

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

August 17, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ Bible distribution follow-up in Scotland
- ☉ Lord's testimony in Thessaloniki, Greece
- ☉ Irvine

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Galatians, Messages 21 & 22

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	589-590	91
Tuesday	591-592	92
Wednesday	593-594	93
Thursday	595-596	94
Friday	597-598	95
Saturday	599-600	96

Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Genesis, Volume 5, Week 28

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Follow-up to the Bible distribution at the Commonwealth Games in Scotland (see report below)

- ☉ Please pray for the Lord's faithful follow-up in and through the saints.
- ☉ Pray for the gaining of the key ones who can bear the responsibility of the testimony of Jesus in Glasgow and Edinburgh.
- ☉ Pray for the Lord to raise up many home meetings in Glasgow and Edinburgh and lampstands in the other major cities in Scotland.

The raising up of the Lord's testimony in Thessaloniki, Greece

By the end of August two serving couples will move from Athens to Thessaloniki. The Lord has given them apartments in a strategic location for His move in Thessaloniki.

- ☉ Please pray that the Lord will head up the practical arrangements for the relocating of the serving ones.
- ☉ Pray that the Lord will gain the seeking ones and raise up a strong testimony in Thessaloniki.

Local: Irvine

- ☉ Pray for the saints' cooperation with the Spirit's work of transformation that the transforming Spirit would have the ground in the hearts of the saints to dispense more of the divine element of Christ that the process of transformation would be carried out in every saint for God's expression.
- ☉ Pray that through the ministry reading of "How to Meet" the meetings of the church in all the districts would be brought out of any oldness and formality and into the newness and freshness of the resurrected Christ.

2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES BIBLE DISTRIBUTION REPORT

From July 23 to August 3, 22 local saints and 19 visiting saints participated in the distribution of free Bibles in Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, during the 2014 Commonwealth Games. A total of 428 Bibles were given out, with 231 recipients requesting further contact. Every day the participating saints gathered at 1 pm for prayer and coordination at a local home, following which two teams went out to distribute, one team at a

Games venue and another in a residential area. We found that our contact with the local people was significantly better in the residential area. The people were quite open, and we had a number of good conversations, including some with our neighbors.

We would like to thank all the saints for their prayer for and participation in this time. —The serving ones in Scotland

LOCAL PERFECTING CONFERENCE—SEPT. 6-7

The leading brothers of the church in Irvine would like to invite all the saints to a local perfecting conference with the subject of "Meeting in the Spirit Outside of Religion" on the weekend of Sept. 6-7. The training will consist of three sessions according to the following schedule:

- Session 1: Sat., 9/6, 10am-12pm @ Hall 1
- Session 2: Sat., 9/6, 7:30pm-9pm @ Hall 1
- Session 3: LD, 9/7, 10:15am-12:00pm @ Hall 1

The third session will take place immediately after the church-wide Lord's Table @ Hall 1, which will start at the usual time of 9:30am. Due to the anticipated parking limitations, please carpool as much as possible. Cars bringing children, elderly saints, or 3 or more people will be the only vehicles per-

mitted to park in the meeting hall parking lot. Trainees and students should try their best to park in the Venado Middle School parking lot across Deerfield Park. The remaining saints should try to park in the neighborhood streets immediately behind the meeting hall. Please be considerate of the neighbors and walk only on paved walkways as you make your way to the meeting hall.

Children's service will be provided in the same manner as in previous church-wide blending gatherings.

Please do your best to attend these sessions as the Lord seems burdened to lead the church into a real renewal of its meeting life and refresh the saints' view concerning our function in the meetings of the church.

Upcoming Events

☉ Saturday, Sept. 6 - Lord's Day, Sept. 7
Local Perfecting Conference, Irvine

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org

Blog: members.churchinirvine.org

Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org

Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org

YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

This Week

17TH ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

19TH ☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meet-
Tuesday ings by districts

20TH ☉ 7:30–9:00pm Ministry
Wednesday meeting at MCC Anaheim
and simulcast at Hall 3

21ST ☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters
Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 3

22ND ☉ Evening Small groups in
Friday the homes

24TH ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

TESTIMONIES FROM THE EUROPEAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE IN POLAND

Praise the Lord for another age-turning Poland Conference at Male Ciche! This year, by the Lord's mercy I received another opportunity to be a part of the conference that completely, absolutely changed my life last year.

Believers from over 27 countries gathered this year, all with simply one goal in view: to listen to God's up-to-date speaking and to build up the church corporately! I have so much to share concerning all the things I've experienced on the mountain this past week, but first I would like to share briefly on how exactly I got to Poland in the first place.

I was unable to go to Poland in 2012 due to financial shortcomings. I remember feeling depressed and heartbroken, since my closest companions in the church life all went that year, except for me. That same year I began to pray with a brother about going to Poland; I remember specifically asking the Lord to be fair (jokingly) and to send me to the Poland Conference.

And yet, deep down, I knew in my heart that going to Europe would be outright impossible since I couldn't even go back to Taiwan to visit after my family moving to the U.S. in 2007, not even once. But by His mercy, that following year He sent me to Europe for the Poland Conference—and not just for one, but *two consecutive years!*

A brother who works for an airline graciously offered me his traveling mileage last year so I could fly with them to Poland. However, when our flight from LAX to Frankfurt was delayed for 28 hours due to a problem with the plane engine, I thought that going to Poland was too good to be true after all.... Praise the Lord for this sovereignly-arranged flight delay!

Because of this incident, I received compensation from the airline—compensation that enabled me to go back to Poland again this year! To His marvelous and mysterious plans for me, I have nothing to say except PRAISE THE LORD!!! I really didn't do anything out of my own self effort. I prayed, and God opened a way!

"Lord, become so real to me; I want to touch You in a real and solid way. Restore my first love for You." This prayer has been the one, utmost prayer on my heart over the past 2 years. I've been praying desperately for the Lord to replace me and become my everything. Now, I can say from the bottom of my

heart, that the Lord has never been this real to me in my entire life! Hallelujah!!! He touched me and broke me in a way like never before. My utmost prayer is now: "Lord Jesus! I want to be useful for Your recovery. Make me useful in Your hand. Make me a pillar and a pillar builder in the church!"

My top enjoyment from the Poland Young People's Conference is this: we cannot just pray for ourselves; rather, we must pray for the Lord's recovery. If we do not pray, God cannot move; if we pray, God can move! We need to COME FORWARD and BUILD THE CHURCH!!!

We must be ones who spend time with the Lord—not at the bottom of the mountain standing at a distance, or even on the mountain under a clear sky, but we need to be ABOVE the clouds on the mountaintop, so that we could be infused with God under His glory & receive the divine instructions for the building of the tabernacle! "Lord Jesus, my all is for You! Make us useful for Your Recovery!"
—WJ

The thought of building up the church seemed abstract and overwhelming to me in the past but I appreciate that the building up occurs practically in our daily lives. When we possess, gain, experience, and enjoy Christ in whatever situation, we obtain the materials, gold, silver, bronze, precious stones, etc., needed for God's building. Our everyday experiences of the all-inclusive Christ and His person become usable material. However, if we lack materials, if we don't obtain the materials for ourselves, experience Christ in our daily lives, in the mornings and throughout the day, we cannot be usable for the building. Thus, there is a need to come to the Lord daily, to accumulate experiences, that is, materials for the building. Rather than clinging on to old enjoyments and materials obtained, we should have a fresh and living enjoyment everyday and offer up the materials we have accumulated during the week as heave offerings back to the God. Hallelujah! Building up the church is so practical and applicable to us!

—JL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting

The ministry meeting for this fall term of the FTTA will begin Wednesday, August 20. The church in Irvine will provide simulcast of the meetings on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm at Hall 3.