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Miracles through Prayer and Confession of Faith

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Mark 11:22-24)

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Thank you very much for your precious prayers and monetary donations. Two mission teams were sent to the U.S. in December, one to Denver and New York from December 11 through 14, the other to Los Angeles and San Diego from December 25 through 28. The teams were sent in the worldwide ripples caused by President Trump’s declaration about Jerusalem being the capital of Israel. They were of great spiritual importance.

In Denver, a confusion was caused by a small fire which broke out during a meeting held in a hotel right after the team’s arrival in the city. Then they saw on TV a report on a one-man terror attack in the center of Manhattan, New York, the team’s next destination. It happened just a little way from the team’s meeting venue. These incidents made us realize that the time had really changed, just as the Lord had said when our team to Patmos had come upon a Turkish military coup on their way back to Japan in July 2016. The Denver meeting was broadcast live on the Internet throughout the world. People who usually do not come to church services showed up to the meeting. And non-Christians came to the New York meeting. We felt that our work had entered a next phase.

In Los Angeles, we just could not find a venue for the meeting as it fell on the day of Christmas. But just like for the last mission, the Lord showed His special plan in leading us to “Bonnie Brae House” where the Azusa Revival started in the beginning of the 20th century. To the second meeting, a home meeting in Orange County, over 30 people showed up although the team had expected no participants because of Christmas. We saw that our work had started to expand throughout the U.S.

On the way back to Japan, the team experienced a miracle. Because of a long flight delay from San Diego to San Francisco, it seemed just impossible to make it for the connecting flight to Japan. The team gave thorough thanks for the situation, prayed and made a confession of faith. When they arrived in San Francisco, they saw their plane which must have long been gone still there. This mission left us a great impression. When we obey God, He has us accomplish the work of Evangelism with the signs which accompany His word.