

REPORTS FROM THE AREAS ACROSS EUROPE

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Baltic & Nordic Countries

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The Nordic countries refer to the five countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden in Northern Europe. The Baltic States are also in the north but towards the east. They are composed of three countries: Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Currently there are lampstands in all these countries, except Iceland, with about 100 saints in the Nordic countries and 150 saints in the Baltic States. A number of saints in Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the United States have been praying for Iceland and contacting open ones there.

The eight countries in the Nordic area and Baltic States each have their own language. Additionally, Russian is also spoken in the Baltic States. Thus, there are nine languages used in our area. But praise the Lord for His blending among us. We have two conferences per year for all the saints in our area to gather to enjoy the ministry and to be blended for the building up of the Body of Christ. The first one is the Nordic Conference, which has been for the last ten years in July. The churches in Sweden and Norway take turns to host the conference. The second blending conference each year takes place at the end of January. For a number of years, it was held in Uppsala, Sweden, but since 2019 the church in Tallinn, Estonia, has had the blessing of hosting this conference. In 2021, because of the pandemic, this conference was held online, hosted by the Baltic churches. It was a rich time of fellowship and building. The July 2021 Nordic Conference will also be held online, hosted by the churches in Norway.

In addition to the two conferences, every six months the responsible brothers from the Nordic countries and Baltic States meet together for fellowship and prayer. In each of these brothers' gatherings we have the practice of inviting two responsible brothers from other areas to join us for mutual learning and encouragement. The last time we met was in February 2020 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Because of the restrictions imposed due to the current pandemic, we have not held joint brothers' meetings since then. Instead, we encourage all the responsible brothers in our area to participate in the ITERO and to join the UK Brothers' Fellowship events online. These wider fellowship times in the Body have been very profitable.

During the pandemic, church meetings have been conducted according to the guidelines provided by the local public health authorities. In many churches in our area, most meetings and fellowship times are now held online. Nevertheless, the church life is active and enjoyable. The online format actually allows more saints to participate in more meetings, and a few scattered saints in cities without a church are able to join the meetings online with a locality and participate in the church life, just like a local saint. Gospel and small group meetings are also mostly conducted online, and there are a number of one-to-one online weekly fellowship times between the saints and new ones. Furthermore, because of the convenience of meeting online, we are able to conduct joint Lord's Day morning meetings between two churches among the Nordic churches. These have been most enjoyable and mutually encouraging. Praise the Lord that He is able to flow over any hindrances and frustrations! He will still gain what He desires!

Please continue to pray for us. Please also consider joining us for the next Nordic-Baltic Conference that will be held online on July 23-26, 2021. Details may be found on amanatrust.org.uk/page/events.

British Isles

United Kingdom

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The UK consists of the four countries of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. There are over 1,000 saints in the UK and there are 16 churches across England, Scotland, and Wales. There is also a group of saints meeting in Belfast and reaching out to seeking believers all over Northern Ireland. Belfast is a 90-minute drive from Dublin in the Republic of Ireland. There is a burden to raise up a lampstand in Belfast in coordination with the saints in Dublin and the rest of the UK. Please pray for the Lord's testimony in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Like so many of the other countries in Europe, the UK has been greatly affected by the coronavirus pandemic, and all the saints and churches have been meeting online since March. While we miss our physical gathering together, we are very thankful that the Lord has provided a way for us to meet together online.

The pandemic has caused many people, especially seeking Christians, to consider the meaning of their human life. Many of these have requested a New Testament Recovery Version from Bibles for Europe. Along with receiving their Bibles, these seeking ones are offered the opportunity to have a Bible study online, and more than 150 saints have joined many of Amana Trust serving ones and full-time trainees to host more than 300 weekly Bible studies with these seeking ones. These Bibles studies are conducted either online or via telephone. They typically last 30 minutes, but some Bible studies with seeking Christians last for even up to two hours. We can testify that there are still many hungry and seeking believers in the UK and Ireland whom the Lord desires to reach. May we be faithful to join Him in the reaching of these ones.

Another practice that has been picked up as a result of the online gatherings is the regular scheduled blending of halls or churches in the UK on the Lord's Day. For instance, recently a group of saints from Hall 6 in London blended with the saints in Dublin and the saints in Scotland. We are thankful for this wonderful way for the Lord to blend His Body together.

Dublin, Ireland

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With the recent developments in the world situation, our sense is more clear than ever, that the "time is near" (Rev. 1:3). Now that the UK has withdrawn from the European Union (EU) with the implementation of Brexit, the Republic of Ireland has emerged as the primary nation in the EU with English as its primary language. These circumstances place Ireland in an important, strategic position for the Lord's move in Europe because it offers a desirable and realistic destination for English speakers from other countries who wish to migrate to Europe.

The church life in Dublin, the capital city of Ireland, began in 2005. At present, there are about 40 adults meeting consistently, with 15 young people under the age of 20. Of these young ones, there are 7 attending university (undergraduate and graduate).

There are about 120,000 students in the colleges and universities here. Trinity College and UC Dublin are regarded as two of the top universities in the world. With the English language and a strong educational system, Dublin is a center for industries that wish to do business in the EU. Many companies have relocated from London to continue their business relationships with the EU; American companies have chosen to locate their European headquarters here in Dublin, more than in any other city.

For the year 2021, the church has been praying along these lines:

1. That the saints would participate in the intrinsic and organic building up of the church as the Body of Christ;
2. That our roots would go deeper into Christ, that we could bear fruit upward;
3. That we enter into the genuine blending for the reality of the Body of Christ;
4. That the Lord would gain local Irish people for the sake of His testimony in this nation;
5. That our own young ones would be “seeds of the gospel” at their schools; and
6. That the divine truths would spread throughout this country.

There are many encouraging signs that the Lord is responding to our prayers. With the help of video conferences, there is no shortage of the life supply and fellowship. We are enjoying the benefits of intensified blending with neighboring churches in Scotland and England, and local Irish have been joining us for Bible studies and small gatherings. For example, a pharmacy student at Trinity College has been enjoying the student meetings on Zoom. We met a member of the Garda (Irish police) by the River Liffey, and we continue to be in fellowship. A classmate of one of our students wishes to be baptized. Another Dubliner is amazed by our fellowship and has introduced family members to us.

We are learning to use the Internet and social media to promote the truth, and have held several gospel meetings on Zoom that are now on YouTube. Some of the saints are also having Bible studies with Bibles for Europe recipients. Please pray for the Irish to be released from their religious and cultural background.

It is also encouraging to report that Dublin has been included on a list of six cities in Europe, and several overseas saints have contacted us to fellowship regarding migration. At this time, there are four saints who are likely to join us within the next six months. Please also pray for these saints and others whom the Lord might thrust into the harvest in Ireland.

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Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans (CEEb)

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Poland

In Łódź, the third largest city in Poland located in the center of the country, a small group of believers (six brothers and six sisters) have been meeting together for over two years. Not having been able to meet physically for the past 12 months, this May they have started to meet on Tuesdays in a rented hall. On Thursdays they have been reading the Gospel of John online together. The saints joined the nearby church in Piotrków Trybunalski for a recent conference and training.

In Wrocław, the fourth largest city in Poland located in the southwestern part of the country, the Lord has recently stirred up some seeking ones to take the way of the Lord's recovery and has given them a desire to raise up a local church in this key city. The cluster of those who enjoy and appreciate the ministry and who stay in contact with the saints from the Lord's recovery is growing.

Beginning in February, through fellowship and coordination with the brothers from the local churches, Rhema has carried out a series of online Bible seminars. There were 2,400 invitations sent out to readers of the three sets of the ministry books provided by Rhema. Additionally, 800-900 readers have been called before the three seminars. Of these numbers, 40 readers have participated in at least one of the seminars with a number of saints from

the local churches also joining the events. Around 20 of those readers are in regular contact with the saints through regional study groups or individual contact, with about 10 in particularly close contact with the saints. One of these readers has been baptized.

More than 100 saints from seven local churches have participated in the recent video training on the crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes.

In April a semiannual online meeting for the sisters took place, with 85 sisters getting into the ministry and fellowship on the subject: “The Function of the Sisters in the Church Life.” Five Polish-speaking sisters from the UK, four from Germany, one from Israel, and 75 sisters from Poland itself participated in this time.

At the beginning of May another Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans Blending Conference (CEEB) took place online with 186 saints from Poland registering for this rich time of the Lord’s speaking and blending.

On May 20, saints in Warsaw conducted another online monthly gospel meeting to which they invited their relatives, friends, and neighbors. The meetings were watched via Zoom and on YouTube with an average of 45-50 connections.

During the pandemic the children’s meetings needed to be carried out online, and this turned out to be a real blessing as the saints reached out to many places where there were no regular children’s meetings before. The Lord is using these meetings to also take care of the children and their parents who are not in the Lord’s recovery, and these meetings have become a kind of a large neighborhood children’s meeting for the saints in Poland.

Praise the Lord for His move in Poland!

Czechia and Slovakia

Due to strict measures taken to curb the pandemic both in Slovakia and the Czechia, the church meetings have continued mainly through Zoom. The saints in these two countries have used these opportunities to blend together. They recently attended the video training together, and on the following 12 consecutive Lord’s Days, they blended during the Lord’s table meeting and the prophesying meeting on the subject of the training. Now, after the spring CEEB conference, the saints are continuing to blend in the meetings on the Lord’s Day with the new morning revival on *The Genuine Church Life*.

The outreach in both countries has continued mainly through Facebook and the local LSM and Rhema websites. Every week there are a number of physical free books mailed to the seekers who found the Rhema advertisement online. The saints in Bratislava, Slovakia, continue to contact and shepherd the new ones personally and on a corporate basis through the weekly study of the whole New Testament with a group of seeking Christians from various backgrounds. With the view of the outreach, the saints are carrying out the printing of gospel tracts and are preparing new tracts reflecting the present situation and the need.

The saints also continue with the children’s and young people’s meetings, and if the pandemic situation will remain favorable, the saints from Slovakia and Czechia will organize another children’s camp and young people’s conference this year.

The regular monthly blending of the saints from Slovakia and Czechia with the saints from Vienna, Austria, continues via Zoom. The saints enjoy the online Lord’s table and the prophesying together.

Praise the Lord for His ceaseless care and continual move.

Hungary

The saints in Budapest, Hungary, have been endeavoring to enter into the practice of the vital groups (the ministry book by this title was also recently published in Hungarian). There have been regular prayer times in twos and threes for fruit-bearing and the Lord is bringing new ones into contact with the saints for shepherding. Most of the contacts are dear believers who are unsatisfied in Christianity. The saints have also been greatly encouraged by the spring CEEB conference on *The Genuine Church Life*. May the Lord have His way to raise up the genuine church life in Budapest and add many more to it.

Meetings in person were resumed on the Lord's Day for a few months, but stricter regulations caused the saints to have meetings online again during another pandemic wave. Throughout the time however, small groups were still allowed to meet in person. Thus, the saints are increasingly being built up through prayers by phone, small meetings in person in homes, and bigger meetings online.

In May 2021, the church in Budapest had their first video training and covered the *Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes*. The seven saints participating in the training were filled with the enjoyment of the Lord, and their enjoyment overflowed to the other saints. Three messages of the training were open meetings, which the whole church watched together on three consecutive Lord's Days.

Romania

Since the last update in Autumn 2020, the saints in Romania have continued blending virtually with one another and participating in online conferences and trainings. They enjoyed blending regionally with the saints during the CEEB conference in autumn 2020 and spring 2021 and with all of Europe during the online conferences in October 2020 and April 2021.

Two sisters from Romania are currently supported by the churches to attend the two-year Full-time Training in London. The saints in Romania also joined others from Europe for the November online training held by Amana Trust. In late January and early February, the saints enjoyed the online semiannual December video training of the *Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes*.

Starting soon, the English New Testament Recovery Version will be available to be requested from Curentul Vietii through free online distribution. We pray that the Lord would spread His Word and ministry throughout Romania and that the New Testament will be read by many Romanians who also speak the English language.

Croatia and Serbia

During the pandemic the saints in Croatia and Serbia have been meeting regularly both in person and via Zoom or Google Meet. Due to the restrictions, the churches in Zagreb, Novi Sad, Hvar, Split, and Pula have been meeting in smaller groups up to five people and sometimes up to ten if the circumstances allowed. Saints who were unable to meet in person joined by Zoom.

The saints continued steadfastly in prayer, in reading the ministry, and in shepherding the new ones who came recently into these various localities. There is a need for more blending with the rest of the saints in central and eastern Europe, so we would ask the Body to pray for this.

There is a new development in the city of Pula, a former Roman city, which began to be built in AD 2 under Augustus Octavian and was finished under Titus in AD 81, the same

Titus who destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70. There are seven saints and six children meeting regularly in this city with a view to having the Lord's table soon.

There are three lampstands in the Serbo-Croatian-speaking world in three cities: Zagreb and Split in Croatia and Novi Sad in Serbia.

Soon the saints in this area are planning to have a series of weekend webinars by Zoom for readers of the free books provided by Rhema. They will contact the recipients of the seven books in all the former countries of the former Yugoslavia (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia) with a view to gaining more people for the Lord's economy and establishing more lampstands in the area. This covers a large area from Austria and Italy in the northwest down to Bulgaria and Greece in the southeast.

The fellowship among the brothers and sisters who support the webinars is very sweet and life-imparting. May the Lord gain the Balkan Peninsula for His final move to end the age and usher in His kingdom.

Bulgaria

By the Lord's all-sufficient grace, during the pandemic the saints in Bulgaria have been meeting almost on a daily basis via Zoom and in person at the newly purchased meeting hall in Sofia. The church in Sofia has also been participating in the seven annual feasts and some of the Amana Trust events.

In November 2020, the ministry books provided by Rhema became available in Bulgarian on the Rhema website, and through the Rhema advertisement on Facebook, the ministry of the age has reached hundreds of Bulgarian-speaking seeking ones. In addition to the seven Bulgarian LSM publications, which the local saints have been enjoying, there will be another 15 LSM titles that will be printed by the end of the summer and will become available for sale through local bookstores and the Bulgarian LSM website.

In March a couple moved to Sofia, and another family with two children from London will be moving here in July for the testimony of Jesus. We are looking to the Lord to build up the saints together as the local expression of His universal Body through the corporate God-man living and the God-ordained way, being carried out by the vital groups, for the accomplishment of His New Testament economy.

Albania

Our most encouraging report is that the Rhema set in Albanian is now available in both electronic format and as printed books. We have two small groups of fours and fives meeting during the weekdays enjoying the Rhema books. The Rhema books have really enriched our fellowship and provided the necessary food to care for the new ones. Through our endeavoring to get into the books, we also noticed how important it is to have the proper atmosphere and the proper relationship in the church life so that the saints can be lead to the waters of rest and enjoy the ministry. Practically this means if we want the saints to enjoy the ministry, we need to really love them, care for them, consider them, and pray for them. We praise the Lord that the ministry of the age is not a set of teaching or doctrines but a ministry of life that brings us into the genuine church life.

The church life in Tirana is still very young. We need much prayer and blending, and we need patterns of those who know how to enjoy the Lord through His word and patterns of those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. We praise the Lord for what He is doing in Tirana and what He will do in all the cities in Albania.

Greece

There are about 20 saints throughout Greece meeting together on the Lord's Day by Zoom. In addition, there are also four or five small group meetings during the week. These meetings have sustained and encouraged the saints throughout the limitations of the restrictions due to the pandemic and have even allowed many saints to participate in further opportunities for blending and getting into the ministry. Notable among these were the spring conferences in London and the recent CEEB blending conference. We are thankful that these conferences were available in the Greek language and that we were able to join our brothers and sisters throughout the earth to hear the Lord's up-to-date speaking!

Turkey

The pandemic is still spreading in Turkey, and the saints have been meeting through Zoom for more than a year. Although our meetings are limited, the gospel of God cannot be limited. We have one sister and one brother who have been baptized in these six months. We also had a small blending meeting in the beginning of this year with all the saints in Istanbul and from other cities in Turkey and overseas.

CEEB Blending Conference

On April 30 to May 2, the Spring Central and Eastern Europe and Balkans Blending Conference with the subject *The Genuine Church Life*, was held online. There were four messages translated into ten Central, Eastern, and Balkan European languages. Besides the ministry meetings, the saints enjoyed the blending during two afternoon small group meetings for overflow and also through attending a special fellowship conducted in a question-and-response format at the "dining table" with subjects reflecting the present situation in the churches and society in general. Approximately 900 saints from 60 countries and more than 200 localities around the globe joined the blending conference to receive a very relevant and suitable word from the Lord.

Praise the Lord for this opportunity to blend and enjoy the rich speaking of the Lord together with so many saints from all different parts of the Earth!

For more information, please visit churchesceeb.org

Dutch-speaking Areas

(updated May 2021)

It is with joy that we update the burdened saints in the Lord's recovery regarding the Lord's spreading in the Dutch-speaking areas of Europe. The Lord did not cease His work despite the pandemic and neither have we. There are saints in Holland who are praying daily for the gospel to spread throughout this language group. We believe this has had a significant impact on the Lord's move.

Many new ones have been contacted and are in the process of being gained in the Amsterdam area through flyer distribution, Facebook, and personal contact. The saints in Amsterdam have distributed approximately 30,000 flyers to date within the city. This has had a positive impact on the other localities who are now beginning to distribute tracts in their cities as well.

A bimonthly ministry series has been initiated on Zoom with the goal of reaching the Lord's seeking ones in both The Netherlands and Flanders (a Dutch-speaking area in northern Belgium). The intention in these sessions is to focus on the elements of the Christian life that are unknown to many believers today. There have been approximately 10 to 15 new ones present in each session.

The Lord has touched us that the riches of the Lord's recovery are for all of God's children. 50 sets of Rhema literature have been ordered by a denomination in Belgium, and another denomination in Amsterdam uses our materials for their gospel outreach.

In the last six months we have observed a substantial increase in requests for the free literature available through Rhema both in The Netherlands and Flanders. Additional attention is being placed on this way to spread the truths of the Lord's recovery.

There has been a fresh move of the Lord in a village called Urk, within Holland. A significant number of young families have been gained in this village. We expect that a lampstand will be raised up in this locality soon. Additionally, there have been several families who have migrated to Rotterdam for the establishment of Lord's testimony in this major city. Finally, more coordination has been established with the saints in Flanders for increased fellowship and to support their efforts in the gospel.

We continue to beseech the Lord that we would never become stale in our Christian living or content with old methods of reaching people. We look to the Lord to have a genuine vital living and church life today.

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French-speaking Areas

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In the French-speaking areas of Europe (France, Belgium, and Switzerland), there are currently seven local churches: in Paris, Lyon, Bordeaux, Dieppe, Strasbourg, Brussels, and Lausanne. In addition to these seven established churches, there are 10 to 15 localities where there are groups of saints. The saints very much enjoy the blending and fellowship with the saints in the other localities. We have the feeling of being one church.

Brussels

Brussels is a strategic city in Europe due to its many government offices. It is the unofficial capital of the European Union and home of the European parliament. Brussels is also the headquarters of NATO and has major branch offices of the United Nations, UNESCO, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and others. Because Brussels is home to so many European and international government agencies, it is a crucial city that needs a strong testimony for the Lord. Europe will be used by Antichrist at the end of the age, so having a strong testimony in Brussels is crucial for the Lord's move to consummate His economy for His return.

Currently there are about 55 active saints in the church in Brussels. Approximately two-thirds of the saints practice the church life in French and one-third in English. The saints in Brussels represent at least 15 different nationalities and many different languages. Most of the saints practice the church life in a language other than their mother tongue.

Brussels is centrally located within Western Europe and is in the center of Belgium, which borders Holland to the North and the East, France to the South, and the English Channel to the West. There are over 12 universities in Brussels and 86,000 students. Because of its international makeup, Brussels is a very popular city to study in.

Paris

There are around 120 saints in the church in Paris, meeting in four different districts. Paris has been particularly affected by the pandemic and has spent approximately half of the

time in lockdown. At present we are still only meeting virtually. The saints have certainly found online meetings to be a vital supply, but they echo the apostle John's feeling in 2 John 12: "I am hoping to be with you and to speak face to face that our joy may be made full." The few times that we have been able to gather in person have been joy unspeakable. One particular development in the church during these recent months has been the service to contact people who have ordered a Recovery Version online and requested a personal Bible study. Many saints are participating in this, and they testify of the joy that they are experiencing in laboring to shepherd others through personal contact and to bear remaining fruit.

Lyon

Although we are limited by the pandemic, we are being connected to more saints all over the world through the blending of His universal Body online. In this past April's French-speaking conference, we met a few French-speaking seeking ones who live in New Caledonia, which is a French overseas territory in the South Pacific. They discovered the Lord's recovery in 2008 and were shepherded by some saints in Australia. Little by little they came out of their denominations, and currently about ten saints meet together weekly. They eagerly seek for the fellowship and supply in the Body. Since the conference they have already blended twice with us in the Lord's table meeting and we also attended their Bible study meeting through Zoom. Praise the Lord who is faithful to those who seek Him out of a pure heart.

Strasbourg

Though in the unprecedented situation due to the pandemic and lockdown, we have "continued steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles" (Acts 2:42) via online meetings and conferences. The outward stress and constraints did awaken our inward awareness to Him and His purpose for this particular time. The white horse continues to run among us in Strasbourg, both in bearing fruit through personal contact with others and in distributing the Recovery Version.

Dieppe

We praise the Lord for His faithfulness, love, and grace. The saints' experience of life has been steadily increasing, and this infusion of life has resulted in fruit being borne and families being gained. The saints here are also cooperating with the Lord for what He is doing in the nearby city of Rouen (a major city in Normandy). We are in constant fellowship with eight believers. It has also been a joy for us to have regular blending with other churches, through the Internet and in particular through visits from the saints in Paris. We are also very much involved with the service to shepherd those who have ordered a Recovery Version. In the last eight months, one of the ones whom we have been contacting has progressed from being an unbeliever to entering fully into the church life.

Lausanne

Since the beginning of this year, we have been meeting regularly online. However, starting in mid-May, we also started to meet physically. By the Lord's grace, we continue to enjoy gospel times, while distributing Bibles and shepherding new ones and the saints. Finally, our monthly blending fellowships with the churches in Switzerland have been encouraging. We look forward to blending shortly with the saints from Lyon, France, near Geneva, Switzerland.

Bordeaux

The church has been strengthened by a number of saints migrating here. Our near-term burdens are to labor to raise up the Lord's testimony in the city of Toulouse and as the pandemic eases, to have increased blending with the church in Lyon.

Bibles for Europe & Bible Study Follow-up

A recent highlight of the Lord's move in French-speaking Europe is the Bible distribution and follow-up Bible studies. We are following the practice of the saints in the British Isles to conduct one-on-one Bible studies with Bible recipients. At present we have around 50 saints from all the French-speaking churches coordinating together for this. We have close to 60 regular weekly Bible studies. All the saints have testified that this has been such an enriching experience this has been.

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German-speaking Areas

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We thank the Lord for the way He has been moving in the German-speaking world. This includes Germany and significant portions of Switzerland and Austria. In 2015 there were approximately 340 saints with churches in six cities; presently there are close to 850 saints with churches in eleven cities. We thank the Lord for this growth. About half of this increase is from migration, and the other half of the increase came from new ones added as a result of the Lord's blessing on the labor with the refugees and also among the local German community. In addition to the eleven churches, there are small groups of saints meeting in at least 20 additional cities. These groups of saints present a great opportunity for the Lord to spread His testimony by establishing more lampstands. Our burden is to continue to shepherd the saints for the increase of Christ within them so that He can spread from city to city.

In 2020 the Lord established churches in Hamburg and Bielefeld, and presently the Lord is organically burdening saints to move to Tübingen and Aachen. There is much prayer that the Lord will soon establish churches there. There is also a burden among the saints for churches to soon be established in Zurich, Switzerland, and in Vienna, Austria.

One key area of our labor is the work among the Farsi-speaking refugees. This work began in 2017 and presently there are close to 125 Farsi-speaking saints meeting with the churches. We are endeavoring to perfect and build up this fruit to become normal functioning members of the Body of Christ. To accomplish this, we had our first of six weekend trainings on October 4, with about 50 Farsi-speaking new ones. This training was on a series of lessons titled *A Healthy Walk with God*.

Another key aspect of our labor is the work among the university students. In the book *The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*, Brother Lee pointed out the importance of having teams of saints, including a couple, living near major universities. By following this fellowship, there are presently teams of saints praying and fellowshiping daily near campuses in at least five cities. This type of prayer and fellowship is how the Lord was able to have a revival in Chefoo almost 80 years ago. We pray that the Lord will pour out His blessing as He did at that time. Presently there are over 100 native German-speaking students or young adults of student-age who are being shepherded by these teams. Also included in this number are some being shepherded in smaller localities without teams where the saints are very burdened for university students. About forty percent of these students are now solidly in the church life. Many of these students were gained through Bible distributions on the campuses. We pray that they will eventually become pillars in the Lord's recovery. Especially important is the fact that some of their parents are open to the Lord's move in His recovery and are coming into the church life.

One important event we had this fall was a 15-day church history trip that approximately 45 students and serving ones participated in. Twelve of the participants were German students. At the end of the trip, the students testified that they were impressed by two matters in particular: 1) by the benefits we received from the Lord's servants upon whose shoulders we stand, and 2) that the goal of the Lord's recovery is the oneness. These realizations are a key revelation for the next generation to see.

To support the burden for growth within the saints, and subsequently the spread among the churches, the Lord has given us a marvelous conference facility called Gut Elim. This is a beautiful and historic site that can be used for blending, training, conferences, and retreats. It is centrally located on 25 wooded acres in the German State of Hessen. It was acquired in 2017 and since early 2018 has been under renovation. At present the renovation project is more than 85% complete. After the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted, the facility will be operational with nearly 140 beds, two large meeting areas able to seat more than 300, and professional kitchen and catering facilities. What truly enhances the use of the facility for blending and shepherding of the saints is the historic Manor House at its center. This house has ten guest room suites, a large sitting area, a corporate dining area, a library, and a fellowship and blending room. Finally, when all the renovation is fully completed, there will be 200 beds available at Gut Elim, as well as a camping area with water and electric hookups, showers, and laundry area.

To date, Gut Elim has hosted more than 25 gatherings of the saints and churches in Germany. The facilities have been used to host groups of young people, university students, small groups, leading brothers, families, and many other gatherings of the saints. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless the use of this facility to strengthen His move in the German-speaking world.

For more information, please visit germanyreports.info
and sites.google.com/view/elimsprings/english.

Iberian Peninsula

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Spain

At the start of 2021, the church in Madrid set the burden for the new year to be faithful to feed those of the Lord's household (Matthew 14) and to be diligent to gain the increase for the Lord's house (Matthew 15). The prayer meetings have been focused on these two aspects. The church in Madrid shared this burden with the other churches on the Peninsula.

Based on a fresh focus for contacting new ones through Bibles for Europe (BfE), the radio, Rhema, Torrente de Vida (TDV), and webinars, we are shepherding some very open contacts. All these were contacted within the provisions of the privacy law. One brother, who through his seeking bought some ministry books from TDV about four years ago, finally got in touch with us recently. When we called him by video, he showed us his ministry books and his Recovery Version of the New Testament and said, "I want to speak of what I have read, and I want to meet!" These are precisely the two conditions that we expect a true seeker would experience upon reading the ministry. In a Zoom home meeting he said, "This is it; I am not going anywhere from here. I feel I am being saved again." He wants to be baptized again. His sister said, "Two years ago when my brother started sharing this ministry with me, I felt I was only then beginning to know the Lord." They are both meeting regularly with the church in Madrid on the Lord's Day as well as in the prayer meetings.

We just had our fifth webinar, and immediately after it was finished, a sister wrote and wanted to be contacted. As soon as we contacted her, she immediately bought two copies

of the Recovery Version of the Holy Bible and two sets of four ministry books and wants to meet with us. She meets with some other sisters and said that they have left their denomination and have been meeting by themselves and reading the ministry of Brother Nee and Brother Lee. This sister has recently joined our Lord's Day meetings.

Two of our brothers are visiting and shepherding a group of 19 believers, who were contacted through the radio and who are wholeheartedly receiving the ministry. They have each obtained a Recovery Version of the New Testament. The Lord is answering our prayers based on the direction for our burden set in the beginning of the year.

Our five FTTL trainees returned to London earlier this year for their second term. One Spanish brother, who was gained in Germany and sent to the training from there, was home during the winter break. We thoroughly enjoyed having the six Spanish trainees coordinating with the team. Our third-term sister continues in FTTC (Caacupé, Paraguay). Our sister at FTTM returned to Moscow for her second term. All the trainees are doing very well.

A full-time serving sister is migrating from another country to Madrid to join the team. Due to our status as an officially registered "church" with the Spanish government, she has been approved to come as a worker. This is a pioneering case for us to bring in a supported serving one through our official government status. Another sister in Spain is returning to full-time service after a hiatus. With the two of them, the team will be bolstered to 7 ½ full-time serving ones, which will be a big help.

The remodeling of the Madrid building, which we purchased in late 2018, is finished. The house adjoining our property was purchased in March this year, and we are beginning the necessary work to integrate it with the meeting hall property.

The entire Peninsula has been practicing online blending with different localities joining each other for the Lord's Day meetings via Zoom. It has been very encouraging, and the saints from different cities are happy to see each other and get to know new saints.

A few sections of the floor in the building where the meetings of church in Malaga are held were for sale. In fellowship it was decided that the work would acquire it. Together with the church in Malaga's meeting hall it represents more than 70% of the entire floor. For additional information, please visit: laobramspi.es/propiedadmalaga/?lang=en. There is still a need of 200,000 Euros for the closing, which is scheduled on August 30, 2021. There is also the possibility for acquiring the remaining space in the future, in which case the entire floor would be ours, making it a very useful space.

We have continued bi-weekly prayer times with about 40-50 Latin American saints who are burdened for migration to Barcelona. Eight of these saints regularly join the church in Barcelona in one of their weekly online meetings.

For any questions or information, please visit the webpage of the work in the Iberian Peninsula: laobramspi.es.

Portugal

Burden for Lisbon

In the last several months, the Lord has continued to bless His move in Portugal through the prayers of the Body. In addition to weekly prayer with the local saints via Zoom and a local sisters' prayer time once per week, since mid-December 2020 we have had a weekly prayer time with 30 or more saints from Brazil who are burdened for Portugal. We look to the Lord that He would raise up and send some to emigrate to Lisbon for the establishment

of a lampstand here. So far, we know that there is one working sister migrating to Lisbon, as well as a full-time serving couple and their two little children. These saints will be a great supply when they arrive, which we expect will be this summer.

Translation work

The translation work of the BfE and Rhema websites into European Portuguese is proceeding at a steady rate, as well as translation of gospel tracts provided by Bibles for America. There are saints from Europe, Brazil, and the US who are lending a hand in this effort.

Literature distribution

Recently we obtained permission from Living Stream Ministry to print *The Holy Word for Morning Revival* (HWMR) in Portuguese and we started printing ten copies. The number of copies has been increasing per week and we are now printing and distributing 20 copies in Portuguese. We have learned of several saints and contacts throughout the country who reached out to BfE or Rhema, and we are supplying them with the ministry. Many of these are now receiving the HWMR, and some have requested the Recovery Version of the New Testament.

Shepherding

Through weekly and other regular shepherding times, some scattered saints are being restored to the fellowship in a wonderful way, and a few new ones gained through the gospel, or believers new to the Lord's recovery, are advancing in their experiences of the Lord and handling of the Word.

Blending with the churches

The saints in Portugal have enjoyed regularly participating with saints and churches across Europe in many of the virtual conferences. This has been profitable as the saints are now accessing materials and translation of the Lord's up-to-date speaking in Portuguese. Beginning in March, once per month on a Lord's Day morning, we are joining the meetings of the various churches in Spain to have more blending with saints on the Iberian Peninsula.

Current burdens for unceasing prayer

- For the Lord to open the door for saints to migrate in spite of the pandemic, to raise up a lampstand in Lisbon, to shepherd the current contacts, and to add more Portuguese people through the preaching of the gospel.
- That the translation of BfE and Rhema websites into European Portuguese be completed soon and that the Lord would send a hunger among the Portuguese people for hearing His Word (Amos 8:11).
- For the saints in Portugal to continue to blend with all the churches by participating in the International/European conferences.

For any questions or more information, please visit the webpage of the work in the Iberian Peninsula: laobramspi.es or email info@laobramspi.es. Currently it is only in Spanish; it will have a Portuguese section when the resources are available to create it.

Italian-speaking Areas

(updated December 2020)

The church in Milan was established with the first Lord's table in 2009. There are currently 40-50 saints meeting on the Lord's Day. Due to the coronavirus, all the meetings were conducted online for many months. However, about a month ago the church in Milan resumed

meeting together on the Lord's Day. The saints have been uplifted by seeing each other face-to-face. A computer is used in the meeting to stream to those saints who can only join online.

Earlier this year, a piece of property was purchased, including a building which the church is using as a meeting hall. The building is located near Bicocca University, where there are over 32,000 students enrolled. The new building has proven very adequate for the saints to meet, as there is sufficient space for everyone to sit at least one meter apart from each other.

A couple who have been laboring in Milan for many years is migrating to Vicenza to join the saints there. They have found a place to rent and intend to open their home as soon as possible. We hope this will be a strengthening and encouragement to the saints there.

The church in Rome was established with the first Lord's table in 2012. In the autumn of 2015 a piece of property in the center of Rome was purchased and remodeled as the meeting hall of the church. This meeting hall is within walking distance to La Sapienza University, where there are over 140,000 students enrolled. The church began meeting there in 2017 at the time of the 2017 European blending trips. In 2016 a brother from the United States purchased a home near both the university and the meeting hall. It was remodeled and has been used for Bible studies, coordination meetings, and neighborhood outreach. It has also been used for hospitality for gospel trips, saints traveling to and from the European Young People's Conference (EYPC) in Poland, and other blending purposes, as well as a transition home for saints moving to Rome.

There are 20-25 saints who are meeting on the Lord's Day. The meetings are currently being conducted virtually, although they were conducted face-to-face over the summer when the number of people contracting the virus in Rome was quite low, and as a consequence, the video training was also conducted at the meeting hall with 15 saints participating. In addition to prophesying on the Lord's Day, the saints are endeavoring to read a ministry book in Italian during the week and to come prepared to share after the Lord's table. They are currently reading *The Knowledge of Life*.

At present, there is one couple and one sister who are serving full-time with two more couples and some other saints who are burdened to migrate in the near future.

The young people, ages 12-19, are cared for through one-on-one phone call shepherding, where they read the Recovery Version and in some cases, the Life-studies. Since these publications are not in Italian, this also helps to improve their English. We are praying that the Lord will build them up together that they may become gospel seeds in their schools and share the Lord to their friends. The young people in Italy are scattered throughout the whole peninsula, thus limiting the blending to mostly conferences and trainings, such as the EYPC and the Winter School of Truth. This limitation makes the labor on the young people difficult, especially in the shepherding work. May the Lord continue to strengthen the serving ones to care for them in a constant way.

The burden regarding the university students in all of Italy is for the Lord to prepare them in such a way that when they graduate they are open and willing to be trained in the Full-time Training. Currently, we have about seven students we are caring for. We encourage them to participate in reading appointments over the phone or online, reading either the portion from *The Holy Word for Morning Revival* or a ministry book. Some also attend some group meetings and/or student meetings. Several participate in university conferences and serve at the EYPC in Poland and the Winter School of Truth. Some are involved in the translation of *The Holy Word for Morning Revival* into Italian. A year ago, a student came to Northern Italy from abroad to do graduate study. He has been inviting several Italian

classmates over to his apartment for meals, and they have met some of the local saints. They truly enjoy singing our Italian hymns and songs. Please pray that more homes in Italy would be opened to the students, and more students in the church life would come to study in Italy.

The saints are faithfully laboring in Prato, Turin, and Vicenza along with other cities throughout Italy. For more information, please visit the Lord's Move in Italy website.

Italian Translation of Literature and Hymns

The Lord has graciously provided some translators, editors, and proofreaders in the literature work. There are presently 26 books and 13 booklets published in Italian. There is also a hymns team translating the hymns into Italian. There are 134 hymns translated and published, with the goal of producing a hymn book of 200 hymns in the near future.

There are nine CLC bookstores throughout Italy that carry titles by Brother Nee. These books are bestsellers for CLC.

Immigration Project

The church in Rome, in coordination with the church in Anaheim, is working with an Italian law firm to apply to be recognized by the Italian government as a "foreign church." All of the required certified documents from the church in Anaheim have been received by the law firm, along with the new bylaws of the church in Rome. All appropriate translations have been completed and the draft of the application is being reviewed by a government official to ensure that everything is clearly stated and all supporting documents are in order. We expect to submit the official application in the next 30 days, and then the process should be completed within 6-8 months. This status will provide the way for those burdened to migrate to Italy and obtain a religious visa. This visa will be valid for all of Italy.

We treasure the prayers of all the saints in the Body and are expecting the Lord's blessing to increase in the churches in Italy in life and in number.

For more information, please visit lordsmoveitaly.it
or email info@lordsmoveitaly.it.

Russian-speaking Areas

(updated December 2020)

Here is a brief quote from the book *The World Situation and God's Move*, chapter 5.

These recently reported moves, which will further isolate Russia, are part of the world's ultimate situation...This situation of the United States in the lead and Russia increasingly isolated is the ultimate situation. Its purpose is the carrying out of the Lord's ultimate recovery.

We believe that the most recent events show that these words are becoming true.

The Lord's move in the Russian-speaking world started almost 30 years ago, in the fall of 1991. At this point we have 191 churches in 12 countries of the former USSR with about 5,500 saints meeting together.

This year Moscow, Russia, was to host the ITERO in the autumn. We believe that it is not cancelled, but postponed for one year. We believe that all the brothers will be able to meet in Moscow next year for the ITERO. Last weekend we had an online ITERO for the Russian-

speaking world. We had 500 brothers who were able to watch these messages and meet in groups to fellowship over them.

Because of the pandemic, most of the meetings of all the churches are conducted online, although some of the churches are able to meet in person. This situation led to an increase in attendance and more blending as there are no borders with the Internet.

One of the countries that was affected the most is Kyrgyzstan. Over 70% of the saints had coronavirus. This is one of the poorest countries in the world right now. We asked the saints from all over the world to pray for them, and the prayers helped the saints to get through this situation. Also, many of the saints from different churches were burdened to give an offering for the suffering brothers and sisters in Kyrgyzstan. Right now, since most of the saints there have already had coronavirus, the meetings are conducted in person.

There are currently 62 trainees in the Full-time Training in Moscow. Last semester we sent everyone home to continue the training online, but this semester we tried to gather everyone together in person. Since the borders are closed, we were able to gather them in four pockets. Moscow has 36 trainees. Kiev, Ukraine, has 15 trainees. Yerevan, Armenia, has 4 trainees. And Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, has 2 trainees. Also, we have a number of scattered trainees in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. The trainees are happy to be together. Please pray that the Lord would preserve them from this sickness.

On September 1, the co-workers in Russia created a website for prayer, similar to unceasinglypray.org and beseeching.org. It is called the Word of Prayer (slovomolityvy.ru). We offer some direction for prayer and portions from the ministry for the Russian-speaking saints in the Russian-speaking world and everywhere else. At this point we have over 400 saints who are subscribed to this website. We believe that the main result of this pandemic is the development of the prayer life of the saints.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have increased advertisement for the free Recovery Version on the Internet. Before this year, we had about 100-200 orders for the New Testament every month. Now we have over 400 orders every month. We have acquired a large pool of recipients. We have about 5,000 people in Russia and about 2,000 in Ukraine. Recently, we have begun to call every one of these recipients. We pray and hope that the Lord would reap some of them for the church life.

Because of the current armed conflict in Transcaucasia, which started over two weeks ago, there is a heavy burden for the saints and churches in this area, namely Armenia and Karabakh. Armenia, a small country with a population of about 2 million, has 16 churches with a total of about 500 saints. There are no churches in the area of Karabakh, but there are a number of saints who appreciate the ministry. A few brothers from the churches in Armenia have been drafted into the army and sent to the battle zone. We are praying for them and their families. We are also praying that the situation in this area would lead to the spread of the gospel, especially in the country of Azerbaijan, which remains one of the few former Soviet republics that have not yet opened to the Lord's recovery.

For more information, please visit slovomolityvy.ru and slovozaboty.ru.

SIX KEY CITIES TO BE STRENGTHENED

Barcelona, Spain

Lisbon, Portugal

Brussels, Belgium

Rome, Italy

Dublin, Ireland

Zurich, Switzerland

For those saints interested in emigration to Europe, please refer to presentations available on the following websites:

Lord's Move to Europe (LME)

lordsmove.org

Amana Trust

amanatrust.org.uk