cambodia, the family training in April and the national college training in May; Bangladesh, the construction of a training center began in January; and Pakistan, the annual blending conference on The Church as the Temple of God.

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Announcements

- 1. **Morning revival**: REPEAT Week 32 in *Crystallization-Study of Exodus*, vol. 6. June 6-11, Week 33; June 13 to 18, week 34; June 20 to 25, week 35
- 2. The 2016 **Summer Training** will be July 4–9 in Anaheim. Registration for video (\$80) and late registration for Anaheim (\$205) are open until June 14.
- 3. The L.A. **Summer School of Truth** will be on the Two Spirits; the dates are July 22 to 30. Schedule and registration are at http://www.churchinlosangeles.org/ssot/.
- 4. The European YP Conference will be July 29 to August 4 in Poland; https://ypconference.eu.
- 5. The **Lord's move in Germany**:
 Reports are on a public Facebook page Germany Update <u>facebook.com/germanyupdate</u>.
 Information about follow-up gospel trips is at http://germany2016.amanatrust.org.uk.
 Giving for the Gospel Work in Europe instructions are at www.lordsmove.org/information.html.