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Feature

Activate the Vision of Gospel Globalization

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“And 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)

The Lord has given us a wonderful vision that the gospel of the heavenly kingdom will be spread throughout the world, which enables us to comprehend the deep love of God, so we shall proactively progress the world evangelism.

The Gospel of the True Church has spread to about 60 countries, which is the great grace of the Lord. However, in the world, the gospel is still not heard by nearly 140 countries; thus, the harvest is still plenty.

As of January 26, 2017, the Doomsday Clock, which represents the likelihood of a global catastrophe, was set forward a half minutes at two and a half minutes to midnight. It is the

closest to the end of mankind since 1953 (note 1). This news at least awakens us that on the day of the Lord's coming, which accompanies devastating catastrophe of the world, no one can escape. Shall we not speed up the step of "gospel globalization"?

Everyone is responsible for gospel globalization. The servants of the Lord in the world shall not only care for the holy works in their local church, but also widen their visions on spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth, which is entrusted by God. The Lord reminded the disciples by the parable of unjust steward (Lk 16:1-8) that "People have no foresight, there must be near worry." To activate the vision of spreading the gospel, all GAs and CBs shall proactively set up a ten-year plan for world evangelism, so our members will clearly be aware of the direction of processing the evangelical works; it will inspire everyone to engage in the work of world evangelism with God's abidance.

How to activate the vision of "gospel globalization"? The Lord Jesus taught the disciples that "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Therefore, the evangelism shall be carried out from near to far.

First of all, before we mobilize the believers to participate in the evangelical works, we must help those members who have not participated in the ministry in the past to know how to engage in this work, and then retrieve the lost believers. If these two things can be done, all believers will be active whole-heartedly, and we will be united in the work of evangelism.

Neighborhood community service is a good way for us to interact with people, so our care toward the society can be carried out with the gospel. The Lord Jesus prayed to the Father, saying, "I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one (or keep them from sin)" (Jn 17:15). Therefore, we shall enter the society, serve the community, and carry out gospel work with life education, so the unbelievers in society will know that the church can provide them with what they mostly need: love, joy, and peace. Thank God! Some of our churches have not only entered the society, but also open the church to care for young people, the elderly, and friends of different ages, so that they are more close to the church, and have the opportunity to receive the Gospel of salvation.

The true church has irreplaceable truth, so we must earnestly spread it. We should encourage

the youth to actively equip themselves spiritually, while learning the second language, which is beneficial to the World Evangelism. Recently, some churches have begun to encourage their youth to participate in voluntary mission teams to expand their visions of the world evangelism. By visitation, understanding the believers, and engaging in the world evangelism with their gifts, they employ a variety of ways to complete the mission of gospel globalization.

The world is like a global village. For reasons of business, employment, and school, many of our believers reside in countries which have no true church. They urgently need the ministers from nearby countries to take the initiative to care for and pastor them; when the time is ripe, they may establish a church. This is also a way of world evangelism.

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Pet 3:9)

In this hard-hearted world, in prayer, we should reflect upon how to reveal the blind optimism in this generation. Not only by word, but also by various methods, we should deliver the warnings and enlighten people’s heart to spread God’s salvation. The media and internet nowadays can offer greater result of spreading the gospel. We shall ask God to give us wisdom so that we can utilize these to warn mankind to believe in Jesus with repentance and without hesitation. Then gospel globalization will be expectable.

Note 1: Please refer to the news of Doomsday Clock in the page of the following link:

<http://www.bbc.com/zhongwen/trad/world-38764346>

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Brief Updates on the Moscow Church

In August 2016, from online news and the message from the Moscow church council members, we were advised that the Russian government made changes to their religious laws and had begun implementing the changes in order to reinforce their anti-terrorism efforts. Among the changes are: prohibiting preaching in residential areas and requiring all missionary personnel to

have legal documents regarding their status from governmental religious institutions, foreign short-term missionaries are to use a missionary visa to enter Russia, and long-term missionaries are to have a missionary work visa issued by the Russian government. All missionary publications must have detailed address and name of the publishing religious institution. Any contraventions will be fined 50,000 rubles and the foreign missionaries will be deported.

Founded on praying for God's mercy, help and guidance, the Moscow church took a number of measures in response to the new laws. Such measures included applying for registration of the church to the Russian Christian Association, applying for two church council members of the Moscow Church to be qualified as sermon speakers, and printing one thousand business cards with the Chinese and Russian name of the Moscow church on them to replace the use of leaflets. Currently, the church registration is still in progress, the two church council members have obtained approval and the relating documents from the Russian Christian Association for their qualification as sermon speakers. The holy work of the church has proceeded as usual without interference. Thank God!



Family Service on Sunday

Due to the sanctions imposed by some Western countries, the Russian economy has been in poor condition for several years. The work and life of most believers in the Moscow church have been affected to a certain extent, and some even left to return to Mainland China. Thank God, the condition of everyone's spirituality has been relatively stable. Currently, there are about 30 people attending the Sabbath services. In addition to the two Sabbath services, there are two online Bible study sessions from 8 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday evening and a family service from 5 to 7 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. Each evening from 9 to 9:30 is the prayer session time for all church members. A church council member will send online notification and list out the prayer content. This has persisted for more than three years, with most believers having participated.



Student Spiritual Convocation

The Moscow church regularly holds evangelical services and spiritual convocation and student spiritual convocation twice a year in early January and early May. At the evangelical services and spiritual convocation at the beginning of this year, 49 people attended, including 14 truthseekers. Seven people including two truthseekers attended the student spiritual convocation. Currently, the follow-up work with the truthseekers is done mainly by the people who guided the truthseekers to the church, with assistance from church council members and church workers from abroad. The main focus of the Sunday family service is tailored to the needs of the truthseekers. There are no full-time ministers at the Moscow church. Every year before and during the spiritual convocation, there are four groups of workers from abroad who take turns to come to assist in holy work.

In early December of last year, a brother came to Moscow after graduating with a master's degree in music conducting in St. Petersburg and returning to his home country. He was moved to dedicate himself as a full-time worker and was interested in participating in holy work in the Moscow church. After discussion, the church council members resolved to provide the chapel for this brother as accommodation, arrange for him to participate and lead the online services, put in him charge in planning and implementing the church's choir work, and have him participate in the religious education for the Elementary 2 class and lead the hymnal prayer session or testimony and prayer session on the Sabbath afternoon. After a period of time (estimate of 1-2 years), the church will consider whether to recommend this brother to the General Assembly to be a full-time preacher based on an assessment to be made at that time.

The church council of the Moscow church has designated the themes of holy work for the next two periods, each in three years: Renewal of Life and Pursuit for Perfection. The theme for 2017 is "Deep Prayer - Renewal of Life," for 2018 "Diligent in Study - Renewal of Life" and for 2019 "Be Active in our Work – Renewal of Life." The theme for 2020 is "In Respect of

Speech – Pursuit for Perfection,” for 2021 “In Respect of Love – Pursuit for Perfection,” and for 2022 “In Respect of Submission – Pursuit for Perfection.” Through the proposal of the believers, the church council members have resolved to add a Youth Servitude Fellowship from 6 to 7:30 p.m. of every Sabbath commencing January 28 of this year.



New Year Evangelical Service & Spiritual Convocation

We ask that fellow workers and brethren to please often intercede for the Moscow church!

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Twentieth Core Team Campus Fellowships Training Camp

Pastoral Department of Taiwan GA

Thanks to God’s guidance that the twentieth College Campus Fellowships Training Camp has been held February 6-10, 2017 (Monday to Friday). The registration was on February 6 in the morning, and the opening ceremony started at 11am. About 200 attendees of the core members of college fellowship participated in this event.

Core Team Training serves to cultivate all kinds of core members of the campus fellowship, so that the college students can be spiritually nourished through the fellowship gatherings, inspire one another, and extend work places for the gospel in their campus lives.

Therefore, the curriculum of the core team training camp was divided into several parts. The first part was the general classes which contain: What is fellowship? co-working and interpersonal interaction, being a competent housekeeper of truth, succession of core team, how the fellowship core team is to interact with the church, the strategy of spreading the gospel in campus, evangelical follow-up skills, balanced servitude, knowledge plus understanding, crisis management course, etc.



During the class

The second part was the administrative grouping. The attendees were divided into different groups according to the work divisions in the fellowship, such as coordinator group, activity group, curriculum group, and caring group.

The third part was practicum sessions; all the groups were divided into three equal parts, with three sessions for practical caring, Bible study, and visitor accompaniment/conversing for the truth.

The fourth part had morning and evening prayer sessions, led by the residential preachers of each respective church region. Through the topics of the responsibility of kneeling down, praying for the gifts, and facing frustration in the evening prayer session, we encouraged the attendees to work hard in prayer. The core members in each group took turns at the front for having laying hand by preachers during prayer session in the morning and in the evening.



Receiving the Certificate of Completion

During the campus fellowship core team training, in addition to the knowledge, we also especially provided the attendees more practical trainings, so that they may not only self-manage their daily routine, but also learn how to control their time. A test for general classes was held on Thursday afternoon, not only for assessing the attendees' learning result, but also for examining whether they are qualified to receive core team members training certificate (seventy passed). Thank God! Most of the students passed the test.

Some attendees would be late for the next few days in the beginning. But in the last few days, almost none were late; the growth of the attendees was seen. We further thank God that the training could be completed smoothly as scheduled. May all the glory, honor, and praise be to God. Amen!

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Announcement

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* **Kansai Prayer House in Japan**

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 **Intercession**

1. Please pray for IA work assignment as below:

| Date | Location | Program | Personnel |
|-------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 3/25-3/27 | Taiwan | World Delegates Conference | IA&TWGA |
| 3/20-4/3 | Australia | Training, spiritual convocation, Sacraments (Sydney) | HF Yeh |
| 3/26-4/1 | | Gold Coast Pastoral | Silas Kong |
| 3/31-4/9 | Hong Kong | Spiritual Convocation (Western & Hong Kong Church) | En Si Lin |
| 3/27-4/30 | New Zealand | Bible Seminar & Spiritual Evangelistic Convocation (Christchurch/Auckland/East Auckland) | CC Huang |
| 3/18-3/19 | Philippines | Spiritual Convocation(Ozamis) | Dn Philip & Bro Dennis |
| 3/16-3/31 | US | TTP Courses | CH Huang |
| 3/27-5/7 | | Spiritual Evangelical Service | Hao Wu |
| 3/24-3/26 | Canada | Sacred Music Seminar (Vancouver) | Tina Yang |
| 3/3-3/5 | Germany | Training & Special Service (Hamburg) | Bao Qin Wang |
| 3/3-3/5 | Austria | Spiritual Convocation & Evangelical Service (Salzburg) | Johnny Liu |
| March | Italy | Spiritual Convocation (Empoli) | Bao Qin Wang Chi-Jen Hsieh |
| March/April | Spain | Visit & Concern (Madrid/Albacete/Barcelona) | Bao Qin Wang |

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| 3/22-6/4 | South Africa | Pastoral Ministry (Botswana) & Training & Lesotho Outreach | Luke Chan |
| 3/9-4/12 | West Africa | Workers Training(Nigeria) | Raymond Chou |
| 3/16-4/16 | East Africa | Pastoral ministry & Training (Malawi/Zambia) | TK Chin Volunteers |

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