

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP December 13, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ☉ Preaching the Gospel to the Middle Eastern Refugees
- ☉ Winter Training

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

## Truth Pursuit

*Life-Study of Philemon, Messages 1 & 2*

## Bible Reading

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Monday	1321-1322	457
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## Morning Revival

*The Crucial Points of the Major Items of the Lord's Recovery Today, Week 3 (Fall ITERO 2015)*

## Oak Glen Project

Deadline	Goal	%
10/1/2015	\$205,000	2.5%
12/31/2015	\$410,000	5.0%
12/31/2016	\$820,000	10.0%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
12/5/2015	\$314,885.70	

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International: Preaching the Gospel to the Middle Eastern Refugees

- ☉ Pray for the response of the Body to match the Lord's desire to reach the people of the Arabic and Farsi speaking world by corporate and personal prayer, giving of our money and going to contact refugees in Greece and Germany.
- ☉ Pray for the Lord to supply Rhema the manpower and finances to reach numerous refugees with gospel materials.
- ☉ Pray for the Lord's supply to those laboring to connect refugees who access websites with local saints for shepherding into the church life.
- ☉ Pray for the heading up of the political situation and the environment in Europe, Syria and Iraq that many would be gained by the Lord that lampstands would be raised up in both Europe and the Middle East.

### Winter Training—Crystallization-Study of Exodus, Dec. 21-26

- ☉ Pray for the release of the Lord's speaking that would cause an advance and increase in the measure of Christ in all the churches.
- ☉ Pray for those speaking that they would have the utterance to release all the Lord desires to speak and pray for the saints hunger to receive the word and enter into the experience of Christ for His Body through the word released.
- ☉ Pray for the Lord's covering of all the practical services, the saints going and coming and that all the hospitality and study times would be profitable for entering into the burden of the word released.

## REPORT FROM JAMES & SHIRLYN YEH

Dear Saints:

I'm sorry for this belated email update to you all. Everything is unexpectedly moving slowly here in Germany. We just received all of our moving boxes today (can you imagine living off two large suitcases for 6 months after moving out of our home in June?). And, we still don't have all the furniture in the apartment yet... It's getting really cold now and none of our California warm clothes are useful here no matter how thick they are. The winter in Big Bear is considered warm to us now.

You all have heard about the fellowship regarding the refugees in Germany and Europe. We have visited several camps with saints from U.S. and U.K. recently. It's really eye-opening—the simplest way to describe it. There are so many of them. They are so open and friendly to our contact. They also have many practical needs. The Lord has prepared some seeking ones for us. Some of them have even been saved by genuinely believing in and praying to the Lord. It's a sharp contrast to our Bible distribution experience near the University campus in Frankfurt, where our main target is local Germans – many of them don't believe in God or don't even want to hear anything about God.

There are 14 refugee camps identified in the city of Frankfurt within 30 min of drive. Most of the camps house hundreds of migrants from different Middle East countries. They showed us the photos and videos in the

cramped raft for them to cross the ocean to Greece. Can you imagine it's a "life or death" journey in the raft? How difficult it is to say goodbye to families whom may see them the last time? Many also shared their typically month-long walking through the borders to come to Germany. Shoes worn out, food and water depleted, feet swollen, they were physically and psychologically challenged. Finally, they came to the camps and received good care from the Germany government, only if they were lucky and strong enough to get here. They are looking for hope, a new beginning and new future in this new country.

With their experiences in mind, you can appreciate how open and how eagerly they want to be "integrated" into this society. When we visit the camps and talk to some ones on the streets, others will just join us spontaneously. It seems like they just want to make friends with whoever care for or is willing to listen to them. They have a lot of free time every day and are just waiting for the next interview appointments with government officials. We gave a Farsi gospel booklet to a young man who was curious about what we were talking to other migrants in the parking lot. We did not have manpower to converse with him. I still remember his face, of reading the booklet alone in the cold with shining eyes, seemly looking for something. A security guard in another camp even told us a Christian

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## Upcoming Events

- ☉ Mon, Dec. 21 - Sat, Dec. 26  
Winter Training, Anaheim, CA
- ☉ Thurs, Dec. 31  
Corporately Praying in the New Year

## Church-related Websites

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

## This Week

13 <sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Corporate meeting at Hall 1
15 <sup>TH</sup> Tuesday	☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
16 <sup>TH</sup> Wednesday	☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC and simulcast at Hall 3
17 <sup>TH</sup> Thursday	☉ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
18 <sup>TH</sup> Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
19 <sup>TH</sup> Saturday	☉ 6:30-9:00pm Young people's meeting at Hall 1
20 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts

## This Week's Truth Pursuit—Life-Study of Philemon

Message #:	Message 1	Message 2
Title:	A Slave Reborn to be a Brother	A Brother Recommended for the Acceptance of the New Man
Scriptures:	Philem. 1-16	Philem. 17-25
Verses to Pray-Read:	"For I had much joy and encouragement over your love, because the inward parts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother."	"If then you hold me as a partner, receive him as myself."
Radio Msg:	1	2 (currently unavailable)

LSM Radio Broadcasts can be found at: <http://www.lsmradio.com/audio/1and2timothy.html>

## MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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sister in the camp is looking for the church. Where on the earth can you find so many open ones ready to hear the high gospel?

Nobody knows exactly how this refugee crisis will turn out in Germany and Europe. This group of millions of migrants (and their 2nd generations) will affect the social structure and culture for many years to come. But we do know all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called

according to His purpose. All the tiny gospel seeds we are planting today here in the camps will grow and blossom. May the Lord gain many seeking and useful vessels for His building and testimony in Europe to bring Him back!

—James and Shirlyn Yeh

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☉ **Special Gathering for Prayer and Fellowship Regarding the Neighborhood Children's Meeting**

As a follow-up to the times of fellowship regarding the Lord's burden for our children, we would like to invite the saints who are currently hosting neighborhood children's meetings, and those who have some feeling to start neighborhood children's meetings, to a time of prayer and fellowship for mutual learning, encouragement, and coordination.

We will meet **Today at Hall 1 (in the house) at 3:30pm**. May the Lord, our Chief Shepherd, gain the children outside the church and their families through our cooperation for the increase of the church.

- ☉ **Fellowship Regarding our Children for Districts Meeting at UCI**

There will be a time of fellowship for the districts meeting at UCI on **Lord's Day, January 3, at Hall 1**, regarding the Lord's burden for our children to prepare them as vessels unto honor and for His desire to gain increase through them.

The fellowship time will take place during the morning meeting, after the Lord's table. We encourage all the saints to stand with the brothers for this important fellowship.

- ☉ **Corporately Praying in the New Year (2016)**

For many years, the church in Irvine has maintained the practice of an evening prayer on New Year's Eve to "pray in the new year." This year is no exception. We would like to gather together on **Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, from 10 pm-12 midnight at Hall 1 for an evening of prayer.**

There is no better way to begin a new year by freshly consecrating ourselves to Him for the building up of His Body that 2016 will bring us one year closer to fulfilling God's eternal purpose--to gain His enlarged corporate expression and fully build up His dwelling place on earth!