

Burdens related to Europe (week of 29 January 2012)

1) Full-time training in Anaheim gospel trips to Europe—26 January to 9 February

80 trainees from the FTTA, including 23 from the FTTA extension in Boston, are visiting a number of countries in Western Europe for the next two weeks. Reports from several countries received on January 28 and 29 are attached. Please pray for the prayer burdens given in the reports.

2) Follow-up of Rhema contacts throughout Europe

To this day more than 400,000 copies of Rhema free literature sets 1 through 3 have been distributed in the countries of Western and Central Europe. Of this number, 25% have been distributed in Romania, and another 36% have been distributed in the UK and Poland combined. Many positive testimonies have been received from the readers concerning the impact of the ministry on their understanding of God's Word and on their Christian lives. It is more than clear that the riches of the truth and the life supply are in the Lord's recovery. Please pray that the Lord will have mercy on many of the readers and shepherd them through the local saints into the church life.

3) The Lord's move in Vienna, Austria

There is a small meeting in a sister's home in Vienna. Please pray:

- That this meeting will continue week after week
- For the new ones who meet there and for their family members, neighbors, and friends
- That the Lord, in His sovereign move and timing, will send more saints to Vienna to support His testimony in that city

4) The bookshop in Central London

The saints in London are still receiving over 100 new requests for literature from the radio broadcast and the Rhema literature distribution each week. Please pray that many university students, radio listeners, and Rhema recipients will come to the bookshop to have a firsthand view of the ministry publications and a face-to-face contact with the saints.

5) The Lord's move in Thessaloniki, Greece

Please pray that the Lord will raise up a lampstand among the seeking ones who have received the ministry publications and that many of them will attend the conference in Athens on 25 February.

6) The raising up of the Lord's testimony in Lisbon, Portugal; Krakow, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria; Rome, Italy; Sofia, Bulgaria, and other major cities in Europe

Burdens related to Israel

To receive prayer requests for Israel, please write to isra_news@yahoo.com and ask the brothers to add you to the mailing list. Please include your name and locality.

Reports from Europe Gospel Teams (28 January 2012)

Germany

Our team arrived in Berlin this morning around 10 am. We all made it through customs without any problems and met the saints within about 20 minutes of landing. After arriving at the meeting hall we ate breakfast that the saints had prepared for us, sang a few hymns in German and English, and soon after, ate lunch with the saints. The saints are very warm & welcoming. Later this afternoon we will begin coordination with the saints to go through our itinerary for the next two weeks & will also join the saints this evening for a video message.

Prayer Burdens:

- For the blending of the team with the local saints
- For the going on of the young people here.

Italy

Gesù è il Signore in Italia!

On Saturday, January 28th, the Italy team left the Bower House in London, U.K. and split into two subgroups, flying into Rome and Milan. Before we left, we practiced singing "Quanto ti amo, quanto t'adoro", which is Hymn 82 in the English hymnal. May the Lord use this song, having a familiar and touching melody for all Italians, to gain many native Italians on this trip. The Milan team had the chance to speak with a young male nurse at the airport, who is from Milan but works in London. By the end of the flight, he gave us his email address and said he was willing to meet with us again sometime this week. He said he is also interested in reading the Rhema materials on the website we will send him. After arriving in Milan, we were picked up by a local brother and brought to a young people's gathering in a home. There were seven young people reading "A Young Man in God's Plan". Many of these young people can speak Chinese, Italian, and English quite fluently. Later, we got to meet their parents and some more local saints. Lord, gain these young vessels for Your plan!

The Rome team also arrived safely and went immediately to the homes providing hospitality. May the Lord bless these homes and the fellowship among the saints and the team members!

Prayer Burdens:

- The male nurse in Milan would read the Rhema material and meet with us again this week.
- Many of the local saints and even the young people could participate in our gospel activities, with some functioning as translators.

Spain (Madrid)

The Lord is recovering the earth in Madrid!

We left Bower House in the UK at 3am and all of us flew safely into Madrid on a 6:50am flight. Once in Madrid we had some time to get our luggage to the various hospitalities before going for lunch. At this time we were joined by several of the local saints and one student from the USA who is in Spain studying abroad. We were able to have some god fellowship during this time. After lunch, the saints took us to various points of interest, many of them historical, throughout the city out Madrid. In the evening there was a wonderful prayer meeting of the church in Madrid that we joined. There was at this time a strong prayer that came forth regarding the gaining of the Spanish young people.

Prayer Burdens:

- For the blending with the local saints.
- That the Lord could gain some key contacts in the city, an area with over 130,000 people.

Spain (Malaga)

The Malaga team arrived safely and spent the afternoon with hospitality. We joined a home meeting to study the Life-study of Genesis, and then joined the young people's meeting. We were very encouraged by the young people. They read a Life-study of Ephesians each week and memorize a verse. Then they come to the meeting, share their verse, and the overflow their enjoyment. We enjoyed the mutuality.

Then we went to a young people's meeting where there were about 15 young people along with their parents and young couples with babies and elementary age kids totaling about 40 saints! What an encouragement to hear each the saints, young and old, recite their verses and share. Lord, continue to reveal yourself to these young people!

United Kingdom (South)

Today we safely arrived in Southampton. A couple that migrated here a little over a year ago greeted us upon our arrival. Praise the Lord that no matter where we are at in the world the Body is really our home. Over the next ten days we will be traveling to Reading, Cardiff, Exeter, and lastly Bristol. All of these cities are in the south UK. As of now there has been three local churches raised up in the cities of Bristol, Reading, and Southampton. Even though churches have been raised up here each of these localities are still relatively small.

Prayer Burdens:

- That through the gospel trips the saints here would be bountifully supplied and encouraged by the fellowship.
- Tomorrow we will be distributing Rhema material at the City Centre in downtown Southampton from 1:30 -2:30pm. Pray that some seeking and open people would be attracted to our table and the truth.

United Kingdom (North)

We arrived in Coventry, UK and went to distribute RHEMA Cards for sowing in the town square. We also had a table set up there. About 275 tracts were distributed, 7 booklet sets were given out to those ready, and 13 contacts were made. Four or five stores allowed us to put radio tracts in their stores. Later that evening, two of the brothers visited a new couple that was gained through the radio seminar a year and a half ago and had supper and fellowship. One of the contacts we made at the table was a student who had heard of Witness Lee and Watchmen Nee. He was open and enjoyed the illustration of the glove/hand and he was struck with the term "Economy of God".

Prayer Burdens:

- The literature would be distributed
- That the contacts made from the distribution would make a stronger connection with the saints.
- For Coventry, that the campus and community work would be strengthened.

Reports from Europe Gospel Teams (29 January 2012)

Northern Ireland

Praise the Lord! Greetings from Ireland! The seven of us arrived in Belfast yesterday morning. Upon arrival some of us were able to speak to a nominal Protestant taxi driver about the Lord. Our encounter with him reflected how some of the people of Ireland are scarred by religion and are full of questions about God. We spoke to Him about calling on the name of the Lord and left him with a tract about the purpose of man's life.

Prayer Burdens:

- For the team and the saints in Belfast, our being blended together, and our being strengthened into the inner man for our going out to contact the typical northern Irish people.
- For the Lord to bring us to ones that would lead us to households (at least 1 family) for the increase in the church life in Belfast.

France

At 3 am Saturday morning, our team of seven trainees left Bower House for Luton Airport. Shortly after arriving in Paris, we had a sweet time of singing and orientation at the newly-renovated apartment in central Paris (where the campus team meets regularly to coordinate). Among us were some full-timers on the campus team, local saints, and church students. We then went to some local saints' home for dinner and a small group meeting with 20 saints total. We covered Psalm 2, and the meeting was primarily in French.

On Lord's Day morning with the church in Paris, we enjoyed praising and kissing the King installed in Zion. Later in the afternoon, we drove to the newly-opened home of a typical French family to enjoy an "historic" (one local brother's word) Lord's supper together. The father, a fifth-generation Parisian, thanked the Lord for bringing all the brothers and sisters to their home. He also testified that the more we sang together, the more he felt that the Lord was truly in our presence. There were 19 adults total, including another young typical French family in which the father, an investment banker, was recently baptized. The Lord is very much gaining the typical French here in a steady way through the vital groups and household salvation.

On Monday, we will have our first gospel time handing out Rhema cards and gospel surveys around the campuses (in France, it is still against the law to preach the gospel on the campuses).

Prayer Burdens:

- That the Lord would bind and utterly shame His enemy; clear the anti-God atmosphere on the campuses; and shine through the darkness and cloudiness caused by centuries of religion.
- For quality, positive responses from some young native French students that the Lord will use to turn the age.

Switzerland

The team of five arrived in Zurich Saturday morning and took an hour train ride to St. Gallen where we are staying with a family. That afternoon we held a book table in towncenter of St. Gallen distributing German "Mystery of Human Life" tracts and other Rhema literature. We established 4 solid contacts from this time that plan to come to our mini-seminar in the home on Thursday night. On Lord's Day, 8 saints came from Friedrichshafen, Germany to blend with us. The time of fellowship was sweet and it was so normal for the saints to gather, even across the border.

Prayer Burdens:

- Two previous contacts would be established in the church life.
- Have a breakthrough with a previous contact that has a strong Catholic background.
- The Lord would bring key seeking ones to the Thursday night mini-seminar to be added to the church life in St. Gallen.

United Kingdom (South)

Hallelujah for the Lord's move in south UK. Today we gathered together in the morning in the Crookes home to fellowship, read the ministry, and prayed for the day's gospel time in South Hampton City Center. After a wonderful time of blending with the local saints we went to South Hampton City Center for a Rhema distribution and gospel preaching time. We contacted several open and seeking Christians who were interested in the ministry. The students were especially open to what we had to share. Then, after we had a wonderful lunch at a local saint's house, we went to Reading along with seven others from South Hampton, to have the Lord's Table with the saints in Reading. The Lord's Table was in a saint's home and was very enjoyable, full of singing and praising. We had a love feast afterwards and then a time of fellowship with some of the local saints. Please pray that the saints will be strengthened and encouraged by our visits. Tomorrow we will head to Windsor then Cardiff. Praise the Lord for His testimony in south UK.