

Week of December 2

Receiving the Real Jubilee

“And you shall sanctify the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.” (Lev. 25:10)

“Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth. Serve Jehovah with rejoicing; come before His presence with joyful singing.” (Psa. 100:1-2)

The year of jubilee is the age of Christ as grace dispensed into us for our enjoyment by His words of grace. The New Testament jubilee is an age of ecstasy for our salvation.

Jubilee means having no worry or anxiety, no concern or care, no lack or shortage, no sickness or calamity, and no problems whatsoever but, rather, having all benefits. Hence, all things are pleasant and satisfying to our heart, and we are free from anxiety, at ease, excited, and exultant.

We must receive the Lord Jesus as the real jubilee in us (cf. Luke 4:16-22). If we have him, we have God as our possession and can be delivered from the bondage of sin and Satan to have real freedom and rest. (*Crystallization-Study of Leviticus*, msg. 22, II.B-C)

Gospel in Ventura County

“Behold, now is the well-acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.” (2 Cor. 6:2b)

The Lord shakes the earth (as in the recent fires) and allows tragedies (as in the shooting that killed 13 people). These events bring people out of their comfortable living and open them to the gospel. The Lord’s intention is to awaken us to respond to His urgent need for us to preach the gospel and build up the Body of Christ.

To answer this “wake-up call” from the Lord, the church in Thousand Oaks held an English-speaking gospel dinner and meeting on December 1 to proclaim the good news of the Jubilee to local residents in Ventura County. Around 20 gospel friends and 40 local saints attended. Most of our contacts were from Cal State Channel Islands (CSUCI) in Camarillo and Career Care Institute (CCI) in Oxnard. Brothers shared the message on this being “the acceptable year of Jehovah” (Isa. 61:2), followed by many testimonies from CSUCI students and local saints. The reality of the Body of Christ was expressed by the sweet coordination among the saints. Please pray for:

- The waking up of the local saints from their comfortable and routine way of life.
- The follow-up with gospel friends to gradually bring them into the Body of Christ.
- The preaching of gospel on a regular basis in Ventura County.
- The raising up of workers to labor on the CSUCI campus.

United Kingdom

“Brexit” refers to the United Kingdom’s (UK) exit from the European Union (EU), which will be in March 2019. Last month, a withdrawal agreement was negotiated and approved by the EU. The UK parliament will vote December 11 on whether or not to accept the agreement.

“I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; on behalf of kings and all who are in high position” (1 Tim. 2:1-2a). Our primary concern is not with the details of the agreement; rather, our petition is that the vote and whatever follows it will be best for the continuation of the Lord’s move in all of Europe.

Pray for the Lord’s will to be done, that the ability of saints from Europe to travel to the UK for trainings and conferences would not be affected, and that the Lord’s move would be unhindered.

Berlin, Germany

There is an urgent need for a new meeting hall for the church in Berlin. Recently a place was found that met all the requirements, but the government would not allow church use. Please pray for:

- The Lord to shine on the saints in Berlin to rise up and pray in one accord;
- The meeting hall to be of suitable quality, in the best location, and at an affordable price;
- The hall to be accessible by public transportation, and noise will not be a problem to neighbors;
- The new building to be approved by the government for church use.

Pakistan

The National Blending Conference was November 10 to 11 in Karachi. The subject was “The Goal of the Lord’s Recovery—To Bring Forth the One New Man,” re-speaking the last International Chinese-Speaking Conference. Brother Ken Mooney came to Pakistan to join us for the sixth time.

The conference was the most attended blending conference (around 190 saints) since the work began in Pakistan in 2012. The sharing of the saints with their exercised spirit was very powerful.

Forty-four saints from Islamabad attended. Most traveled by train—a 29-hour ride (one-way). Everyone enjoyed fellowshiping on the trip (back and forth). Praise the Lord!

After the blending conference, a sister from Islamabad and a brother from Karachi left for the Philippines to attend the Full-Time Training in Malabon.

India

Our annual National College Student Training will take place December 22 to 25. We will be covering the recent Crystallization-study of Leviticus. There is about one week before registration closes. Currently about 450 are registered, which includes some young working saints and young people. We are hoping to reach over 500. Please pray that the Lord could release many more college students to attend!

Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** week 22 of *Crystallization-Study of Leviticus*, Vol. 4.
2. **The Winter Training** (December 24 to 29) will cover the book of Numbers. Those who would like to prepare themselves are encouraged to read the verses, footnotes, and *Life-Study* messages.