

# Team to Denver and NY, U.S.

2017. 12. 11. ~2017. 12. 14

## ■ Masahiro Sato (Pastor/TLCCC Tokyo Antioch Church)

Thank you for your prayers. When I heard about the American team that would be sent to Denver and New York, somehow I thought that I would go this time. Through the Bible and providence, I received a confirmation from God and I was able to adjust my work schedule as well so I decided to join in the team this time.

As U.S. President Donald Trump recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and announced a policy to relocate the American Embassy to Jerusalem, I felt that this American mission team was sent in the time of confusion in the world.

I was sent from the image department of Tokyo Antioch Church, so I served by recording and editing movies to create a digest video of this mission trip. Plus, I also served as a person who did an online video streaming of the meeting.

Pastor Paul Akimoto and I left Japan on December 11 and headed to Denver, Colorado, the first destination. The plane was protected from snow and arrived safely. I was able to have a time of fellowship with Pastor Chieko Kamidate and her family. Especially, it was a blessing that I was able to receive important advice from Mr. Ejay, Pastor Chieko's husband for advancing the ministry of praise and worship outside Japan. I am a staff of Gospel Production called The Vision so it was a very meaningful time of fellowship.

The special meeting in Denver was held at the same Renaissance Denver Hotel as the accommodation place, and the live video was delivered to the whole world on the Internet. Additionally, people who have not come usually to a meeting participated in the meeting this time.

During the charismatic seminar of Pastor Akimoto, an emergency alarm sounded all over the hotel and we decided to evacuate from the hotel. The fire itself was small, but fire trucks came, and the hotel became turbulent at one time.

In the future, I felt the necessity of praying for overseas mission team more so that even if unexpected things would happen, I could deal with various situations.

The interrupted session was restarted and after Sister Naomi's special praise, my testimony, Pastor Chieko's short message, Pastor Akimoto gave a message from Mark 11: 22-24.

In addition, from the TV news it was reported that a terrorism occurred at a subway station in New York. The place was close to where special meeting is held in New York. The next day, we entered New York and passed near the terror site. On the street, there were armored cars, police cars and broadcasting vans from television stations. The special gathering in New York was held in Midtown. Non-Christian women participated in the meeting. People gathered together, listening to testimonies and messages earnestly.

During the time of mission trip, there were various things that spoke to my heart as the time of Revelation is drawing near. As God says that New York is also going to be used as a center of mission to Europe and South

America, I expect Lord to do his great works there.

## Team to LA and San Diego, U.S.

2017. 12. 25. ~2017. 12. 28

### ■Peter Hideaki Kakemoto (Pastor, TLCCC Holy City Matsuyama Church)

Thank you for your precious prayer for the team. I give thanks to the Lord that we could come back to Japan safely. This team dispatch was an impressive one with a miracle of the Lord regarding the connection flight.

There were special protection and care of the Lord when we departed Japan and entered into U.S.A, checked in to all the flights, and moved around, with people who helped us. During all the meetings, the common message that was delivered was to believe God with the foundation that we are loved by Him.

I think U.S. mission work has started to progress significantly in December, with two U.S. teams been dispatched. As for Los Angeles meeting, when the members prayed for the venue for the meeting because there was no venue available, they gave thanks to the Lord and finally, the door to Bonnie Brae House was opened. From the beginning to the end of this team, I felt amazing presence of the Lord! The Lord's planning will follow after this! Let's expect from the Lord!

More than 30 people gathered in the meeting at Orange County to learn to give thanks to the Lord for everything and to listen to the message! Presence of deep Holy Spirit manifested in the congregational worship service and we had oneness in the Holy Spirit. Sister Naomi's wonderful praising was used greatly in the meeting. I felt strongly that thanksgiving and praising is one set to be used as a strong missionary weapon! I had confirmed in this meeting that the Lord's plan will be opened widely after this!

The meeting in San Diego has shown the special meaning of the name of the church, which is "Pillar of Praise San Diego Church." I was encouraged of my faith by the very powerful congregational and special praising.

Pastor Paul has turned the usual order of messaging, in which congregation watch video first and he delivered message. Instead, he delivered message first, and I think it was done by the Lord's hands, because there was Dr. Sarah, who is the professor of music attending in this meeting. She was listening to the message attentively and left the meeting for other appointment as soon as the video started.

In this team despatch, I was strongly reminded that we are the spiritual Israel, are called for the great commission given at Mount Arbel which started from Sea of Galilee, and now we are to proceed His work at each place all over Japan and the world.