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Feature

Globally Open the Gate of the Gospel

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Seeing the current situation of world evangelism, we need to ponder upon how to globally open the gate of the gospel. Each one of us is responsible for world evangelism. So initiating by opening our heart, we shall intercede for the abidance of the Holy Spirit with the zeal of spreading the gospel and explain to people around us about the precious salvation, so that they would be willing to accept Jesus as their Savior.

1. Spread the Gospel to the world

The Lord entrusted the church to spread the gospel to the world (Mt 28:19).

2. Equip the multilingual ability

For carrying out world evangelism, sending workers is the most direct method. If each one of us is equipped with multilingual ability, the gospel will easily spread out in pioneering areas. The church shall provide members a channel for learning additional languages. If our next generation learns a second language earlier, it will be helpful for them in evangelism and they

will also be more competent in their careers. Thus, the church can hold Bible study sessions for various languages and encourage the youth to practice through joining it. This will be a good way for building up language skills.

This world can be a global village. Many of our members have opportunities to travel abroad for study, business, and meeting. If they also possess the ability of multiple languages, spreading the gospel to their overseas friends will be more feasible.

3. Strive to become an international church

Being an international church can easily be accomplished in areas that have people of various races. Whereby, the friends of various races would have opportunities to attend our services and come to the Lord by knowing the gospel. They might even bring the gospel to their home and share with their families the greatness of the salvation.

4. Well utilize the internet and AV media

The internet has no borders. By utilizing the internet and AV media, we can set up on the Cloud videos, online classes, and an e-library. Without physically stepping out, we can deliver the gospel to all nations, even to areas inaccessible to gospel workers, through a variety of text, audio, and video products.

With the prospection of spreading the gospel all over the world, we will discover many action items of internet and AV media for world evangelism. Let us hope our members who are professional can be inspired to work together with those members who are interested in this area as a team, and willingly dedicate their talents in world evangelism, so more people can be saved and the wish for spreading the gospel all over the world can be fulfilled.

5. Hold on to the key point of the gospel

Language and the internet are only tools for evangelism. To let the souls of people around the world truly receive the Salvation, we need to hold on the key point of the gospel, so that people may know that unholiness is a cause of trials. To escape from trials, people shall rely on baptism for remission of sin and the renewal of the Holy Spirit to be free from the shackle of sin and the confinement of life. If there is a ready mind, God will help us to globally open the gate of evangelism, even if our might is little (Rev 3:7-8).

Conclusion

We hope that every church actively engages in world evangelism. Let us earnestly pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to saving souls, and send workers to share the

gospel in order to extend the boundary of God's kingdom, so that the gospel can be spread all over the world soon to glorify God's name.

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2015 Current Situation of Ministry in Japan

A year will soon be over. When I reflected upon it, I realized that God worked and guided the ministry in Japan. Then I was deeply touched by a Bible verse, "You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance." Thank God that each item of the holy work has His guidance:

I. Church establishment

1. Yokohama House of Prayer was established on April 18. There are 223 members and 6 council members. On average, 90 to 100 people attend Sabbath services. The Sabbath services include Religious Education classes, Sisters Fellowship, Youth Fellowship, and others. Shih- Yokohama Fellowship service is held every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30pm. The Bible study session is held every Tuesday night. (They are studying Proverbs in the Old Testament.) There is also a service held Friday night.



The establishment of Yokohama Church

2. Chiba House of Prayer was established on April 19. There are 80 members and 6 council members. On Average, 40 to 50 people attend Sabbath services, which include Religious Education classes and a Bible study class. In addition, starting from October, a fellowship service has been held twice at the chapel every month for spiritual cultivation and learning the truth.



The establishment of Chiba church and her Dedication Ceremony

II. Church Dedication

April 19 was the date for the establishment of Chiba House of Prayer and her dedication ceremony. Many ministers and members from Taiwan attended this event. Thank God that it went smoothly. The total attendance was 384 people. The church is the body of Christ, which has God's abidance, where God's commandment is to be delivered, and where God's glory is manifested (Ex 40:34). Since the dedication ceremony, Chiba House of Prayer has accommodated many seminars, spiritual convocations, and visiting members. Although they have few members and are busy at work, everyone supports, learns, and intercedes for one another. The members in the prayer house also grow together. The nearby churches support each other, which manifests the spirit of one body. The entire congregation of Chiba House of Prayer has a goal, which is to fill the entire seats (about 200) in the chapel on the fourth floor by bringing more people to come to the Lord. May God guide us!

III. To establish the location of worship

1. Kawaguchi: located at 332-0025 Saitama-ken, Kawaguchi-shi, Haramachi, 9-6-109, which is a place provided by Bro. Hayashi Susumu of Tokyo Church. After the approval of Tokyo church council members, this location started having service beginning April 22 every Wednesday night from 19:30 to 20:30. There is also a service held on Sunday

afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 every two week. Attendance is about 30-35 people, including truth seekers.

2. Shin-Yokohama: Located at 2-6-8 Shih-Yokohama, Kohoku Ward, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, which is a place provided by Sis. Watanabe Fengying of Yokohama Church. After the approval of the church council members, this location started having service from September for fellowship, which targets to members who work nearby that area. Since the members are unable to join service at night, they join the service during the day time. The service time is 2:30 to 3:30 every Tuesday afternoon, which is the time for break at work. There are about 8 to 12 regular attendants, including truth seekers.

IV. Youth Fellowship

In order to let the youth in various churches fellowship with one another, the fellowship coordinator, vice coordinator, and youth core-members resolved that the youth in Sumida Church and Chiba Church visit Yokohama Church and have youth fellowship there beginning in November. A youth special service, joined by four churches in Japan, will be held on December 12 at Chiba House of Prayer. It will mostly consist of special topic and fellowship. Currently some youth have been cultivated for engaging in sermon leading, interpretation, leading Bible study, religious education, and other tasks.



Youth Service

V. Holy Work Training

1. Minister Spiritual Retreat, Sermon Leader & Interpreter Seminar, Marriage Coordinator Fellowship, and Church Council Members Spiritual Retreat have been smoothly carried

out. These events benefited the attendees in their servitude and encouraged the holy workers to build up their personal life of spiritual cultivation for being able to offer beautiful services.

2. Religious Education Teacher Seminar: There are three echelons in a year (beginning, middle, end of the year). The seminar includes six items: teaching methods of leading hymn singing, teaching methods of worship session, teaching methods of life application session, child psychology, class management, and basic beliefs. The instructors are preachers, Eld. Cheng-Ren Pan, Dn. Jian-Zhang Yang, Bro. Chen-Yian Li, Sis. Hwei-Ling Tsai, and Sis. Chio-Hua Lin. There are totally 60 attendants. A certificate was issued to each attendee after this seminar.
3. A Bible Seminar is held every Monday at Sumida Church. The subjects are: Pastoral Paulines, the Book of Acts, Jude, Five Major Doctrines, practical experience sharing for holy work. About 12 to 15 people always attend this event.

There are two goals that the churches in Japan strive for: First, training the holy workers and cultivate the youth in servitude and in the determination of dedicating themselves; secondly, training for evangelism, so the gospel can be spread out and more Japanese would believe in the Lord to glorify God's holy name. Amen!

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Intercession

1. Please pray for IA work assignment as below:

| Date | Location | Program | Personnel |
|-------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| 11/3-17 | India CB | Pioneering work in North East India | Ezra Chong |
| 11/21-12/03 | West Malaysia | Tamil Members Pastoral | India Minister |
| 11/16-12/6 | New Zealand | New Zealand Youth Spiritual Meeting | FA Shih |
| 11/1-6 | Philippines | Theological Camp : Book of 1 & 2 Timothy | Sabah Preacher |
| 11/26-29 | Singapore | Year End Spiritual Meeting | JZ Huang |

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| 12/1-22 | | Students Theological Training Course | |
| 12/23-31 | | Students Theological Course Graduate Camp | |
| 11/24-12/15 | Sabah GA | Student Theological Training Course Statewide Preachers' Wives Seminar | Hosea |
| October- November | Japan | Autumn Spiritual Convocation Bible Seminar | CJ Chang SHHo |
| 11/2-6 | US | National full-time preachers and Divine workers Spiritual Nurture- Dallas | Ming Yang Chao |
| 11/9-13 | | National Adult Theological Seminar - Southern California | |
| 11/21-26 | Argentina | Pastoral Work & Holy Work Personnel Seminar | Derren Liang |
| 11/27-29 | Chile | Spiritual Convocation | |
| 11/30-12/1 | | CSACC Board Meeting | |
| November | Ecuador | Pastoral Work | CM Chu |
| 11/14-21 | Dominican Rep. | Pastoral Visitation | Samuel Kuo |
| 11/5-20 | UK | Ordination, Preachers Spiritual Cultivation Retreat – Sunderland | Fuming Tse |
| 11/27 Morning-11/ 30 Evening | Germany | Training & Special Service - Hamburg | TK Chin |
| October /November | Spain | Madrid / Albacete / Barcelona - Visit & Concern | Chi-Jen Hsieh / Bao Qin Wang |
| October | Greece | member Visit & Concern | Chi-Jen Hsieh / Bao Qin Wang |

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