Week of July 31

The Need of the Hungry – Life's Feeding

"Jesus answered them and said... Work not for the food which perishes, but for the food which abides unto eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you; for Him has the Father, even God, sealed. Then they said to Him, What shall we do that we may work the works of God? Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe into Him whom He has sent." (John 6:26-29)

In verses 22 through 31 we find the seekers after the perishing food. They were seeking satisfaction. Regardless of the kind of food people are seeking, they all are seeking satisfaction. These people were trying to do something and to work for God... The concept of fallen man toward God is always that he must do something for God and work for God. This is the principle of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in Genesis 2.

The Lord's concept concerning man toward God is that he believe in Him, that is, receive Him as the life and life supply. This is the principle of the tree of life in Genesis 2. The answer to the seeking after the perishing food is to receive the Lord by believing in Him... When we receive the Lord Jesus, we get the Spirit who gives life. (*Life-study of John*, pp. 192-193, 199)

LA Truth School Follow-up

Our 2022 Truth School concluded this past Saturday with a glorious overflow from the young people as they shared their enjoyment from the week on "Life in Gospel of John." This is just the beginning: we have to continue to pray for the YP to go on in the way of life—especially as they start the next school year. Please pray that our YP would enter into a normal, age-appropriate Christian living by:

- freshly turning to the Lord every morning;
- learning to converse with Him;
- reading His word daily; and
- flowing out to magnify Christ!

European Young People's Conference

The EYPC is happening in-person this week from July 31 to August 6 in Małe Ciche, Poland. Please pray for the Lord's speaking to the European young people and their response by loving and being one with the Lord Jesus to turn the age. Pray also for the health of the YP and serving ones.

Brazil – São Paulo Meeting Hall

Recently, there was fellowship concerning the acquisition of a suitable property that could serve the church in São Paulo as well as the work of the Lord in Brazil and even all of South America. The price including repairs is US\$1,563,600; \$800,000 is still needed. The full payment is due by mid-August.

Please pray for the financial need to be met and for all repairs to be completed in a timely manner. As the Lord leads, saints may give through the <u>Church in Los Angeles</u> designated for 'SAO PAULO'.

Ukraine

Please continue to pray that:

- Adequate housing will be found for the Ukrainian saints who expect to remain in Europe.
- The Lord will use the shepherding gospel trips in key cities in Europe to bring the chosen ones among the Ukrainian refugees to believe into Christ and enter into 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.

As the Lord leads, saints may give through the Church in Los Angeles designated for 'UKRAINE'.

Bangladesh

In recent years, the three volumes of the *Basic Elements of the Christian Life* booklets have been translated into Bengali and 10,000 copies of each volume were printed; *The Economy of God* was also translated and 500 copies were printed. Up until the end of 2021, seventy percent of these books had been given to the saints for their enjoyment in various meetings; the remaining copies are being distributed this year. As most of the new believers are from a Hindu background and do not own any Bible, 2,000 copies of the William Kelly version in Bengali were distributed and saints were encouraged to read it together.

For the practical need of shepherding, please pray that the Recovery Version can be translated soon to meet the great need in this country. Pray also for the ministry distribution so that the word of God can spread and increase and more seeking ones can be gained.

The Lord's Move to Africa

The July 2022 issue of the Lord's Move to Africa newsletter presents an update regarding the Lord's move in three countries in West Africa: Ghana, Togo and Côte d'Ivoire. Read more in English or Chinese at www.lmafrica.org.

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Revival**: Week 3 of our special morning revival topic on "Life in the Gospel of John."
- 2. **SAVE THE DATE:** A conference for the saints and churches in Southern California will be held on the Labor Day weekend, September 2 to 4, from Friday evening to Lord's Day noon. The general subject will be "The Lord's Coming." Because of a concern for the saints' health, the conference will be held completely online. Information will be sent later regarding ways to participate in the meetings.
- 3. **Bibles for America**'s latest post at <u>blog.biblesforamerica.org</u> is entitled "Our Spiritual Remedy: The Spirit as an All-Inclusive Dose."
- 4. **Ministry Books Website:** Living Stream Ministry has recently updated <u>ministrybooks.org</u> with greater functionality. Some publications can be read for free, including all the Life-studies. Access to *The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, The Collected Works Witness Lee,* and *The Conclusion of the New Testament* and more is available through a monthly or yearly subscription.
- 5. **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 *Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification*.
- 6. **Ways to Give**: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.