

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

January 9, 2011

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ❖ Book Shop in London
- ❖ GTCA Sowing Trips
- ❖ Young People's Getaway Trip
- ❖ Lily Egan and her family

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Ministry reading: *Life-Study of Exodus, messages 72 & 73*

Recovery Version Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	352-353	124
Tuesday	354-355	125
Wednesday	356-357	126
Thursday	358-359	127
Friday	360-361	128
Saturday	362-363	129

Morning Revival

HWMR: Living under the Unique Headship of Christ and in the Unique Divine Fellowship, Week 7

Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	207
Hall 2	158
Hall 3	104
TOTAL	469

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Europe—The opening of a book shop in central London

In London a bookshop at Bower House receives many orders daily for the ministry. Recently, a property was acquired in central London, near King's Cross and St. Pancras (Eurostar) train stations, with the intention of opening it as a second bookshop. London is a very significant city for the distribution of the ministry because it has such a diverse population representing almost every country in the world.

- ❖ Pray that the Lord will bless this endeavor and use it to distribute the ministry of the age in London and in many other places.

National: GTCA Sowing Trips

- ❖ Pray that there would be the adequate prayer in the churches to pave the way for the Lord to move in this country and specifically in the targeted cities that will be visited in February.

- ❖ Pray for the "tilling" of the ground in the hearts of the people in the cities in California (San Marcos, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Stockton) and Arizona (Flagstaff) and that the mass media being used will be effective in reaching key people in these 5 cities.

- ❖ Pray for the preparation, training and coordination of the saints participating in the sowing trips to these cities.

Local: Young People's Getaway Trip

- ❖ Pray for the young people's getaway trip this weekend and the college-age weekend conference that these times would bring those attending into a richer enjoyment of Christ and into being further gained for the Lord's testimony and move on this earth.

UCI WINTER TRIP REPORT

The Christian Students at UCI recently returned from a week-long winter trip to Oregon. From December 11-18, eighteen college students and five full-timers enjoyed blending with the churches in Northern California and Oregon. The first stop was Elk Grove, CA where we attended the young people's meeting. For the Lord's table meeting, half of us attended in Elk Grove and the other half went to Sacramento to facilitate more blending. The next stop was Eugene, OR where we enjoyed sledding and inner-tubing in the snow with the saints followed by the home meetings. The next day we visited the University of Oregon (home of Nike) in Eugene and Oregon State University in Corvallis. In the evening we split again to attend the prayer meetings in both localities. The final stop in Oregon was Portland where we visited Portland State University and went hiking at Multnomah Falls (a 620ft. waterfall). The visit in Oregon ended with a lovefeast and blending with saints from Portland; Vancouver, WA; and a group of saints visiting from Moscow, Russia. Lastly, we spent a night in Pleasanton, CA. The Church in Pleasanton held a young adults' meeting the next morning to sing and mutually overflow enjoyment. Afterward, we had lunch with the saints before heading back to Irvine. Hallelujah for the unique divine fellowship in the universal Body of Christ!

The following are testimonies from two of the students:

"Praise the Lord for the Body of Christ! It was awesome to see the Lord's expression in Oregon this past winter break. What an encouragement to see all the saints pressing on together in their pursuit of Christ! I also really enjoyed participating in the small, sweet, intimate church life there. I can see the Lord is working

Himself into all the saints so that they would become precious material for His building. Praise the Lord for all the experiences in the Body! The Lord is really gaining His shining lampstands across America!"—J.M.

"On this trip, I really experienced the oneness and supply of the Body, and being under the one unique fellowship. As a senior who went to many blending trips, I feel like the Lord blessed us with the one accord, among our own students and full-timers, and even among the saints in each of the localities we visited. Not only were the students cherished and nourished, I believe the saints in each locality were supplied and the Body was built up with the circulation of the fellowship. We were meeting day by day, continuing steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, with one accord, meeting from house to house, just as in Acts 2:42 and 46. I really appreciated that through this one teaching, we can have this one fellowship which comes from the Father as the source. Praise the Lord that we could have this wonderful opportunity to expand our vision of the Body and be under this one unique fellowship!"—S.C.

Upcoming Events

☉ Friday, Jan. 29 - Tuesday, Feb. 15,
GTCA 2011 Sowing Trips

Church-related Websites

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

Online Forms

Record baptisms:
baptisms.churchinirvine.org
Register for user account:
churchinirvine.org/register
Register for truth pursuit emails:
truthpursuit.churchinirvine.org
Register for services:
servicesignup.churchinirvine.org

This Week

9TH ☉ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3

11TH ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings
Tuesday in the homes

12TH ☉ 7:30am All-language broth-
Wednesday ers' prayer meeting at Hall 1

13TH ☉ 10:00am All-language sisters'
Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 2

14TH ☉ Evening Small group meet-
Friday ings in the homes

16TH ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3

UCI WEEKEND RETREAT

The UCI Weekend Retreat will be held next weekend from January 14-16, 2011. The topic of this weekend is "What Does It Mean to Live the Christian Life?" The retreat will start on Friday, January 14 at 8pm at Hall 3 in Irvine. Saturday will be an all-day outing at Irvine Regional Park. The Lord's Day location is currently undecided. All the community saints and families are en-

couraged to attend, especially the Saturday outing at the park. The cost is \$35 per person or \$20 per family. Payment may be turned in to Miki Liu, who can be reached at 949-748-9086. For registration and more details, please visit <http://www.csatuci.org>.

BRIEF REPORT FROM UCI WELCOME WEEK

Last week was Welcome Week at UCI for the winter quarter. Throughout the week, over 4,000 tracts were passed out. At the Christian Students at UCI Welcome Dinner last Thursday,

January 6, there were over 90 attendants total, 44 of which were new. May the Lord have a way to reap a harvest at UCI through the sowing of the word and the spread of the gospel!

MINISTRY PORTION

The Promised Land Its Boundaries

Verse 31 describes the boundaries of the promised land: "And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness unto the river" (lit.). The "sea of the Philistines" refers to the Mediterranean Sea, and "the river" denotes the Euphrates. Although the land between the Mediterranean Sea and the Euphrates is extensive, more extensive than the territory the children of Israel have ever inhabited, my point here does not concern the extensiveness of the land. Rather, it concerns the boundaries and their spiritual significance. The bounds were from "the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines." The seas here signify the waters of death. Hence, from sea to sea signifies from death to death. This means that one of the boundaries of the promised land is death. Verse 31 also says that the boundary was to be "from the wilderness unto the river." The river also signifies the water of death, and the wilderness signifies barrenness. If we study a map, we shall see that the promised land is surrounded by death and barrenness. The land itself, however, is a region of life filled with abundance of fruit.

We have pointed out that the promised land is a type of Christ. Now that we see that the boundaries of the good land are death and barrenness, we can realize that outside of Christ

there is nothing but death and barrenness. Death and barrenness surround Christ as our land and are the boundaries of Christ. The Bible indicates that the promised land is elevated. This signifies that Christ is elevated in resurrection. However, this elevated land, this elevated Christ, is surrounded by death and barrenness.

We need to apply the boundaries of the good land to our spiritual experience and ask ourselves where we are. Where are you? Are you in the Red Sea, in the Mediterranean Sea, or in the Euphrates? In other words, are you in the waters of death? Are you wandering in a barren wilderness? I repeat, the good land is bounded by the waters of death and by the barrenness of the wilderness. But the territory of the good land is elevated and fruitful, full of life and produce. Hallelujah, this good land is our territory!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ **Serving at the Ministry Conference Center**
Although the past Winter Training was held at the Ministry Conference Center (MCC) in Anaheim, there is still landscaping work that remains to be completed there. Next weekend, Jan. 15-16, there is the opportunity for saints to serve in this work at the MCC. Saints who would

be available to serve should contact one of the following brothers:

Hall 1: Edward Wang
Hall 2: Sydney Kwan
Hall 3: Dave Beckman