

**2013 FTTA Gospel Trip**  
**Report and Prayer Burdens 14 – Feb 11, 2013**

## **North America**

### **Amherst, Massachusetts**

2/6/13 - 2/7/13

In order to serve the Lord, we need a moment-by-moment learning attitude. As we have been endeavoring to connect our new students to the local saints in the Amherst area through the vital groups, the Lord has been training us to remain in the flow, and to follow Him wherever He is flowing.

On Wednesday afternoon, we had another seminar, followed by several appointments during the afternoon with seeking ones. During the evening, a group of us went over to a local home meeting to blend with the saints, while others remained at our off-campus house to care for students, and another group went to visit and preach the gospel to a family in a neighboring town.

On Thursday we encountered some opposition on campus, but we continued to have positive connections with our established contacts. And despite the enemy's attempt to discourage us the Lord remained faithful to bring seven new ones to the evening seminar, and one of these seven received The Lord! This student was actually on his way to another seminar, but decided to "come check out" our Bible seminar, where he stayed for over an hour past the end of the time. The Lord is truly wonderful in His sovereign arrangements. After the seminar, a few local saints invited some of the new ones to join them for a late dinner, and continued to fellowship and care for them. Also during the seminar time, the family home off-campus was caring for the family of a visiting scholar, who has been attending our seminars, meeting with us in the home and has now brought his wife and son to meet us. We are also currently enjoying an east coast snowstorm, which has not been deterring us, or our students, to spend time together and enjoy the Lord.

### **Prayer burdens:**

- **Final seminar on Saturday evening.**
- **Good transition of care for new ones from the team to the local saints.**
- **Our own UMass students growing in their experience and enjoyment of the Lord and entering into the burden to care for the new ones.**
- **Meeting with Student Government Association to discuss approval for our "Study Bible" club.**

2/8/13-2/9/13

All he could do, the foe, was just release the flow...and God just keeps on flowing! A blizzard arrived on Friday afternoon, a traffic ban was issued to stay off the roads, and campus was closed down for the past 2 days. However, this meant more time spent in the home off-campus with our new ones, the local saints, and our UMass students!

On Friday afternoon, we were able to visit the seeking waitress whom the local saints had contacted last Saturday, as well as have another new one over the house for an intimate lunch, which turned into staying until dinner, and eventually spending the night. Later that night, her cousin also joined us, to stay over during the storm. We had a sweet time of singing, testimonies, and, as always, a feast.

On Saturday morning, we had brunch together with the 2 new ones who had stayed over, all 3 of our UMass students and the team, followed by shoveling, digging out our cars, and fun in the snow. The new one who had stayed the night also invited the sisters over to her apartment, so that we could have a Bible study together. She had even prepared a topic and verses for us to read together, and during our time with her we spoke about our experiences of the promised blessing of the Spirit. Because the campus was shut down, we were not able to have our final seminar on campus that evening... so we moved it to the home! Five new ones came, plus a young sister from the Church in San Antonio who is attending a nearby high school academy, who came on her own for the first time and spent the weekend! One of the new ones has been very solidly meeting with us, and tonight she brought two of her roommates. The waitress and her husband, who are dear believers in the Lord, also joined us. The Lord has been filling our hands, our home, and our hearts with seeking ones, and we pray now for their continued pursuit with the local saints to build up the church in Amherst.

**Prayer burdens:**

- **Building the new ones into the vital groups with the local saints**
- **Strengthening our own UMass students in their experience of the Lord, and building them together in prayer for the campus**
- **The upcoming Bible studies on the next 3 Thursday nights on the UMass campus**

**Edmond, Oklahoma**

On Thursday (2/8) we continued to table, but the Lord has blessed us with more appointments, so we also spent a lot of time in those. In the evening we went to Norman, OK to join the OU and OCCC students for the college meeting. It was a sweet time of blending and enjoying the Lord together; three trainees also had the opportunity to share their testimonies with the college students.

On Friday (2/9) we still tabled, but most of our time was spent in appointments with students and preparing for the Welcome Dinner later that night. Over 20 new ones came, and many local saints from Edmond and the nearby localities came to support. There was singing, testimonies from students, and some sharing from Matthew 26 on Mary pouring out her love-offering upon the Lord. Afterwards, many local saints were able to make connections with the new students over dinner.

On Saturday (2/10) we had an outing at a local saint's home where there was an outdoor obstacle course and zip line. About 6 new students joined us. Afterwards, we had a young people's meeting in the home, and two students stayed for the meeting. One of the new ones, a brother, really was enjoying and touching his spirit, and jumped in to function more than a few times. Another student, who is the roommate of one of the sisters, prayed to receive the Lord.

**Prayer burden:**

- **Pray for the connections among the local saints and all these open students. We have a lot of names and a lot of contact information, so pray that the Lord would release the shepherding for all of these open students.**

**Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Hallelujah for the gospel trip here in Grand Rapids. We had the utmost blessing from the Lord during this gospel trip. The time we had here didn't feel like a labor at all. It was just the overflowing of the riches of Christ.

On Friday (2/8/13) we had four different home meetings. One of the home meetings spontaneously became a prayer meeting that really supplied the saints with the Lord's abundant grace. In another home meeting, two new ones from the local community college were able to join us. We got into the mystery of human life. The new ones were really impressed that we need to focus on the dispensing and spreading of God within us.

On Saturday (2/9/13) we had another Bible seminar. Three new ones came. They all really enjoyed getting into the Word of God together. One of the new ones was actually contacted last year and he came through an email invitation. All three new ones wanted to continue to have local Bible studies. Many saints also went out to door-knock, and many positive homes were contacted.

Today (2/10/13) we had a local blending Lord's Day meeting with all the churches in Michigan. At least two new ones came. They were really touched by the rich speaking from the saints regarding the unique work of God. During the love feast, the new ones were fully connected with the local saints and were even going to the saints' homes for dinner.

Praise the Lord for what He has done and will do in Grand Rapids.

**Prayer burdens:**

- **The Lord would raise up a local lampstand in Grand Rapids**
- **5 open homes would be raised up**
- **The Lord would open the way for some young couples to migrate to Grand Rapids to support the church life**
- **The critical contacts would be gained as remaining fruits for the building up of His Body.**

**Greeley, Colorado**

2/6/13

Wednesday

We continued to follow up and meet with our contacts among the three campuses. Although a few of our contacts cancelled, those that we did meet with generally had a very positive response. In the afternoon, we went to Greeley for a home meeting with the saints. The time with the saints was very sweet and very special and even more so because one of the new ones that we met on campus was able to come. He had a very enjoyable time and even shared a little bit of what he had been enjoying of Christ that day with us.

2/7/13

Thursday

We also continued to follow up and meet with our contacts on the campus. In particular, many that we met that day were especially open to talk with us and wanted to get to know us. We were also able to join a few regular appointments with students on the various campuses. In the evening we joined the saints for the home meeting in Fort Collins with many of the students. Just being able to spend time with the students and enjoying the Lord with them was very encouraging.

2/8/13

Friday

Yesterday we did some final follow up and packing up with the saints. However, in the evening we had a farewell dinner with the saints in Greeley. Many from Fort Collins and Denver were also there. During this time, the trainees had a time to share their testimonies of how they were brought to the training, and many of the saints also shared their enjoyment of the past two weeks with us. This time was so sweet and special. All of us really felt that the saints here have really been written on our hearts, and we all were very much encouraged by the saints here. At the end, we said our final goodbyes and headed home.

## **Lubbock, Texas**

Today is the last day of our GTCA trip to Lubbock. We have experienced the Lord's blessing during these past two weeks, which ended with our spending some sweet times of fellowship with the local saints. Last night we had dinner and a singing time with the students that are in the church life. They asked us to share what brought us to FTFA and/or our experience of the training. We were all very much encouraged and refreshed.

This morning, at the prophesying meeting, the saints asked us to share about what our experience of the trip had been. One thing that was consistent in our sharing was the effectiveness of the Word. We all felt we had experienced Hebrews 4:12 firsthand—the Word is living and operative! The aspect of everyone functioning in the Bible studies was also mentioned repeatedly, and afterwards a sister testified with tears that she had never realized how much everyone functioned until it was brought up in our testimonies. Praise the Lord for all He's doing in Lubbock!

### **Prayer burdens:**

- **That the saints in Lubbock will receive much grace and strengthening from the Lord to continue laboring on and off the campus for the building up of the Body.**
- **That the campus work at Texas Tech will result in more functioning members being added to the church.**

## **Olympia, Washington**

Praise the Lord for the doors He has opened in Olympia.

Friday was our last distribution and despite the weather and the fact that it was a weekday, the people really turned out. We prayed that we would be able to give out around 200 Bibles, and we were really on track for that. Unfortunately we were asked to pack up after only an hour and a half because through some miscommunication we were not on the list for

distribution that day. Still, we were able to give out around 110 Bibles in that short time and there were a lot of positive contacts and invitations to our Bible study and fellowship the next day. That night we visited the YP in Tacoma and this time was a time of mutual fellowship and encouragement.

The next day we spent much time fellowshipping and preparing for the message for the Saturday fellowship time. We also managed to go out door-knocking and met some positive ones in the community. The Saturday nighttime was really good; we had a repeat visitor and a few brand new ones who came. We spoke about the way to meet, focusing on Acts 2 and 1 Cor. 14. We were able to connect these new ones with the community saints, which was a really good thing and it opens up ways for more follow-up care.

Today we had the Lord's Table at the Lighthouse where we are staying, spending a sweet time with the local saints, and then at four we had a blending meeting attended by saints from at least seven nearby churches. It was a glorious time to blend and to hear the testimonies of all the saints who had come out to distributions with us over that last two weeks. All of us were so happy to be with the saints, and sad that this would be the last time we saw many of them. Our time here in Olympia has really been life changing and Olympia will forever be on our hearts and in our prayers.

#### **Prayer burdens:**

- **That The Lord would raise up some to migrate to Olympia. They have been praying strongly for four families to migrate and with all the contacts here, there is a need for many to co-labor.**
- **Also, pray for all those who received the Bible, that the Lord would have a way to go on in them and to connect them with the saints.**

### **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**



Praise The Lord for the Bible studies at the campuses in Pittsburgh this week! On both Thursday and Friday nights we had a wonderful time in the Bible with the CMU (Carnegie Mellon) students. The topics covered were from the Basic Elements of the Christian Life on the "Security of Salvation" and the "Precious Blood of Christ." There were three newly contacted students that attended on Thursday. Friday brought a total of 44 people, with eight new ones.

Today we went out door-knocking handing out Bibles with many of the local saints in their neighborhoods. Though one of the neighbors was not interested in receiving a Bible since she already had several copies, she was happy to know that the local sister with us was helping to distribute Bibles and invited her over to visit once in a while.



#### **Prayer burdens:**

- **Many of the students in these universities are from small towns around Pennsylvania. Our recent fellowship is that Pittsburgh would be a "hub" city to gain people who come here for school who would then reach out to the small towns from which they come from with the gospel and the ministry.**
- **Many of the saints here have been discouraged because the ones they have shepherded in the past were mainly students, and would leave the city after graduation. Please pray that the saints would have the Body in view when they shepherd others in the church.**
- **For the Lord to strengthen the students/local saints to take up the burden for the newly contacted students on the campuses.**

## Asia

### India

The Church of Christ is glorious! Yesterday, Lord's Day morning, the church in Chandigarh enjoyed its first Lord's Table. The meeting started with some sharing by two brothers concerning the significance of the Lord's Table and the significance of breaking the bread for the first time as the Church in Chandigarh. Following a very full Lord's Table meeting, the church in Chandigarh also had its first prophesying meeting with mostly local saints sharing their testimonies and specific experiences from the last two weeks. Through the saints' speaking, there was a clear sentiment expressed by many of the saints concerning the need to take a strong stand for the oneness of the Body of Christ in the face of opposition. After the speaking, a saint called hymn 1226 "Oh, the church of Christ is glorious" and the song was followed spontaneously by all the local saints repeatedly declaring, "We are One" in Hindi.

Thank you saints for your prayer! All in all, there were around 120 saints present, 50-60 of whom were local Chandigaris and contacted within the last two weeks. The responsible brothers agreeing to take the lead to care for the church had a meeting that night concerning the going on of the church. In the following weeks, brothers from nearby localities will be taking turns to visit, shepherd, and perfect the saints there.

Please continue to pray for the church in Chandigarh.

### Prayer burdens:

- **That the Lord would blend and knit these responsible brothers and solid families together through thorough fellowship and prayer in the coming weeks, that the church in Chandigarh would go on in a strong way**
- **For the practical shepherding and perfecting of these saints in their beginning to practice the church life**
- **For the local saints to pick up a burden to continue to visit the other positive ones contacted in the past two weeks**
- **For the Lord's leading of the responsible brothers in the working out of the practical details. Specifically, that the Lord would manifest His choice concerning a Lord's day meeting place**

# Europe

Our group of trainees from the FTTA, including the Boston extension, have currently concluded their time in Europe. Nonetheless, the Lord has indelibly written the saints and new contacts into all our hearts. The harvest in Europe is white and our corporate prayer is that the Lord would thrust out the workers as a testimony in Europe.

## Continue to pray that:

- **That the Lord will continue to set up appointments and home meetings with the seeking recipients of the Recovery Version and will bring many into the church life.**
- **The Lord's supplying and strengthening to all the local saints; that they would continue to enter in to shepherd the new contacts in their area.**

# South America

## Argentina

Yesterday, we had a distribution at a nearby park. After handing out a few tracts, a lady came looking for us demanding to know what church we belong to and what Bible we read. She was so touched and amazed by the tract saying she had never seen God presented in such a clear and different way. She was very happy and thankful to have been at the park to receive the tract and speak to us. We spoke to another woman who was selling flowers, and she was also very excited to receive a tract. She had been reading the Bible at the time, and she said that she really wanted to understand Romans and 1 & 2 Corinthians. Praise the Lord for all the seeds being planted in Argentina.

We had our last gospel distribution today in Marcos Paz, where there is a church of ~30 saints. We enjoyed our fellowship and dinner with the saints there, and we played frisbee with the young people.

We have also been preparing for the young people's conference in Buenos Aires this weekend (Sat - Mon). We will have a designated time to share our experience with life practices in the training.

## Prayer burden:

- Pray for the young people to gain more of the Lord in the conference this weekend.  
Pray that the Lord would supply us in caring for and speaking to the young people.

## Bolivia

Greetings from the Church in Cochabamba and the Church in La Paz! The past few days have been really enjoyable.

Monday evening, we had a sweet meeting at a local saint's home where we talked about the Lord as the fountain of life.



Tuesday morning, our coordination was held at a sister's house. We touched on the matter of consecration and the Lord's sovereignty. His blessing was really outpoured. That afternoon, we spent time with some of the local young people and some saints in Santa Cruz to see parts of the city. Tuesday evening, we had another home meeting where we shared about the Lord's heart's desire to be one with man and to build His church.



Wednesday morning we had our last time of fellowship in Cochabamba where we pray-read some verses in Philippians 1. We spent some time with a college-aged sister walking around some local markets later that day. Wednesday evening, the saints in Cochabamba came together with the saints in Quillacollo to have a love feast and a time of overflow. Thursday morning we flew to La Paz and were able to spend a short amount of time with some local saints before resting. Thursday evening, the young people's conference started, and we ate dinner with a group of saints. This morning and afternoon the conference continued with the second and third messages. We spent the rest of the afternoon with some saints from Santa Cruz and finished the evening by having dinner with all the saints.



Our time in Cochabamba was a real training for all of us. The Lord further proved our need for Him. Our dependence on the Lord increased in this time. We have come to realize that each of us has a different training from the Lord. That being said, the Lord has really poured out His blessing on our time with the saints in Cochabamba as well as in La Paz. There was always the supply of life when we were with the saints. At the conference in La Paz, the Lord seems to be really speaking

to the young people from Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, and La Paz (as well as some who came from Peru).

#### **Prayer burdens:**

- **Young People's conference in La Paz from Thursday, Feb. 7 to Sunday, Feb. 10**
- **The first Lord's Table in La Paz in 12 years on this Lord's day**
- **The health of our team and the saints here (due to the extreme change in altitude)**

Greetings from the Church in La Paz! We have really been enjoying the Lord's blessing being poured out these past few days. The first young people's conference in 15 years was on the ten plagues spoken of in Exodus. There were young people from five localities in Bolivia, young people from three localities in Peru, and a sister from Chile who came to hear the Lord's speaking. We were really encouraged by their seeking hearts and their openness toward us. Many saints mentioned that this time represents a new beginning with a new generation



of young people. This morning, we were blessed to be able to attend the first Lord's Table in La Paz in 9 years. In many testimonies of the saints, they shared about the importance of the Lord's timing in regards to giving each of them a vision of the universal Body of Christ and the view to be blended into one loaf. We can truly testify to this as we have seen this in the Lord's Table today.

We really enjoyed seeing all the young people's open and seeking hearts for the Lord. On our excursion to Lake Titicaca, a majority of the young people would spontaneously sing to the Lord. We truly believe that the Lord has a heart for the young people here in Bolivia. We pray that they would be a part of the generation to bring Him back. We thank the Lord that He has blessed us with the opportunity to blend with these saints and that they are all pursuing Him together. We thank you saints for your support and prayers. It was a real blessing for the Lord to have brought us here to Bolivia.

**Prayer burdens:**

- **Strengthen the testimony of the lampstand in La Paz**
- **The responsible brothers in Bolivia are considering having this young people's conference more often**
- **Preserving the young people and building them up together**

## **Chile**

This week we have been spending more time doing home visitations. We have switched from contacting the locals, which is more general, to one-on-one fellowship. The time we have spent with the saints has really caused us to be built up with one another in Victoria as well as other localities.

On Wednesday we went to the city of Lautaro to visit a family. There were 10 people who were there and 5 were from the Lord's recovery. The team split on Thursday so that some could visit two brothers in Concepcion and others could visit the saints in Collipulli again. The saints have been truly grateful for our visits and we have felt very cherished by them as well.

On Wednesday we also had our first team-alone fellowship to consider the situation with the churches here. We were able to open up about our experience with the locality and share our personal burdens. This was a good time to realize what the Lord has shown us regarding the churches here.

**Prayer burdens:**

- **That at least two from Victoria would be able to go to the training**
- **That the Lord would have a breakthrough in Victoria**
- **That there would be a healthy church life in Concepcion as it is the second most important city in Chile because of the population and resources**

## **Ecuador**

This Wednesday we left Ambato to visit the churches on the Ecuadorian coast. On the first day we visited and had a meeting with the Church in Pedro Vicente and shared something with them. On the next day, Thursday, we traveled to Puerto Viejo and had a meeting there

with the saints from Puerto Viejo and Manta. There we released a burden about the seven aspects of the church in Ephesians and two saints were baptized. We then went back to Ambato on Friday and shared again on the church in Ephesians at the local young people's meeting. We were supposed to go to Quito today (Saturday) to meet with the young people, but could not due to illness among many of us.

**Prayer burden:**

- **Pray for the young people in Ecuador and Ambato to go on and that the Lord would capture their hearts and gain them for His recovery.**

**Salvador**

Yesterday morning we had the chance to visit a farm owned by a nearby church and enjoyed some fresh produce with the saints. They wish to develop the property to be able to host blending conferences with surrounding localities.

In the afternoon we went out to distribute more RcV's in the city. People were so hungry! A local brother and I offered a copy to a girl that was walking near us, who dismissed us saying she already had one. I felt the need to show her the difference between her version and the Recovery version. "Do you know why this version of the New Testament is so fat?" that caught her attention and we proceeded to show her the RcV's features, read her some verses and she called on the Lord with us! After that, we gave two to a father and son who were selling luggage at the plaza, and while we shared with them, the girl returned, telling us to go to the appliance store where she worked at. Both the father and the son got saved and we then went to the store, where all the employees and some clients received the RcV's. We distributed 20 copies in that store alone. A pair of sisters had a similar experience. It's wonderful how we can preach the gospel while distributing Bibles. It's such a mercy when people receive not only the word, but also the Spirit!

Today we came to another small nearby city to blend with the saints in their home before going out to distribute RcV's. We distributed all the copies we brought together with the local saints. In the evening we shared again on Christ as the centrality and universality in God's economy and the divine romance. We shouldn't do anything; just let Him kiss us with the kisses of His mouth! How sweet and accessible He is!

**Prayer burdens:**

- **For the contacts who received His word today, that they may come to be part of His church for His building.**
- **For tomorrow's distribution as well as our meeting with the saints, where we will be sharing on the Restoration of Israel- Transformation in Life by God's love.**
- **For all the saints traveling to the Perfecting training this weekend, and for all the aspects of this training.**
- **For our fellowship with the Salvador YP on Lord's Day evening.**