



**Excerpt from Ministry Reading (The LS of Deuteronomy chapter 14):**

**To Take Care of the Need of the Levites, the Sojourners, the Orphans, and the Widows, That Jehovah Their God Might Bless Them More**

What was laid within their gates was to be for the needy. "And the Levite shall come—for he has no portion nor inheritance with you—as well as the sojourner, the orphan, and the widow who are within your gates; and they shall eat and be satisfied, so that Jehovah your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do" (14:29). The Levites, who had no job or other source of income but who lived on God, serving Him full-time, were to be taken care of in this way. There was also to be provision for the sojourner, the orphan, and the widow. Today we should also care for the needy ones among us. Under the Lord's covering, I can testify that I cannot bear to see that any saints are lacking what they need to live properly; I have the feeling that I must do something to meet their need. In the Lord's recovery, we need to care for the full-timers and the other needy ones.

Those who gave the tithes of their produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, could say before Jehovah their God, "I have removed what is holy from out of my house, and I have also given it to the Levite and the sojourner, to the orphan and the widow, according to Your whole commandment, which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed any of Your commandments and I have not forgotten them. I have not eaten any of it in my sorrow, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor have I given any of it to the dead. I have listened to the voice of Jehovah my God; I have done according to all that You have commanded me" (26:13-14). Even if the one who gave the tithe was in sorrow or had suffering, he did not eat for his happiness what was reserved for the needy. Thus, the giving one could go on to pray, "Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel, and the ground which You have given to us, as You swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey" (v. 15). This indicates that if we, for the sake of God, take care of the needy ones, God will surely bless our labor and undertakings. This blessing will be a return to us from God. Apparently we are giving; actually we are receiving. Nevertheless, to give is much more blessed than to receive.

In Deuteronomy 13 we see that God takes care of Himself, and in Deuteronomy 12, that He takes care of His people as His expression. Now in the verses concerning aid to the needy we see that God takes care of all those who are part of His expression. In New Testament terms, this means that Christ takes care of every member of His Body. We all should follow this pattern. We should love the Lord Jesus, we should love His Body, and we should take care of the needs of all the members. In caring for the needs of the saints, it is best that we prepare for this by having a budget. This means that in a regular way we should lay something aside to use in taking care of needy saints. We need to be regular in this matter because God's people are living on earth in a practical way. The life of God's people is practical, so the meeting of the needs should be practical and also regular.

**Announcement:**

- 1 District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 2/18 is scheduled at district pray meeting locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
- 2 Corporate book pursuit this week:  
Life Study of Derteronomy (Chapter 13~14).
- 3 The receipts of the 2019 offering are ready according to your designated ID number. They are placed on the offering box for saints to pick up.
- 4 There will be a one-day Sisters Blending Conference on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 9:00am to 5:30pm in Hall 1 of the church in NYC located at 87-60 Chevy Chase Street, Jamaica Estates, NY 11432. Registration will be handled online. The deadline for registration is February 17.
5. The spring college retreat will be held on the weekend of February 21-23 at Ivoryton, CT. The cost is \$100 and the deadline for registration is today. Please contact Shepherd Tou for details.
6. Service schedule:

	2 / 16	2 / 23
Food	P2, P10	P4/5, BW
Cleaning	Dist. C	P2, P10

**Prayer Burdens:**

1. **Churchwide Chinese-speaking Gospel Meeting 3/7-**  
Pray that the Lord will burden all of us for the gospel. May we cooperate with the Lord by praying for our gospel friends and inviting them to the gospel meeting.
2. **COVID-19 (Coronavirus) -**
  - A. Pray that the epidemic can be subdued soon globally and that the gospel can reach to more.
  - B. Pray that the Lord will protect all the saints and local churches from the virus and strength our faith in Him.
  - C. Pray that the Lord will preserve the normal church life here in Piscataway from any distraction from the disease.
3. **Northeast college retreat -**  
Pray for the students to see and participate in the divine stream. Pray much for the blending and fellowship during the weekend. May all the saints be refreshed and watered by the Lord.

**Meeting Attendance:**

Small Groups (2/7~8): 103  
Lord's Table (2/9): 135  
Prayer Meeting (2/11): 34

# GTCA 2020 Report



January 24th marked the beginning of the Full-time Training in Anaheim gospel trips to six regions in the United States, as well as Canada, Ethiopia and Switzerland. The burden of these trips is to gospelize, truthize, and churchize the regions visited. The FTTA deployed 25 teams consisting of 231 trainees, along with local saints, to carry out this sowing work. These teams visited 36 cities in North America and 2 international destinations; Ethiopia and Switzerland. Young people from all over the world came to Lausanne, Switzerland for the Winter Youth Olympic Games. This was a great opportunity to contact so many young ones and distribute bibles.

Overall, more than 7,657 bibles and 39,447 gospel tracts were distributed during all of the gospel trips. Over 5,069 people were contacted (conversations more than 30 seconds) and approximately 384 people prayed to receive the Lord! In addition, there were about 295 appointments and 18 visitations. Surely the Lord is moving! May we stand with the saints in these regions and cooperate with the Lord's move by praying for the growth and reaping of the seeds sown.

One of the brothers here in Piscataway had the opportunity to join the trip to Birmingham, Alabama and Jackson, Mississippi. This trip began on January 24th and ended on February 10th. During the first week of the trip the team was able to distribute 5,000 door hangers and 1,500 ministry packets in Mississippi. The door hangers advertised the local 24-hour station playing the Life-Study of the Bible radio programs. The ministry packets contained the booklet "Life's Principle — To Change Death into Life" and an invitation letter for more fellowship with the saints in Jackson, Mississippi. The church in Jackson is burdened to contact young families to grow the church.

The second week of the trip was spent in Birmingham, Alabama as the trainees joined the labor on the campus at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Throughout the week, the trainees joined the serving saints on appointments and contacted students. In one appointment, after the trainees shared about life in the training, a contact from UAB expressed his desire to one day short term in the FTTA. One prayer burden for this campus is that the Lord would raise up a core group of students to serve alongside the saints on this university.

In another instance, the trainee sisters were together with a local sister when the local sister ran into a longtime friend that she hadn't seen in 5 years. The sisters were able to spend time with the friend and she opened up that she was no longer meeting anywhere because she couldn't find a place that met her need, though she was still trying to touch the Lord. She was invited to a home meeting that evening. The contact enjoyed the home meeting and was ecstatic to see that the reading matched her own personal considerations of the Lord. Pray that this one would be brought into the church life.

Lastly, the trainees spent the evenings in the homes of the saints, visiting a total of 28 homes during the 18 day trip. All those that participated in this gospel trip were refreshed and saints testified that they were written on one another's hearts. This kind of blending and drinking of the Spirit will bring us more into the reality of the one new man.

