

Week of December 6

Shepherds according to God's Heart

"Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside waters of rest. He restores my soul..." (Psa. 23:1-3)

"...Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs... Shepherd My sheep... Feed My sheep." (John 21:15-17)

To shepherd is to take all-inclusive, tender care of the flock. All believers, regardless of their stage of spiritual growth, need shepherding.

All of us need to be under the organic shepherding of Christ and be one with Him to shepherd others. We need to shepherd the flock of God according to the Father's loving and forgiving heart and according to the Son's seeking, finding, and shepherding spirit. We are both sheep and shepherds, shepherding and being shepherded in mutuality; through this mutual shepherding, the Body builds itself up in love. (*Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations*, msg. 11, V.A-E)

Semiannual Video Training

Please pray for the pre-recording of the messages for the upcoming semiannual training. Pray that the ministering brothers will be richly anointed and strengthened by the sevenfold intensified speaking Spirit to release a timely word to the recovery from Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. Pray also for the technical matters and for the preparation of the saints to receive and respond to the Lord's burden in His word.

SoCal Chinese-speaking Gospel Meeting

This Saturday, December 12, there will be a Chinese-speaking gospel meeting for all the churches in Southern California, held in two sessions: 5:00 to 6:00 pm and 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Live streaming of the these sessions will be at <http://thenewman.org/2020gospel>. Please pray:

- For the Lord to bind the strong man and release many gospel friends to attend.
- For the Lord to soften the hearts of the gospel friends to receive salvation and be baptized.
- For the meetings to go smoothly without any technical frustrations.

Bibles for America

BfA's [Share the Good News](http://thenewman.org/2020gospel) website has been gaining more traction over the past few months. Most recently, from October 21 to November 17, the page traffic has shown some encouraging statistics, including 2,714 visits by 1,525 users.

Please pray that those visiting this page would continue to share the tracts, videos, and blog posts with others. Pray also that recipients of these materials would respond to the high gospel and be saved.

Europe

The United Kingdom is supposed to leave the European Union at the end of this month. Please pray for a relationship between the UK and the EU that will not hinder blending among the churches, visitation by the co-workers, or participation in trainings and conferences in the UK and continental Europe.

Lord's Move to Africa

The December 2020 online newsletter introduces the Lord's move in the western part of the African continent. Lampstands have been established in 6 of the 15 countries in this region (Ghana, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierre Leone, Togo and Benin) with approximately 2,700 saints in the church life in 54 localities. There are saints in Burkina Faso pursuing the ministry, and our prayer is that the Lord will recover the lampstand in Liberia. Read more at www.lmafrica.org/newsletter.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 11 of *Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations*. After the semiannual training, beginning December 28, we will use *Material Offerings and the Lord's Move* for three weeks.
2. **New Church App:** The church in LA has designed a convenient phone/tablet app for the saints of all ages to stay informed with updates and helpful resources. Download at www.tinyurl.com/CILAapp.
3. **New Online Platform for Giving:** Information about the church's new online giving platform, Subsplash Giving, as well as where to mail checks while our meeting halls are closed, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.
4. **Church YouTube:** Visit www.youtube.com/churchinlosangeles for videos from the morning revival, ministry series, and hymns. Feel free to share them with your friends or on social media.