

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

March 30, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ✿ ITERO
- ✿ Follow-up in Lisbon, Portugal
- ✿ UCI and IVC work

For additional details regarding the above prayer items, please refer to Detailed Prayer Burdens.

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Colossians, Messages 55 & 56

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	361-362	1066
Tuesday	363-364	1067
Wednesday	365-366	1068
Thursday	367-368	1069
Friday	369-370	1070
Saturday	371-372	1071

Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Genesis, Vol. 4, Week 21

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Spring International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) in Anaheim—April 4-6

✿ Pray for the release of the Lord's burden that the word released will minister to the need of the brothers for the sake of the Lord's advance in all the local churches and for the building up of His one Body.

Follow-up of Recovery Version distribution in Lisbon, Portugal (see report below)

✿ Please continue to pray that the Lord will work in the Recovery Version recipients and put in them a hunger for Him.

✿ Pray that the Lord will bless the labor of the local saints and lead them to the most seeking ones.

✿ Pray that the Lord will raise up a testimony in Lisbon and continue to burden saints to migrate there for this purpose.

Irvine: The college work at UCI and IVC

✿ Pray that there would be an in-reaping of remaining fruit before the end of the school year.

✿ Pray for the new ones to enter into the church life on the Lord's Day and pray to bind the stratagems the evil one uses to hinder the students from participating in the bread-breaking and prophesying meetings.

✿ Pray for the students to attend the spring college conference from April 11-13 to receive a revelation of the church.

REPORT FROM LISBON, PORTUGAL

We had a very sweet time on March 8 in Lisbon at a Bibles for Europe colloquium held at the Health Technology School of Lisbon (the word for "seminar" in Portuguese is the same word as that for "seminary", which gives rise to confusion so we call it a colloquium). We invited most of the Bible recipients who wanted additional contact and who had valid email addresses. The topics shared were "The Functions of the Word" and "Receiving the Word" from the booklet *Using the New Testament Recovery Version—an Illustrated Guide*. In total, 19 saints participated in the colloquium.

Twelve saints came from the north of Portugal, a Portuguese-speaking couple came from Boston, and one brother came from Madrid, Spain. We had prayed that the Lord would bless this time in carrying out His desire for Portugal. While only one new one came to the colloquium, a middle-aged lady whom we have known for two years, we had a very sweet blending time and coordination among the saints. This was the first ever colloquium in

Portugal, and everyone was very happy to be together. We are not discouraged that only one person came. We believe that the Lord answered our prayers according to His will, and we are thankful for that.

At the end of the colloquium the lady who came testified that she was amazed that in her whole life no one was ever able to tell her how to read the Bible until now. She requested a Bible study in her home. Praise the Lord! We will continue to follow up on the Bible recipients, including those who said they would attend the colloquium but did not come. We have begun having some one-on-one appointments with some students and will have a Bible study with one contact in the near future, as well as a phone Bible study with another student.

Please continue to pray that the Lord will gain some of these ones for His expression in Lisbon.

LETTER FROM GRACE CHIU

Dear brothers and sisters,

Here is my first update for my fourth term and the term has been wonderful thus far! I hope you all are doing well and I'd love to hear from you soon!

First, I want to say STOP right now and breathe in the Lord Jesus! Here is a portion of ministry that encouraged me very much this week:

"We must realize that any time we spend with the Lord is never a waste. The more time we spend with the Lord, the more we learn, and the more a treasure is accumulated within our being. Therefore, we must continue to pursue the Lord according to a good routine. Such a routine includes morning watch every morning, walking by the Spirit each day, and attending the meetings regularly. In spite of all

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Upcoming Events

- ☉ Friday, Apr. 4 - Lord's Day, Apr. 6, International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones, Anaheim, CA
- ☉ Friday, May 23 - Monday, May 26, International Memorial Day Conference, Philadelphia, PA

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org
Blog: members.churchinirvine.org
Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org
Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org
YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

This Week

30 TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
1 ST Tuesday	☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts
2 ND Wednesday	☉ 7:30–9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
3 RD Thursday	☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
4 TH Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
5 TH Saturday	☉ 6:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting
6 TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

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our failures, we should still keep such a routine, this kind of exercise before the Lord will never be a waste" (*The Experience of Christ as Life*, pp.129).

Every minute we stop to contact the Lord in the midst of all the chaos in our day gives the Lord the opportunity to saturate us with Himself. Oh how refreshing it is to be soaked with the Triune God all the time!

Prayer burdens: (1) The Lord's direction after the training, and the release of thorough fellowship, confirmation, and peace in the Body for how the Lord leads. (2) Wind and

Christina (my mentor teacher and her husband while I was in the teaching credential program & who live in Anaheim) would be saved, come to a home meeting BBQ in April, and open their home for regular Bible studies.

Thank you saints for all your prayers and support. Grace to you all!

Grace Chiu

MINISTRY PORTION

DAILY, WEEKLY, MONTHLY AND YEARLY ENJOYMENT

Colossians 2:16 says, "Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of Sabbaths." In writing these words Paul wisely refers to matters related to our daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly enjoyment. Eating and drinking are daily matters, keeping the Sabbath is a weekly matter, observing the new moon is a monthly matter, and enjoying certain feasts is a yearly matter. In referring to these matters, Paul indicates that whatever we enjoy daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly should be the enjoyment of Christ. Otherwise, we are being defrauded of Christ and carried away from Him. For example, when you eat your lunch, you need to realize that your physical food is a shadow of Christ as the real food. Christ is the body, the substance, of this shadow. We should know this not only doctrinally, but also experientially. When you are invited to go to a restaurant for a meal, you should not go there only to enjoy the shadow, but go to enjoy Christ.

According to 2:16-17, material things are a shadow of Christ. The "things to come" in verse 17 are the things concerning Christ as our enjoyment. Thus, Christ is the body, the substance, the reality, of all the shadows. As such, He must be the reality of our daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly enjoyment.

It is significant that after speaking of Christ as the body of the shadows, Paul goes on to say, "Let no one purposely defraud you of your prize" (v. 18). According to the context, the prize is the enjoyment of Christ as the body of the shadows. The enjoyment of Christ is truly a prize.

—*Life Study of Colossians*, Message 55

INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONFERENCE

We would like to announce that the International Memorial Day Conference this year will be held in Philadelphia, PA from Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26, 2014. We would like to extend an invitation to all the churches and individuals to participate in this gathering. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- 1st meeting: Friday, May 23, 7:30pm
- 2nd meeting: Saturday, May 24, 10:00am
- 3rd meeting: Saturday, May 24, 7:30pm
- 4th meeting: Lord's Day, May 25, 9:30am
- 5th meeting: Lord's Day, May 25, 7:30pm
- 6th meeting: Monday, May 26, 10:00am

All the meetings will be held at the **Philadelphia Marriott Downtown**, in the Grand Ballroom, and will be open to the public. There will be translation into Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

A special group rate of \$99.00USD/per night plus tax (15.2%) for single, double, triple, or quadruple occupancy is available. For room reservations, please call 1-800-228-9290 or 215-625-2900 and request the group rate for *Living Stream Ministry*.

Childcare from kindergarten through 6th grade will be provided during the conference meetings at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. Please register all children attending the conference with Living Stream Ministry by no later than May 1. All questions should be directed to 714-236-8456, emailed to register@lsm.org, faxed to 714-236-6005, or mailed to Living Stream Ministry Registration Section at 2431 W. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801.