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Accomplish the Calling for the End-Time Revival

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
(1Thessalonians 5:18)

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.

(Romans8:28)

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Our annual mission trip to Los Angeles "Thanks, Praise, and Revival Camp" was sent out from March 26 through 31 with 42 members, 34 of which were from Japan and 8 from the U.S. We welcome anyone, people from outside our church, Christians and non-Christians alike, to take part in this camp, the same with our annual mission trip to Israel. The Lord has been telling us time and again that praise and thanksgiving are the points in accomplishing the calling for the End-Time Revival. We sent a team this year again for this purpose.

The camp originally started for us to participate in seminars given by Rev. Merlin Carothers who had been used of God to spread His teaching on praise and thanksgiving. He went back to heaven in November 2013. During the meeting to commemorate him the team watched the video of his last seminar entitled "One will lead 1 million to Christ", which lifted us up spiritually and deepened our understanding. A variety of programs were organized during the camp such as prayer sessions in Bonnie Brae House where started the Azusa Street Revival, the beginning of the Latter-Rain Revival at the start of the 20th century, street live concerts in Hollywood by our praise groups, etc. Meetings were held every morning and evening. Also held were seminars on music by our local staff and "The Gospel showcase", a special program when our praise groups' performances (singing original Japanese Gospel songs) were commented on by Dr. Steve, a prominent figure in the African American Gospel music field, and his friends. This mission played a role of solidifying the foundation of praise and thanksgiving for the full-swing work in the End-Time Revival. Just as there are the first and latter rains for harvest in Israel, there is the Latter-Rain Revival which precedes Our Lord's Second Coming. During this Revival which takes place as the Age of Revelation starts with severe persecution and difficulty, let us see The Lord's overwhelming victory, glory, and the fulfillment of His Promise, and accomplish our calling, the worldwide harvest of souls, obeying Him thoroughly and standing upon the foundation of praise and thanksgiving.