Week of January 12

Knowing God's Will Concerning the All-inclusive Christ

"Therefore we also... do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding." (Col. 1:9)

"To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Col. 1:27)

In Colossians 1:9 God's will refers to Christ... God's will for us is that we would know Christ, experience Christ, enjoy Christ, be saturated with Christ, and have Christ become our life and person. We need to be infused, saturated, and permeated with the all-inclusive, extensive Christ until in our experience He is everything to us.

The all-inclusive, extensive Christ desires to replace every element of our natural life and culture with Himself so that we may be the one new man as His corporate expression; this is the message of the book of Colossians. (*Knowing and Experiencing the All-Inclusive, Extensive Christ*, msg. 1, III.D.1-2, F, F.2.b)

May the Lord strengthen all of us to know and experience the all-inclusive, extensive Christ so that we may become His corporate expression, the one new man!

Spanish-speaking and Young People's Conferences

The Southern California Spanish-speaking Conference is Friday night, January 17 to LD noon, January 19 at the MCC in Anaheim. Messages will be given in English with simultaneous translation into Spanish. Conference details are posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer and www.socalspanish.org.

The Southern California Young People's Blending Conference will take place at the same time in the MCC's cafeteria (HS) and a classroom (JH). There is no cost and no meals will be provided, but all attendees (YP and serving) must be registered in advance at tinyurl.com/2020YPblending. Registration deadline was Lord's Day, January 12.

May the Lord super abundantly pour out His rich blessing on these conferences. Let us ask the Lord to open the hearts and outward circumstances for everyone He wants at these conferences and to take a step forward with both Spanish-speaking and young people.

Lord, Flock People In!

"Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Moreover for this I will be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock." (Isa. 36:37)

Here the Lord promised that He would bring in flocks of people. Although He has promised to do this, we still need to inquire of Him. This means that we need to pray for the increase, saying, "O Lord, flock people in. You promised this to us."

In the past, whenever we prayed for an increase of number, the Lord answered. I feel that we need to pray more. The Lord promised, yet He needs our inquiring. He promised that He will increase our number by flocks of men, but we need to pray for this and ask Him to do it.... We should never be content with our present number. Rather, we should all aspire to be doubled within a period of time. Thus, we need to pray, "Lord, flock people in." (*LS Ezekiel*, ch. 17, sec. 4)

We need to pray, "Lord, flock people into the church in LA."

The Lord's Renewed and Intensified Move in North America

We are burdened for Europe but the Lord's move in North America is not yet completed. We need an intensified move in the heartland of this continent. Please pray for:

- our continued prayer for this move until we see definite and adequate results;
- the Lord's blessing on the GTCA gospel trips; two begin this week, the others January 24 or 25;
- the release of 300 saints of all ages to migrate to 10 cities in the US, including 30 full timers and 5 player-coaches to form 5 campus teams, and leading/responsible brothers for leadership.

GTCA.us has good videos of all the target cities and much practical information.

Bibles for America

We have developed a new online store, <u>materials.bfa.org</u>, to replace <u>LetHisWordRun.com</u>, where saints in the US can order gospel tracts and offer cards in English, Spanish, and Korean, as well as apparel and other BfA materials. Individual distribution kits will no longer be available.

Please pray for the saints at the distribution center as they fulfill multiple large Bible and book orders in preparation for GTCA and other local distributions throughout the US. Pray that every Bible, book, tract, and offer card would get into the hands of God's chosen vessels.

India—Spreading of the Testimony

The Lord has been faithfully moving in the subcontinent of India for more than 30 years. Currently there are 185 local churches with over 4,400 saints meeting regularly on the Lord's day and over 7,000 saints enjoying the Lord in the church life. However, as most of these churches (approximately 75%) are situated in the southern part of the country, there are still 12 northern and northeastern states without the Lord's testimony.

Through the coordination of Amana Literature and Rhema distribution serving ones, many doors are open to the ministry. Please pray that the Lord will soon gain His testimony in these 12 states.

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Reviva**l: *Knowing and Experiencing the All-inclusive, Extensive Christ*, week 1. Please keep your copy of *Material Offerings*; we will use it again.
- 2. The International Chinese-speaking Conference is February 14 to 16 in Anaheim. Information is at www.2020icsc.org and at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer. All saints are welcome, and there will be translation via FM radio. Advanced registration by January 31 is required only for childcare, and for special Saturday fellowship sessions (one for Chinese-speaking saints presently in school, and one for Chinese-speaking working saints).
- 3. **LSM Internet Radio**: <u>lsmchristianradio.com</u> broadcasts hymns, *Life-study of the Bible* broadcasts, and spoken messages of the ministry 24 hours each day.
- 4. **New website: shepherdingwords.com** addresses misinformation about the Lord's recovery and certain critical issues facing the recovery; updates are posted frequently.