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Feature

The Unconquered Land

Faith with Motivation

God said to Joshua, “ You are old, advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed.” (Josh 13:1)

After Joshua took over the work of Moses, God promised that, every place that the sole of **your foot will tread upon** I have given you, as I said to Moses. (Josh 1:3)

Joshua followed the words God had commanded Moses and conquered most of the land for the inheritance of the people. During this process, they experienced how God abided with Joshua the same way He abided with Moses in the past. God guided them with the Ark of the Covenant by crossing the Jordan River to the land of Canaan; God also led them to defeat Jericho, all the kings; and then divided the land.

When Caleb was eighty-five years old, his faith towards God was very firm and asked Joshua to give him Hebron as inheritance (Josh 14:7-12). Caleb was faithful in following God and drove out Anakim so that the nation could live in peace and without war.

When Abraham was ninety-nine years old, God asked him to become perfect in front of God

(Gen 17). **Even though** the father of faith was in his old age, God still required him to improve himself. Paul described himself in the book of Philippians to have overcome death, suffering, and the world. He did not consider himself to have fully apprehended, but forget those that are behind, strive for things that are ahead and sprint toward the goal.

The Promised Land with milk and honey is the **ultimate** goal of our faith. That land is the heaven Lord Jesus brought forth, also known as God's kingdom. (Mt 4:17) Our faith will grow only if we have a clear goal and work hard towards it.

Unconquered Land

The Lord Jesus said, the kingdom of God is in your midst (Lk 17:21). Our hearts are like the land of Canaan that needs consistent hard work and renewal of the Holy Spirit to control our fleshly desires. This way we will be able to experience heavenly life on earth, which is full of righteousness, peace, and the joy of the Holy Spirit.

The jailor's household believed and was saved (Acts 16:31-34). The strength of the church comes from families. The more families believe in the Lord, the more strength the church have in spreading the Gospel. The unconquered land in faith could be our own family member. In order to lead our family member to believe, we require opportunities of leading them to listen to the gospel, constant prayers for God's guidance while working with Him. We need changes of our lifestyles and live in the imitation of Christ, so that our non-believed family member could be inspired. Once we set goals to bring them to the Lord, our faith will also become lively and inspired through experience.

Paul determined to preach the gospel in areas where the name of Christ has not been mentioned (Rom 15:20) His ambition was to expand the boundaries of God's kingdom. Paul experienced three missionary trips where the gospel has been preached to the gentiles; from Asia to Europe. However, he was not content with this, but has greater aspirations to conquer more land yet to be possessed.

Every region within each local church may have land that has not been possessed. An evangelical goal must be completed with plans and methods. In this way, the faith will be lively and inspired with experience, and the church will be expanded.

This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come (Mt 24:14). May the Lord give us motivated faith so that we can conquer all the land yet to be possessed.

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Europe Pioneering Area Recent Holy Work Report

We give thanks to our Lord Jesus' great power and merciful love that His body has gradually been established in Spain, Italy, and Greece. The following are testimonies on development overview, service conditions, and overall difficulties in each region.

1. Spain

1.1 Development Overview

Chinese members have immigrated to Spain for many years. At the beginning of 2007, Holy Spirit miraculously led ministers from China and IA workers to come in contact with the Spanish members and visited various areas. Thank God! After the first visitation, members in Madrid began to observe Sabbath. Those who love God may receive His blessing. Worship locations have started at Albacete in 2010 and Barcelona in 2012. So far, there are 37 members in Madrid, 12 in Albacete and 12 in Barcelona. There are approximately 30 members living in the regions of Alicante, Malaga and Bilbao. May Lord guide us and motivate believers, so churches could be established in these places gradually.



Believers in Spain

1.2 Service Condition

Currently Madrid is using member owned hotel room as service location. They hope to find a more suitable place for gathering. Please pray for this matter. There is a weekly Thursday night Bible study. Sabbath is from 15:30 – 16:30 with both adult service and religious education class at the same time. 7-15 people are attending services while council members are taking turn for service leading. Albacete's member consists of one large

family. Thank God for allowing them to become more and more fervent. Current services are held on Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday evening by either family Bible study or listening to sermon recordings. There is one RE class each week. Barcelona has established service structure since February 2012. Members steadfastly observed the Sabbath at the beginning, but Satan has utilized “work opportunities” to lure believer’s heart. Thus they lost alertness and chose to work on the Sabbath Day. Currently Sabbath service in Barcelona has been changed to Sunday. May God show mercy and strengthen His members.

2. Italy

2.1 Development Overview

Chinese brethren came to Italy and worked in the sewing industry for many years. In 2007 some members have determined to set up service structure at this place. In 2008 God miraculously led His workers to come here. In December 2008, first service was held in Milan. There were only 7 members attended at that time. In August 2009, the first evangelical service and spiritual convocation was held at Prato; 32 people attended. God’s spirit has descended abundantly and total of 11 people received the Holy Spirit; the attendees of the spiritual convocation later became core members in various service locations. Thereafter the directory of our members in Italy was set up; it categorizes into pastoral regions of the north, central, and south. The Holy Spirit continued to seek after lost sheep. The total number of members has increased from 32 in 2009 to over 100 in 2011. In recent years, many members in Italy have moved due to economic depression. Currently the north region (Venice) has about 19 members; central region (Empoli, Prato) has about 47 members and 13 truth-seeking friends; south region (Napoli) has about 21 members; with total of about 84 members. There is one deacon and many youth workers working in one accord to promote evangelical and pastoring work.



Italy Evangelical Service and Spiritual Convocation

2.2 Service Condition

Due to long hours of work at the sewing industries, members are unable to make time to come to the church service. Moreover, members in the northern regions are scattered all over places, plus Prato hasn't been able to find a suitable service location; therefore these three regions can only uphold remote services through telephone. There is average of 20-30 members joining this remote service. Meanwhile, local brethren are leading services, or members would listen to sermons given by ministers from China. Thank God! Service attendance has increased at Empoli in the recent two years. In addition to training workers to lead Sabbath worship at the current rental site, they also have established prayer session and Bible study at a member owned factory. Furthermore, Alghero and Milan both have families where the older sisters are leading the younger sisters in RE.

3. Greece

3.1 Development Overview

Chinese brethren have come to Greece for many years. At the beginning of 2010, through the cares and visitations by IA workers, church in Greece has established its own member's directory. There were only 6 members at that time. With guidance of the Holy Spirit, there were up to 35 members by April. They are mostly living in the regions of Athens and Thessalonica. In October 2010, through faith and love, members have rented a place as service location. Since then they began keeping Sabbath firmly. Many members have moved due to Greece's economic depression, but with the movement and guidance of the Holy Spirit, there remained two workers who are spirituality stable, firm in faith, love, and have experience in pastoral work. As of now Athens' service location has about 25 members and 6 truth-seeking friends.



Believers in Athens, Greece

3.2 Service Condition

May-October of every year is beach season. Most members work at different islands and beaches selling products and provide massage services. Sabbath service attendees have drastically reduced to only 2-3 people during this time. Thank God! Though they are little in number, they persisted in holding services. After October, members would return to Athens; service attendees would increase to more than 10 members.

4. Overall Difficulties

Economic recessions in three southern European countries have caused instability in church membership (also includes relocation of major church workers). This has also become God's test of faith to the members. When there isn't much business income, you would be worry for tomorrow and have no intention to attend service. When there is business, you would be fully devoted to making money and have no time to attend service. It is difficult for members to put faith as part of their lives. If members were unable to keep their faith firmly, they would easily allow their lives to become secularized; many problems would occur such as; focusing mainly on monetary matter, addiction to the internet, divisions and quarrels within the church, discordance in the family, unholiness, neglecting family religious education, and bad influence from the trends of the world on the youths. In addition to this, Catholics is dominating in the southern European; our church's registration with the government in these three countries has not yet been resolved. May God have mercy and guide our brethren; may we pray for the church development and the rise of workers in Spain, Italy, and Greece. May the Holy Spirit continue to work with us, so churches in pioneering areas may rely on God to stand firm, surpassing both economic and environmental difficulties; so we could spread the word of life, and live a life of His Word. Amen!

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International Youth Fellowship 2013 Report

Thanks for the guidance of the Lord, the International Youth Fellowship was conducted smoothly and the youths of UK and overseas are edified from this precious fellowship opportunity. Here are brief summary and report of the event.

Participants

There are 113 participants who joined the IYF 2013 in Newcastle, UK; 54 youths from UK and 58 from overseas. They are from Australia, Canada, Malaysia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan and US.

Theme

The theme of the event is “ The Mission of the True Jesus Church Youth in the End Time-overcoming challenges”

All of UK and overseas youths gathered in Newcastle church from June 12-16 for classes and fellowship. Lessons include: i. Overcome challenges of the end time; keeping purity, keeping the right servitude, keeping the right concept about marriage, keeping away from false teachings in the end time. There were discussion time and group activity to share ideas related to the theme. There were also hymnal and testimony sessions for edification of members. The class materials, photos, and recordings are being share in the social media in Dropbox and Facebook, providing easy access for youths to share and learn after the activity.

Tour

The overseas group has toured a few places in UK and has done some very interesting sightseeing with fantastic weather arranged by our Lord Jesus. Youths from UK have showed participants around, and have fulfilling fellowships with members from Edinburgh, Gifford Park, Newcastle, Cambridge, and London members.

Finances

The total amounts received from overseas IYF participants are 22,515 Pounds Sterling. This amount is submitted to the UKGA Dn. Ling Tao Shek upon youth arrival and will be used for trip expenses. Thank God there was surplus and it will be shared between four local churches that have provided accommodations for the participants. The UK IYF preparation team will provide detailed financial report.

Matchmaking

Thank God, youths from UK and overseas had plenty of time to know each other and facilitate marriage in Christ in the future. National Marriage Coordinator of UKGA Pr. Michael Chan, and other marriage coordinators have attended the IYF and have gathered information from the

youths. We have meeting together to discuss how to match the youths and exchange information in the future.

General Feedback from the youths

Thank God, feedbacks from the youths were very positive. They enjoyed the tour, and enjoyed the fellowship even more. They said they have learned a lot from classes and discussion sharing.

Review

The UKGA IYF preparation group will prepare a detailed operational report and review and will submit them to the GA who will host IYF in 2015. Lastly, may all the honour and glory be to God for guiding this event.



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

*THEME: THE MISSION OF TJC YOUTHS IN THE END TIME
- OVERCOMING CHALLENGES*

**12-16/06/2013
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Fundraising for Rhineland House of Prayer

Thanks for the blessing from our heavenly Father. Our worship service in Rhineland, Germany has been held at member's house for many years. Currently there are total of 35 members, and a place for worshipping is urgently demanded. Thank God that He has prepared us a house located at Wahre Jesus Gemeinde e.V. Eickener Str. 106, 41063 Mönchengladbach that costs \$200,000. It requires €270,000 for building renovation. Now €170,000 was collected for the construction fund of this building and €100,000 more is needed. With Lord's guidance to our hearts, may brothers and sisters pray and financially support this holy work.



Rhineland House of Prayer

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