

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

August 26, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ❖ The Lord's move in former Yugoslavia
- ❖ European young people
- ❖ The Lord's move in Frankfurt, Germany
- ❖ The Lord's going on in Irvine
- ❖ Saints struggling with health conditions, unemployment, loss of family, and other personal matters.

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

## Weekly Truth Pursuit

Ministry reading: *Life Study of Ephesians, messages 37 & 38*

Bible reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1300-1301	598
Tuesday	1302-1303	599
Wednesday	1304-1305	600
Thursday	1306-1307	601
Friday	1308-1309	602
Saturday	1310-1311	603

## Morning Revival

*Crystallization-Study of the Minor Prophets, Week 3*

## Word of the Week

**Fear**

The full post is available here:  
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=3982>

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

**International:** The Lord's move in the former Yugoslavia (see report below)

- ❖ Pray for the positive ones who have read the ministry books and are being contacted by the saints.
- ❖ Pray for the ongoing translation, printing, and distribution of the ministry books in these countries.
- ❖ Pray for the raising up of many local churches in the former Yugoslav countries.

**Effect of the European YP conference in Poland**

Please continue to pray for the European young people who attended the recent conference in Poland.

- ❖ Pray that the young people will have an appetite and hunger only for Christ and will experience a change in their diet so that they can be gradually reconstituted with Christ.
- ❖ Pray that the young people will live their days with a view of the Lord's coming and not be befuddled or usurped by the present age.

- ❖ Pray that the young people will not only drink but also flow out to others by preaching the gospel to their friends at school and by functioning in the church meetings.

**The Lord's move in Frankfurt, Germany**

- ❖ Please pray that the Lord will establish a strong and shining testimony in this important city.

**Local: Irvine**

- ❖ Pray for the Lord's blessing on the labor of the full time serving ones and the trainees. Pray that they would be burning in zeal in serving the Lord.
- ❖ Pray for the students and serving ones laboring at IVC that they would be empowered in the Lord and speak the word with boldness; pray for the reaping of many students into the church life.
- ❖ Pray for the young people as they prepare to return to school that they would have a burden for their classmates to be saved and to enter into the church life; pray for the harvest from the high school campuses in Irvine.

## REPORT FROM THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Since August 2010 the peoples of what was formerly Yugoslavia (today's Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia) have received the ministry through the Rhema free distribution. Up to now approximately 10,000 orders have been received from all these countries. Most have come from Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, and Macedonia.

In the spring of 2012, Amana Trust in London sold seven titles (80 copies of each title) to a brother from Croatia who had a burden to sell these books to the peoples of the former Yugoslavia. He has a book shop in a small town not far from Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. After two months he had no more books; they were all sold.

This summer my wife and I visited a middle-aged couple from the city called Pula, a 3000-year-old city near Italy dating back to Roman times. This couple has been saved only five years, but they want more in their Christian life. The sister (mother) in this family has distributed many Rhema books and other LSM titles to the believers in her city, in the surrounding cities, and in her denomination. She testified that at the beginning some pastors were open to receive the books, but now they

are closing their hearts. However, there are some who want more and cannot attend any denomination any longer. In this couple's house we met three other couples—two of these couples want to meet us again. Their hearts were cheered and their faces were shining as we shared our enjoyment of the Lord. There are more and more believers who want to meet us and would like to hear what we have. The sister who opened her house is struggling over whether to stay in or leave her denomination. She has an inward sense that if they continue in this way, they will no longer be received. She said that we are giving them what they have never heard, and it is so refreshing and supplying. She stated, "You are strange people, but your Christ is wonderful. I have never met such people." Her children and some other couples are very hungry for the Lord and are unhappy in their denomination. They have expressed a desire to meet us again and again.

A twenty-four year old law student in Zagreb was saved through the Internet, and later he ordered Rhema books in Croatian from London. Someone told him at the very beginning of his Christian life that he should

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## Upcoming Events

- ⊕ **Thursday, Oct. 4 - Saturday, Oct. 6,** ITERO, Yokohama, Japan
- ⊕ **Thursday, Nov. 22 - Lord's Day, Nov. 25,** Thanksgiving Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

## Church-related Websites

**General:** churchinirvine.org  
**Blog:** churchinirvine.org/Members  
**Audio:** recentaudio.churchinirvine.org  
**Calendar:** calendar.churchinirvine.org  
**Gospel:** gospel.churchinirvine.org  
**Offerings:** offerings.churchinirvine.org  
**YA:** youngadults.churchinirvine.org  
**YP:** youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

## This Week

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| <b>26<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Lord's Day | ⊕ <b>9:30am -12:00pm</b> Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts               |
| <b>28<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Tuesday    | ⊕ <b>7:30-8:30pm</b> Prayer meetings by districts   |
| <b>29<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Wednesday  | ⊕ <b>7:30-9:00pm</b> Ministry meeting in Anaheim at MCC and simulcast in Irvine at Hall 3 |
| <b>30<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Thursday   | ⊕ <b>10:00am</b> Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2  |
| <b>31<sup>ST</sup></b><br>Friday     | ⊕ <b>Evening</b> Small groups in the homes  |
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup></b><br>Saturday    | ⊕ <b>8:30am</b> Brothers' prayer and coordination by districts                            |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup></b><br>Lord's Day  | ⊕ <b>9:30am -12:00pm</b> Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts               |

## REPORT FROM FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (CONT'D)

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not read Witness Lee, since "he established a sect called the Local Churches, and he is very dangerous." By the Lord's mercy he read only books by Watchman Nee. Eventually, while he was in a hospital in pain, he read the book *The Glorious Church* by Brother Nee. He told me that as he was reading this book, he began to jump for joy in his hospital bed because he saw something of the church. He later checked the LSM website and continued to read Watchman Nee in English.

One month ago, as I contacted him for the first time, he asked me about Brother Lee. I gave him my testimony concerning Brother Lee's books and what a Christ I have experienced through these books. Then I sent him all the printed books in Croatian. He began to read *God's New Testament Economy*. After the first chapter he wrote me, "I cannot believe there is such a word concerning Christ. This, together with the Bible, is the best book I have ever read. It is amazing what it does to me. I have a completely new realization concerning Christ and God's plan. The word Christ became a new word to me, and the Christ in this book is so rich, so glorious, and so different from the One I knew before."

He is like an open vessel, ready to receive Christ at any time and at any moment. These days I have met him five times. He is so open that when I meet with him, I am revived immediately. For years I have been waiting for someone like this in my home town. He is enjoying every word, and when we read something together, he is so happy. He told me today, "These books are changing my life daily, and now that you are here, I cannot tell you

how happy I am." He wants to come to one of the conferences in Europe or to a one week training in London in November. He has definitely seen something of the church. He told me, "After reading these books and meeting you, there is no way I can go back to the denominations." Two days ago he brought another brother who seemed open to fellowship with us; we had a wonderful time. He told me that he knows more believers who want more.

There is another brother in a city called Slavonski Brod (close to the Serbian border). He invited us to visit him. He and his wife have read all the available books in Croatian. He would like to invite some other believers to hear the word through us. He is also considering attending a one week training in London in November.

There is also one sister from the city called Split. She is over 70 years of age, but she loves the Lord very much and would like to open her home to the saints. She was in London in May and attended a one week training. She is in touch with some young people who read the Rhema books. We plan to visit her, and them too.

Next Tuesday two brothers from Berlin and a brother from Warsaw will join us in Croatia. We will visit all these people together so that they can see something of the Body. We have no intention to do any work; our intention is simply to share our Christ with them.

Soon we will need more books in Croatian. Now we have 11 titles and 3 booklets printed, but everything is sold. There are 12 more books ready to be printed. We will need them very soon.

May the Lord gain what He is after.

## INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

The 2012 International Thanksgiving Conference will be held in Oklahoma City, OK from Thursday, November 22 through Lord's Day, November 25. The meeting schedule is as follows:

**1st meeting:** Thurs., Nov. 22, 7:30PM

**2nd meeting:** Fri., Nov. 23, 10:00AM

**3rd meeting:** Fri., Nov. 23, 7:30PM

**4th meeting:** Sat., Nov. 24, 10:00AM

**5th meeting:** Sat., Nov. 24, 7:30PM

**6th meeting:** Lords Day, Nov. 25, 9:30AM

All the meetings will be held at the Cox Convention Center, Grand Ballroom, and will

be open to the public. There will be translation of the meetings into Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese. Lodging is available at several nearby hotels at reduced rates. Childcare is also available for children from kindergarten through 6th grade, and children must be registered by November 1, 2012.

More information regarding the conference, including specific hotel information and rates, can be found on the church website blog at <http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=4002>.

To register your child, or if you have any additional questions, please contact brother Edward Wang at [tehuawang@gmail.com](mailto:tehuawang@gmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The ministry meetings for this fall term of the FTTA will commence Wednesday, August 29. The church in Irvine will provide simulcast of the meetings on Wednesday

nights at 7:30pm at Hall 3. For further information, please contact David Beltran.