Feature

A Glance at Rhema Bible App

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Praise the Lord! Last year, the department of literary ministry launched a new web application to facilitate Bible study. To use the app, visit http://bible.tjc.org

Meaning of “Rhema”
The Lord Jesus, quoting God’s word in the Old Testament, says, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” (Mt 4:4). In this verse, “word” in Greek is “rhema (ῥῆμα).”

Purpose of Rhema
It is our hope that the Bible app will encourage users worldwide to devote to the study of the words that proceed from the mouth of God and live by them. The app is available to all free of charge. It is designed to help users delve more deeply in the Bible for personal growth as well as preparation for Bible studies, sermons, and religious education classes.

Feature Highlights

Read the Bible
Users may read the Bible in different languages and translations, including the Hebrew Bible, the Greek New Testament, the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible), and some English and Chinese translations that are available to the public. We hope to add other language translations as we continue to develop the Bible app.

**Lexicon Search**

Users may look up the meaning of a word in its original Hebrew or Greek by accessing the lexicons the app provides:

Entry from the Brown-Driver-Briggs lexicon on the Hebrew word for “beginning”
Word Search
The word search function enables users to look up all occurrences of a particular Hebrew or Greek word in the entire Bible.

Concordance search on the Hebrew word for “beginning”

Bible Facts
Rhema Bible App presents useful data related to characters and places mentioned in a particular verse or chapter in the Bible.

Map showing places mentioned in Genesis chapter 11
Links to Publications and Media

One of the benefits of the Bible app is that it connects content published by our church to the Bible. The content includes articles, sermons, and seminar lectures.

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**eLibrary Content on Genesis 12**

- **Exodus 01**
  Chou Jonathan, 5 Aug, 2008, Irvine, CHN | ENG 11 verses
  Gen 12:1-3

- **Introduction to Deuteronomy: 4. Structural Analysis**
  Chen Sheng Chuan, 17 Sep, 2010, Elizabeth, CHN | ENG 2 verses
  Gen 12:1-3

- **Jeremiah (5)**
  Derren Liang, 26 Jul, 2015, Hillsborough, ENG 6 verses

- **Character of Abraham 1**
  Raymond Chou, 18 Aug, 2016, Queens, ENG 5 verses
  Gen 12:5, Gen 12:1

- **Character of Abraham 2**
  Raymond Chou, 19 Aug, 2016, Queens, ENG 3 verses
  Gen 12:10-20, Gen 12:10

- **Character of Abraham 3**
  Raymond Chou, 21 Aug, 2016, Queens, ENG 7 verses
  Gen 12:10, Gen 12:17

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Media content that mentions Genesis chapter 12

**Support the Ministry**

We encourage you to visit the site and start using the Rhema Bible app. Your feedback is welcome and will help us improve the app.

In addition, please consider supporting this ministry by offering to the “IA IMP fund.” Please visit [https://donate.tjc.org/](https://donate.tjc.org/) to learn of ways to offer financially. Your contribution will help further development of the Bible app so that all brothers and sisters around the world may benefit from the study of God’s word. Since the app is also open to the public, any web user who accesses our tool will also have the opportunity to come to know about the True Jesus Church.

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2018 News Report from Europe

In 2015 the European Coordination Center (ECC) was established and started to coordinate the holy work in continental Europe. In the beginning we had to think about how ECC can support the local churches and their members. What work should be done by the ECC council? Which way should we go to get the brothers and sister in so many different countries close to each other like one big family in Christ?

Thanks to God, He gave us wisdom, strength and peace to bring all the brethren closer. Although we have different cultural backgrounds and speak different languages, yet we are one family and take care of each other, just like in Eph 4, 15-16. Many brothers and sisters visit other places during their local spiritual convocations or special services. If in the past people only went once a year to visit other churches, now many brethren travel several times to attend the service at other churches in Europe. This helps our brethren at smaller places to grow. Everyone can share their testimonies and experiences in church work to strengthen the faith of each other.

In 2017 ECC started a newsletter. Because ECC is a multilanguage area this newsletter is written in four languages (English, French, German and Mandarin). Although it requires much effort but the benefit is very high. It is a very good way to share past events and church activities including their good memories. People will also get a forecast of upcoming events so that they are able to plan ahead and attend. A very important part of the newsletter is the section for the intercessions. Especially if brethren who live far away and have worries or are weak in faith and need our intersession. Then everyone in Continental Europe will be informed through the newsletter and can pray for them. If some are not able to visit other places the newsletter still connects one another within Christ.

Another strong pillar is our Continental Youth Fellowship ECCYF. It is the second generation of TJC in continental Europe. They already became young adults and are very active in evangelism. The youth in Europe had to grow up quicker than in other areas. Some of them already take responsibility as church board members, in preaching during the Sabbath service or in leading the Bible study. ECCYF also organizes own convocations, trainings or visits to different churches. Our young generation is also very active supporting the holy work in the
pioneering area of South Europe. As Volunteer-Team they help teaching the RE classes in Spain, Italy, Greece and Hungary. May God continue to support their holy work and keep their strength.

For two places 2018 was also very special in a different way. After a very long run Heidelberg house of prayer found a new church building. With God’s grace the church could buy a suitable building in Mannheim (a city close to Heidelberg). Currently there is a lot of renovation work ongoing so that in 2019 the new place will be ready to use as church for the continuously increasing number of brethren.

Another great event was the church dedication last August in Madrid. Although Madrid belongs to the pioneering area of Europe, but the number of brethren increased the last years to over 60 people. Everyone who attended the dedication could see the blessing of Christ. Nevertheless, the Care-Team of ECC will continue to go to Madrid on a regular basis and help the church continue to grow same as in the whole pioneering area.

Since last year we have also a new place of worship in our European pioneering area. Some families who live in Budapest (the capital of Hungary) started to have a regular Sabbath Service. Our Care- and Volunteer-team already visited the families two times this year. In 2019 we will increase the number of visits not only to Hungary but also to Greece, Italy and Spain. Goal is to establish Sabbath Service and Religion Education at all the places that the holy work increases and the gospel can be preached throughout Europe.
The biggest challenge for 2019 will be to find a church building for East Paris house of prayer. The current situation makes it very difficult to keep the Sabbath and also to evangelise to other people. We ask everyone for intercession that with God’s grace and mercy they will find a suitable place as a house of God.

All glory and honour to our Lord Jesus

[Indonesia Report]

Leading Others to the Lord in Your Old Age

Cung Zen Hsin

Thank God that on May 2 to 3, 2018, an activity with the theme, Lead Others to the Lord in Your Old Age was held at the Faith Building House at Sentul. While having strength and good health, our elderly believers took this opportunity to lead their relatives and friends to know the God who created the universe and man. Participants included believers of Jakarta Church, 11 believers of Shunde Church, 6 visitor attendants and 9 truth-seeker friends.

Content of Program

All the participants arrived at 11:30 am to enjoy lunch. After lunch, many people chatted in the dining room during the noon break. There was a planting workshop at 3:00 pm. Participants were taught how to grow a plant at home using the 600 ml cups, flannel strips, seeds, and fertilizer which were distributed to them. There was a testimony session after dinner. A sister testified how she was able to reconcile with her daughter-in-law after believing in the Lord Jesus. The participants showed great enthusiasm. Next, the elders were taught how to use smart phones, Google, video networks, and more. The first day of the program ended here, and everyone went to bed at 10:00 pm.
The next morning, the participants walked around, enjoying the green field and cool weather while exercising. After breakfast, they were taught how to make healthy snacks and lemonade. Participants could also check their glucose and blood pressure levels for free. In the afternoon, they learned how to make origami bookmarks. Before the end, a testimony was shared about how a deacon’s family was edified by the passing of the deacon through an illness.

Conclusion

We received positive feedback for this event from the participants. Not only did the participants engage with great enthusiasm, but also they expressed willingness to attend True Jesus Church’s activities again. At least four participants who were not familiar with the true church were willing to join the Sabbath service and the Evergreen Fellowship. After this event, the church continued to preach and follow up. The second phase was held from July 10 to 11. A truth-seeker claimed that he would like to participate in truth-seeker classes and receive water baptism. Three people were willing to come to church to seek the truth. The final third phase will take place from October 24 to 25. We hope that through these three activities, elderly believers can lead more elders to the Lord, so the believers can live more valuable and meaningful lives to honor the name of the Lord.
# Intercession

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