

Prophecy Fulfilled in the Utmost Time and Way of the Lord

One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.”

(Acts 18:9-10)

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Thank you very much for your precious prayers and monetary donations. A team was sent on mission to Ukraine and Slovakia from September 4 through 9 with 12 members: 8 from Japan and 4 from New York, U.S.A. and Prague, the Czech Republic. Through prophecy it had been said that God would first open His work in Europe from East Europe. So it happened. With the Czech Republic as a key country, His work will expand from there throughout Europe full-swing. God’s plan for Europe was pushed forward further by this team.

His work in Eastern Europe opened in the utmost time and way of the Lord in Romania, the Czech Republic, Poland and former East Germany. To these countries were added this time Ukraine and Slovakia. Before this team was sent out, the website of our mission became a target of cyberattacks from Ukraine. Besides, as there were conflicts in the eastern part of this county, we studied the possibility of cancelling the travel and prayed. The team finally left on mission as scheduled as God reassured us through Acts 18 and 22.

In Ukraine, the apostolic mission church which had invited us to minister organized an outside evangelistic meeting. Many people stopped to hear “God is Love”, an original Japanese Gospel song sung by the team members in Yukata, simplified Japanese traditional costume, and also to hear their testimonies. Some among them were saved! In Slovakia, the team was given the opportunity to minister at the biggest apostolic mission church. People also loved our team members ‘singing in Yukata, just like in Ukraine. Both churches asked us to visit them again. We were worried about bad weather during street singing and a long wait to and back from Slovakia at the border, but God heard our prayers and all went well under God’s protection. Thus the work of Evangelism advanced.

Our relations with apostolic mission churches expanded through this team. The copies of the book the team had taken with them on prophecy written by Pastor Paul Akimoto were almost sold out. The queue lined up to be prayed for was the longest ever. The work of the Holy Spirit had evidently gotten stronger. Let us see the Glory of the Lord by accurately obeying Him.

Caption:Pastor Paul Akimoto delivering a message (far left) during a team to Ukraine and Slovakia

