

Bases, Objectives and Strategies for Promoting Missions by the 13th LLWWEMA

BASES

As of September 2007 Ling Liang World-Wide Evangelistic Mission Association consists of forty two Ling Liang Churches and a seminary across the globe to carry out the Lord's Great Commission.

There are two versions of the Great Commission in the Scripture:

- a. "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15
- b. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Version 1 can be easily accomplished nowadays by gospel broadcasting using television stations, radio stations, computer websites, and loud speakers if necessary in remote areas of the world. However, version 2 is difficult to accomplish. A disciple has to preach the gospel, cause a nonbeliever to become a disciple, baptize him and teach him to obey all Lord's commands.

Even though the LLWWEMA has been operating under version 1 of the Great Commission, it really meant to operate under version 2. It is not the intent of LLWWEMA to just preach the gospel but to 1) bring non-believers to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and 2) train new converts to become disciples of Jesus Christ so that they too can bring people to Christ. The above two tasks are grouped under the general term "mission".

MISSION TARGETS

Mark 16:15 says "Go into all the world ... ". Matthew 28:19 says "Go and make disciples of all nations ... ". It is the goal of LLWWEMA to perform mission in every part of the world and to all people regardless of race, color, nationality, sex, decree and religion. At the present time LLWWEMA has 42 Ling Liang Churches in North America, Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, Philippines, and Australia. Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and

in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Each Ling Liang church should generally start its mission from its own location and expand outward from there. However, with the advent of internet, telephone, wire transfer and jetliners, communication and transportation between churches have been made easy. Member churches can work together synergistically on mission projects. A member church lacking in resources may utilize manpower and finance of other member churches to accomplish mission projects that it may not otherwise accomplish.

OBJECTIVES OF LLWWEMA

According to the Constitution of LLWWEMA, its objectives are threefold:

- a. To help member churches build up a good relationship
 - b. To help member churches grow
 - c. To encourage member churches to have a world vision and active involvement in evangelism.
1. Regarding the first objective, member churches have been getting together often for anniversaries, dedication ceremonies, funerals, etc. With the LLWWEMA website coming on line, up-to-date information about member church events can be viewed on line anytime and anywhere to promote further good relationship. In future get-togethers member churches are encouraged to discuss current and new mission projects, plans, implementation etc. in addition to fellowship and social events.
 2. Regarding the second objective, each member church has its own church Board making decisions on its day-to-day operation and church growth. However, in church building projects, other member churches have become involved financially to assist. More of this kind of mutual assistance is encouraged for the future. Before a lot of money is donated to welfare and mission organizations outside of the Ling Liang network, each member church is encouraged to consider the needs of Ling Liang Churches and channel combined financial resources to those churches. Galatians 6:2 says “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

This kind of mutual assistance among Ling Liang Churches is also applicable to manpower and has taken place in the past. Manpower may be needed in vacation bible school, family counseling, evangelical meetings, retreats, etc. For instance, instead of inviting non-Ling Liang

speakers for mission conferences, retreats, worship services, member churches are encouraged to provide such services for each other.

3. Regarding the third objective, member churches are in various stages of world evangelism from zero to establishing 12 mission stations. To meet the third objective, each member church is encouraged to have its own mission committee, establish its mission goals and policies/procedures, send its own missionaries, and mobilize its membership behind those missionaries for prayer and financial support.

Churches with more experience in missions are encouraged to help those with less experience in areas of discipleship training, organizational development, mission team building, and hands-on experience with mission. Member churches are also encouraged to post their current and future mission projects and needs on LLWWEMA website when it becomes interactive. In the mean time they are encouraged to communicate with the LLWWEMA and/or other churches about their needs by emails through their respective Districts.

Some member churches or Districts already have their websites, such as Hong Kong Ling Liang Church, Kowloon Ling Liang Church and GSRI Tamansari Church. Torrance Bread of Life Church has a website (www.breadoflifechurch.org) for its own church and another website (www.lingliangchurch.org) for the North America District. It has just developed an umbrella website (www.llwwema.org) for LLWWEMA, which has the potential to link with North America District website, Hong Kong District website, Indonesia District website, Philippines Bread of Life Church websites, India Ling Liang Church websites, Australia Ling Liang Church website, and IMAN website, when these websites become available. It is ideal that District websites be linked with all Ling Liang Churches in their respective districts. From the LLWWEMA website one can retrieve any information about current and future mission projects, manpower and financial needs, etc. from individual church websites. Ideally, churches update their own websites as often as needed. For churches without websites, communication with other churches, Districts, and LLWWEMA can be done by emails with designated contact persons. For churches without emails, they are encouraged to purchase computers and set up email accounts. LLWWEMA will try to browse all websites every quarter and then summarize mission projects, requests for participation, and church needs in a prayer letter to be emailed to all

LLWWEMA member churches either directly or through their Districts. Member churches are encouraged to post the prayer letter on their church bulletin boards and to update that letter every quarter. The plan is for assistance in the form of money to go through LLWWEMA and Districts. LLWWEMA is preparing a document, “Donation Guidelines and Funding Policy and Procedures”, to be released soon for review.

MISSION STRATEGIES

Jesus said in Matthew 10:16, “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.” Different countries have different political, religious, social and economic situations. Therefore different strategies need to be applied to different countries. Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Good works include healing the sick, feeding the poor, caring for the fatherless and widows, etc. In addition to attending to the spiritual needs of people, a missionary can also attend to people’s material needs, which God has prepared in advance for all of us to do.

The following are what each member church is encouraged to do to advance the kingdom of God:

1. Pray for mission projects and missionaries at weekly prayer meetings. As described by Rev. Felix Liu, president of Logos Evangelical Seminary in Los Angeles, prayer is the strategy of strategies. We should all cry out to God and fix our eyes on Jesus.
2. The well-known Rev. Rick Warren pointed out in his book “Purpose Driven Life” that there are five purposes in our lives:
 - a) Worship (we were planned for God’s pleasure),
 - b) Fellowship (we were formed for God’s family),
 - c) Discipleship (we were created to become like Christ),
 - d) Ministry (we were shaped for serving God), and
 - e) Evangelism (we were made for mission).

For a mission station just getting started, it should have a 5 year plan to teach its members the five purposes so that they will be ready to perform ministry and mission in 5 years. For a church that has been established more than five years, its board, pastors and ministers need to evaluate the church status with regard to the five purposes. It may be that the church is

spending a lot of time and effort on worship and fellowship, some on discipleship, and nothing on ministry and evangelism. It needs to pray to God and make necessary adjustments so that it can be a glorious church in His sight. Adjustments may include preaching on ministry and mission more often, allocating more money and resources for mission, attending mission conferences and workshops, seeking assistance from other churches, etc.

3. Couple mission projects with church planting. In his younger days Rev. Billy Graham used to bring thousands of people to receive Christ at each of his evangelical meetings. There was a survey done to find out how many of those who received Christ at his evangelical meetings actually became Christians. The survey result was a dismal 3%. Those 3% people were the ones who went to local churches later to interact further with local pastors and Christians. Bread of Life Christian Church in Taipei was very successful in planting 177 churches in the last 18 years and brought thousands of people to become Christians. According to Rev. Lok, pastor in charge of church planting, Bread of Life Christian Church in Taipei would first identify a seminary graduate, a born again Christian called by God, who has the burden to preach the gospel to a certain area. The church would then invite him to serve in the Bread of Life Christian Church in Taipei and observe him for a while. If the church has the same burden to preach the gospel to the same area, the church will rent a mission station including housing for the seminary graduate and ordain him to become a missionary there. The church will pay two years of his salary and one year of the operating expenses for the mission station and housing. All offerings at the mission station from then on go to the missionary for him to build up a church. Success rate is 95%.
4. Encourage promising young men and women in churches to attend mission conferences, workshops, seminary classes, and to participate in short term missions. Arrange some work/study program with local seminaries so that seminary students can serve in a LLWWEMA member church. Observe those young men and women and seminary students to know whether they are born-again, called by God, and have burdens to bring people to Christ. Their inward commitments to Christ will inadvertently show in their outward deeds.
5. Identify areas for future mission and church planting from near to far and from same-culture to cross-culture. Learn the local language and start

saving money in a mission account, to be used when missionaries are sent to those areas. Emphasis is to be placed on dedicated, trained men and women, having a real burden to be missionaries than on infra-structure like buildings, transportation, money, etc. Without the proper people, continue to pray God to send workers and fields.

6. The cost (room, board and tuition) of training a seminary student is approximately US\$1,000 per year in Indonesia, Indochina, and China, whereas that cost is at least \$25,000 per year in the U.S. For missionaries who are going to be ministering in Indonesia, Indochina and China, send missionaries who were trained there. By the same token, send missionaries trained in Central and South America to Central and South America.

Specific mission projects and needs for different member churches in different countries will change year by year. For the coming year of 2008 specific mission projects and needs are delineated in the following Appendix. Member churches are encouraged to input their mission projects and needs through their district organizations to LLWWEMA for final incorporation into the Appendix. For member churches without a district, they are encouraged to input their mission projects and needs directly to LLWWEMA as follows:

1. Rev. Wilson Lee, President of LLWWEMA
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2. Deacon David Chan, Vice President – Indonesia District & Mission
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3. Elder Paul Lam, Vice President – Hong Kong District and Others & Finance
at plam@aol.com, or
4. Deacon James Liao, Vice President – Communication
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APPENDIX I

MISSION PROJECTS AND NEEDS

1. The United States

The United States has a population of 300 million. 50%⁽¹⁾ of the people claim to be Protestants. Another 25%⁽²⁾ of the people claim to be Catholics. When Protestants and Catholics are combined together and called Christians, 75%⁽³⁾ of the Americans are Christians. Southern Baptist is the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S. For 2007 it budgeted \$289 million⁽⁴⁾ on missions. For 2007 American Baptist budgeted \$124 million⁽⁵⁾. The United States sends out more missionaries to various parts of the world than any other country. Within the United States there are all kinds of charity organizations like the Red Cross, Meals-on-Wheels (delivering meals to seniors and handicapped almost free of charge), Dial-a-Ride (transporting seniors and the sick for free), Cancer Auspices (free caring for cancer patients during their last days), etc. In spite of the extremely high percentage of Christians and the large amounts of money spent on missions, the United States is in general in a moral decline. LLWWEMA member churches can pray for the United States and take in senior Americans into their churches. In the Western culture seniors are considered washed-up, and are therefore neglected. However in the Eastern culture seniors are very much respected.

People of Chinese origin constitute approximately 1%^(7,8) of the total population. At the Mission Prayer Conference held in Arcadia, CA, in 2006, the following data were presented. There are 1300 Chinese churches in North America (U.S. and Canada). 70% of those churches are not mission minded. Those churches only take care of their buildings and pastors' salaries. 20% of the 1300 churches are somewhat mission minded. In addition to taking care of their buildings and pastors' salaries, those churches donate some money to mission organizations. Only 10% of the 1300 churches are mission minded. They have their own missionaries, mission policies, and their church members are mobilized behind their missionaries. Total number of missionaries sent by those 1300 churches is 100 in 2006. On an average 13 churches share 1 missionary.

Even under tight immigration policy some Chinese are still coming to the United States every year from abroad as students or family members although their numbers have been dropping since 1991^(9,10). Because of

this drop, the influx to the Chinese churches is mostly second generation Chinese born in the United States. In a long run the Mandarin and Cantonese congregations will decrease and the English congregation will increase unless Mandarin and Cantonese congregations make effort to bring more non-believers to Christ and to the church.

a. Torrance Bread of Life Church

For the next 3 years Torrance Bread of Life intends to assist (when requested) North America District churches which have less experience in mission, by offering to them discipleship training and hands-on experience in current and future BOL mission projects.

Torrance BOL has been going on short term missions to Mexico five times a year for many years, but has never planted a church or mission station there. Torrance is only 2-hour drive away from the two border cities in Mexico: Mexicali and Tijuana. Both Mexicali and Tijuana have hundreds of Chinese restaurants. Short term missions to Mexico will continue but with setting up mission stations in mind. Two Spanish classes are being conducted every Sunday. One-week trips may be taken to Mexicali and Tijuana to preach to the Chinese there and explore the possibility of leasing central places as mission stations to serve both the Chinese and the Mexican. Before a full time missionary is stationed there, BOL members may have to staff the mission stations 2 weeks or 1 month at a time on a rotation basis.

Short term mission trips to China, Taiwan, Panama, and Kyrgyzstan will continue with long range plans of establishing mission stations, English schools, kindergartens, etc., staffed by full time local missionaries or Christian teachers.

English language classes at BOL staffed by volunteer church members are attending to spiritual and material needs of the new Chinese immigrants to America. English language classes along with other evangelical programs (Christian drama, movie, choir presentations, ping pong, line dance, etc.) will continue in Torrance as means of bringing people to Christ.

Young people are influenced by their schools, parents and the church. To prevent the next generation church leaders from caught up in the

moral decline of the United States, Torrance Bread of Life Church will have their children, youth, and parents programs (worship services, Sunday school classes, fellowships, parenting seminars, outdoor activities, etc.) firmly based on the Scripture to teach and train children/youth to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to equip them for every good work. Like the American PTA (Parent Teacher Association) which constantly reviews and improves on school programs and teacher performance, a BOL committee needs to be established for the children, youth and parents programs.

- b. Orange County Bread of Life
- c. New York Ling Liang Church

2. Canada

- a. Toronto Ling Liang Church
- b. Grace Ling Liang Church
- c. Vancouver Ling Liang Church

3. Indonesia

According to statistics on the internet, Indonesia has a population of 240 million, the 4th largest population in the world behind China, India and the United States. 88%^(11,12) of the population are Muslims constituting the largest single block of Muslims in the world, more than all of the Muslims in Arab countries combined. Christians, Hindus, and Buddhists constitute the remaining 12%. LLWWEMA has 14 churches, a number of mission stations, and a Ling Liang seminary. In spite of religious persecutions in Indonesia, Ling Liang churches, mission stations, and the seminary are standing firm in their faith. There are a lot of Chinese and Indonesians attending worship services, prayer meetings and fellowship meetings. LLWWEMA does not intend to send missionaries out to become martyrs. It is strategically wise to establish more kindergartens, nursing homes, medical clinics, either coupled with a church or standing alone to win the hearts and souls of the local people. Teachers, nurses and doctors providing services there must be born again Christians. The following project needs have been brought to the attention of LLWWEMA:

- a. GSRI Taman Sari
- b. GSRI Kartini

US\$270,000. is needed to 1) build a 4-story building attached to the existing church building and 2) renovate the existing church building. Plans for the new building are already done. According to one source, the new building will attract too much attention and jealousy from Muslims in the neighborhood. LLWWEMA suggests that the new building be used on weekdays for kindergarten and for church functions on weekends and evenings. Interior design, walls, and furniture need to be flexible to serve both purposes. Poor families can send their children to the kindergarten free of charge. It will be great to have one room suitable for medical and another room for dental functions in the new building so that North America District, Hong Kong District and other member churches can send their doctors and dentists there on short term missions to attend to the medical and dental needs of the local people.

Banggai project was conducted in March 2007 with other churches in Sulawesi where local people were 1) taught to grow vegetables and develop fish farms, and 2) given Bible studies and gospel messages. The project will be revisited in the future. Money for traveling by air and by boat will be needed. LLWWEMA encourages this kind of projects.

c. GSRI Kebayoran Baru

US\$7,000. is needed to add a second floor to the existing mission station in Denpasar, Bali. The owner of the building next door which is leased to the mission station for a kindergarten is not willing to sell his property. The mission station is in a very poor neighborhood. Currently it has 100 worshippers and 60 kindergarten students mostly from Hindu and Islam families. Poor students are accepted to kindergarten free of charge. After completion of the second floor, the worshippers may move upstairs to worship. Downstairs mission station may be used for kindergarten expansion or church activities. LLWWEMA fully supports the second floor proposal. All teachers should be born again Christians and paid competitive salaries. Presently five teachers are receiving only 20% of their regular pay of \$50 per month. LLWWEMA supports improving the quality of kindergarten so that the school becomes self supporting in the future. Purchase additional land and building for expansion when time is right.

US\$7,500. (asking price by seller) is needed to purchase a small piece of land behind the existing mission station in Depok. The current worship area is just one room approximately 15' x 20' with no other space for church function. Depok is a Christian district safe from religious persecution.

d. GSRI Bogor

e. GSRI Karawang

US\$53,000. is needed for 4100 sq. ft. of land and another US\$160,000. for a building at Cikampek mission station because of growing number of Sunday school students. LLWWEMA supports the building project. It is recommended that the new building be used for church purposes on weekends and evenings and for kindergarten on weekdays to win the hearts and souls of the neighborhood people. Kindergarten teachers must be born again Christians and paid competitive salaries.

f. GSRI Singkawang

g. GSRI Pontianak

h. GSRI Tomang

i. GSRI Bekasi

US\$110,000. is needed to purchase 3276 sq. ft. of land and build a one story church building with furniture and air-conditioning. The existing office type church building is directly in front of the new land separated only by a street and parking. The existing office type building can no longer be used as a church by 3/21/08 because of a joint regulation by the Minister of Internal Affair and the Minister of Religion. However, the building will be kept for an administration office and Sunday school rooms. In the future GSRI Bekasi plans to have a bookstore and a kindergarten. LLWWEMA supports building a new church and operating a kindergarten in the existing office type building.

j. GSRI Jembatan Lima

The church has a 2 story building in a commercial zone. It has a meeting hall for 120 people. There are a total of 160 adult brothers and

sisters in two Sunday worship services. It operates a fully functional elementary school with 500 students. The Indonesian Government supports the school in the form of 20,000 RB per month per teacher.

Like the Bekasi building, Jembatan Lima building can no longer be used as a church by 3/21/08 because of the joint regulation by the Minister of Internal Affairs and the Minister of Religion. There is a piece of land (approximately 12,000 sq. ft.) right next to the school. Asking price is US\$580,000. Jembatan Lima Church is asking for prayer and financial support. LLWWEMA supports finding a new place for the church and continuing the elementary school.

- k. GSRI Sungai Raya
- l. GSRI Pangkalan Kongsu
- m. GSRI Sekura
- n. GSRI Citra
- o. Sekolah Tinggi Theologia IMAN

US\$80,000 is needed to expand the library into the dining area which will be moved to the underground garage. \$15,000 is already raised. The cost includes modern furniture and air-conditioning. Library is where the students study.

IMAN owns a 2-story and a 3 story building connected together. It has many lecture rooms, a library, a book store, a computer laboratory, an administrative office, a faculty lounge, a guest room, men and women dormitory rooms for up to 60 students, and an auditorium with a capacity of 400 people. IMAN has an important role to play in supplying quality pastors and missionaries to Ling Liang churches and mission stations not just in Indonesia but potentially in the entire world. To keep up with the information technology, high speed internet system needs to be installed. Professors and lecturers need to be mostly full time staff with strong pastoral and mission experiences. They are to be paid competitive salaries. To attract quality students called by God into ministry, more full scholarships need to be offered. Total cost (tuition, room and board) for training a seminary student there is US\$1,000 per year compared to at least \$25,000 in the U.S.

4. Hong Kong

- a. Hong Kong Ling Liang Church
- b. Kowloon Ling Liang Church
- c. Tsuen Wan Ling Liang Church
- d. Ma On Shan Ling Liang Church
- e. Hung Shui Kiu Ling Liang Church
- f. Shatin Ling Liang Church
- g. Yuen Fook Ling Liang Church
- h. Tuen Mun Ling Liang Church
- i. West Point Ling Liang Church
- j. Tai Po Ling Liang Church
- k. Tung Chung Ling Liang Church
- l. Ling Liang Growth Centre
- m. Un Long Ling Liang Church
- n. Tseung Kwan O Divine Grace Church
- o. Mong Kok Ling Liang Church
- p. Divine Grace Ling Liang Church
- q. LLWWEM Hong Kong United Mission Limited

5. Philippines

- a. Bread of Life Christian Church (Don Pedro)
- b. Bread of Life Christian Church – Ugong/Mapulang Lupa

6. India

- a. Ling Liang Chinese Church
- b. Grace Ling Liang Church

7. Australia Ling Liang Church

8. Mainland China

Currently LLWWEMA does not have a member church in China. However, LLWWEMA member churches have missionaries in China working with minority people and have taken short term mission trips to China almost every year for many years. China has a population of 1.3 billion. In 1949 when the Communists took over China, there were only 1 million⁽¹³⁾ Chinese Christians. For the first 50 years under communist rule, there was no church growth. However, according to the recent internet data^(14,15), there are 40 to 100 million Chinese Christians. Every day 25

thousand⁽¹⁶⁾ Chinese become Christians. The percentage of Christians is still small, approximately 4%. LLWWEMA member churches will continue to have its missionaries in China and short term mission trips to China with long term objectives in mind.

China is very much in need of people who can speak fluent English. One of the brothers from Torrance Bread of Life Church is operating a tutoring school with thousands of students in Wuhan very successfully. In China it is illegal to gather 30 or more people in a meeting without a police permit. The option that a member church can use is to operate English language schools in China. In each school teachers must be born again Christians. They can be local or foreign. The love and care that they show in school will bring students and their families to Christ.

In interior China there are still a lot of poor families. A member church can operate kindergartens offering free education to the poor. Teachers must be born again Christians. They will mostly likely be local people. Again the love and care that they show in kindergarten will bring students and their families to Christ.

9. Taiwan

At the present time LLWWEMA does not have a member church in Taiwan except for the churches established by Bread of Life Christian Church in Taipei. However, LLWWEMA member churches have taken short term mission trips to Taiwan to teach English and to do door-door evangelism. The population in Taiwan is 22 million. Only 2 to 4 % of them are Christians. LLWWEMA member churches will continue their short term mission trips to Taiwan with long range goals in mind of establishing mission stations and churches in areas where there are no or very few churches.

APPENDIX II
QUALIFICATION OF MISSIONARIES AND
MISSION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19-20 are addressed to all disciples of Jesus Christ. One does not have to be a seminary graduate to be a missionary, but one has to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The qualifications of a disciple are as follows:

1. Luke 14:26-27 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes, even his own life – he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

2. Luke 14:33, “In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.”

The above qualifications are very difficult to meet. Only a few people like Hudson Taylor, William Carey, Dwight Moody, etc. met the qualifications. However, a born-again Christian has made a conscious decision to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior: as Savior because he believes that Jesus died for his sin, and as Lord because he has decided to obey all His commands and follow Him. Although we as born-again Christians have not yet met the qualifications in Luke 14, God knows how we are formed and remembers that we are dust. As long as we make a conscious decision to seek Him, He is the author and perfecter of our faith. A missionary must therefore be a born again Christian. Mission Committee members who represent their churches in selecting and sending missionaries must also be born again Christians.

In the Old Testament only Levies were chosen by God to serve in the Tabernacle. Among the Israelites they did not have their share of inheritance. God was their inheritance. In the same way pastors, ministers, and missionaries serving Him full time and in paid positions, not only need to be born again but also called by God to full time ministries. Before employment by member churches they need to state verbally or in writing 1) how they were saved by grace and 2) how they were called by God to full time ministries.

Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19-20 are applicable to all born-again Christians. Many Christians in churches do have full time jobs or may be too old or weak

to go to mission fields. But they pray for their pastors, ministers, and missionaries. They support their churches and mission projects by prayer and finance. As Moses said in Numbers 31:27 “Divide the spoils between the soldiers who took part in the battle and the rest of the communities.” Those Christians will surely receive their due rewards in heaven.

APPENDIX III **POWER FROM ABOVE**

A missionary is challenged daily with the cravings of a sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does. How can he be an effective witness for Jesus Christ?

Jesus said in Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” LLWWEMA believes that the Counselor (Holy Spirit) has already come after Jesus ascended to heaven. 1 Corinthians 3:16 says “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you.” A born again Christian does not need a sign, a vision, or some miracle to affirm to him that the Holy Spirit is dwelling in him. 2 Timothy 2:20-21 says “In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.” A born-again Christian may be of wood and clay material, but when he denies, empties and cleans himself, the Master will surely fill him with the Holy Spirit and make him holy and useful for noble purposes.

Jesus also said in John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” Based on the above verse, a missionary can bear much fruit if he is in Jesus and Jesus in him. James 4:8 says “Come near to God and He will come near to you.” In the Old Testament Israelites came near to God by going to the Tabernacle with an offering. In the New Testament, Jesus is the high priest and the sacrificial lamb. A born-again Christian can boldly come to His throne of grace by prayer and scripture reading. Isaiah 55:10-11 says “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Moses received God’s word face to face in the Tent of Meeting. He was able to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, through the Red Sea, through the Sinai Desert, and almost into the land of Canaan in 40 years. Scripture is God’s word. When a born-again Christian reads the

Scripture every day, he will have power from above to bring people to Jesus and teach them to be disciples of Jesus. 1 John 3:21-22 says, "If our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him." Martin Luther, John Sung, A. W. Tozer, Oswald Chambers, and others were able to accomplish what they accomplished because they had fervent personal devotions (prayer and Scripture reading) every day. Some had as much as 3 hours of devotion every day. According to Rev. Mark Cheng, former director of Chinese Christian Mission, each born-again Christian should have at least ½ hour personal devotion (prayer and Scripture reading) every day to be in Jesus and Jesus in him. Rev. Mark Cheng has read through the Scripture from Genesis to Revelation eighty times so far. His life, sermons and books do show the power of God coming through him.

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