
Thanks, Praise and Revival Camp

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I praise the precious name of the Lord. Thank you for your intercessory prayer. This time, I joined in this dispatch, being filled with actual necessities with his word, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?” from Judges 6:14. I have the confirmation that God has poured great blessings onto the whole congregation of TLCCC.

I give thanks to God, who has protected the whole team, because I had been worried of the unwanted happenings in the middle of the unforeseeable world situation at the moment just Mr. Trump had become the President of the U.S.A.

For this dispatch, Prayer Chapel at Church-on-the-way which was impossible to use for a while was opened after two years, so the whole team went there to pray deeply. When our first U.S. team had visited this church, the members prayed there and the team was given the word “Though it linger, wait for it. It will certainly come and will not delay.” from Habakkuk 2:3 and God also spoke to them about coming of revival. So special blessing was expected by our deep prayer at this prayer chapel. It was wonderful blessing that our whole team was led to pray there again.

Los Angeles, U.S.A is the place of Azusa revival, in which work of the Holy Spirit started from a meeting held at the Bonnie Brae House. We were given blessing to go to the Bonnie Brae House and pray.

God spoke to me a lot, but there are special two messages spoken during the holy meetings delivered by Pastor Paul Akimoto, which were “give thanks of everything” and “everything become good for us if



we listen and obey” through the two verses, “Give thanks in all the circumstances” (I Thessalonians 5:18) and “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28) He said we need to see the effect of thanksgiving based on listen and obeying God in long-term view, not short-term view, so that we can see it becoming really good for us. He further explained that if we still could not see it become good for us, we will see God’s work when we will be in eternity. It is wonderful blessing that Christians are really the ones of eternity.

At the end of the dispatch, messages about praising was spoken from Acts 16:24-25. We were being blessed by having singing on Hollywood streets, Dr. Steve’s Gospel Showcase and so on in L.A. And in Japan, Japanese original praise songs have been given to us one after another by the blessing of church. Praise bands have been formed in many TLCCC churches and God’s works like people’s salvation, healing and deliverance are being done through praising. This is turning out to be the result of revival which has already started. I am touched that this team has noticed that many blessings related to praising has been opened in the process of listening and obeying Him.

When we watched a movie at the meeting to honor the memory of Rev. Merlin R. Carothers, I almost shed tears when I saw his smile. I have learned that to rejoice through thanksgiving and praising is the lesson to clear that God is leading for me. I really give thanks to God, who called me to join in this camp. At last, “God is working for my good~.”

■ Joy Faith Koike
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I praise the name of the Lord. Thank you for your precious intercessory prayer with fasting. I have been joining in this Thanks, praise and revival camp for consecutively 6 times. I give thanks to the Lord from my heart that I have been given blessing to join in this camp every year.

I felt that God certainly is going to open the new door through this camp when I was one of the 45 members from Japan and noticed that the hotel has changed to be new "Miyako Hybrid Hotel."

Although my main missions were singing on the street of Hollywood and at the Gospel Showcase as a member of praise band, losing voice and sore throat has been allowed since I was in the airplane heading to L.A. So I felt uneasy and worried, thinking, "I thought I have prepared my condition well as the one who are joining as many times as 6 consecutive years, but why?"

Prayer chance at Church-on-the-way was opened for this camp. When I was praying for the healing of my throat and message for myself, Matthew 19 was shown inside my mind. It says, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" I repented that I have worried and believed that I can sing so that I can praise God at the time of Gospel Showcase, holding this word of Him tight.

There were altogether 8 holy meetings during the 5 days camp, in which messages like giving thanks and rejoicing any kinds of difficulties and hardships, to see God's works in eternal long term and that faith will become experience and experience shows the confirmation of God's words were spoken through testimonies of missionaries and messages of the pastors. Healing mes-

sages were spoken to me especially.

On the 2nd day, I remembered that this year's word from God was to use faith. So I have decided to step out of my faith by going to the street and praise, because my throat was already supposed to be healed and I am supposed to be a member of praise band.

At the beginning of singing, I still lost my voice and the high tone was still husky. I even thought it was better to cancel singing at Gospel Showcase. However, I had a confirmation that God will heal me, because for me to praise was His will. I could sing about 12 songs. Gradually, I felt that my voice was getting smoother. Hallelujah!

On that night, we had a meeting to honor memory of Rev. Merlin Carothers and learned the importance of thanksgiving and rejoicing always again.

During the Gospel Showcase, my voice was husky. However God spoke to me the words "This is the best situation" and, "This is not the end of your singing service" in my mind. I thought God told me to prepare for the next stage.

I would like to continue my way as a member of praise band, with the patience of thanksgiving and faith because praising work will develop furthermore and to the world in the middle of revival from now on.



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