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1978年神帶領周金海牧師和幾位弟兄姊妹，開始在於道潔弟兄夫婦家的公寓中，開始一起查經禱告將近一年。（詳情請參閱華美建堂簡訊2006 年元旦）

1979年的夏天，周牧師從神領受以賽亞書五十五章的經文，遂決定與于弟兄兩家在感恩節的主日，和一些弟兄姊妹們，開始有主日崇拜的聚會。會所是借用位於 4909 Powder Mill Road□Beltsville 的一個神召會教堂，華美基督教會因此而誕生。（詳情請參閱華美建堂簡訊2006 年元旦）

以賽亞書55:1-13 “ 你們一切乾渴的都當就近水來，沒有銀錢的也可以來。你們都來，買了吃，不用銀錢，不用價值，也來買酒和奶。你們為何花錢買那不足為食物的？…… 耶和華說：我的意念非同你們的意念，我的道路非同你們的道路。…… 番石榴長出代替蒺藜。這要為耶和華留名，作為永遠的證據，不能剪除” 。

1989年教會曾經購買一處位於 New Hampshire Ave 與 Harding Lane 交界處，約 1.5 畝的土地，準備做為建堂之用，但因政府拓寬馬路而收購了一部份，土地因而縮小，且附近居民強烈反對宗教團體使用該地。經由教會一致同意，於 2002 年售出。（詳情請參閱華美建堂簡訊2006 年元旦）

1989年經由 Dr. Suki 介紹，華美教會遷移至位於 12604 New Hampshire Ave□Silver Spring 的西班牙安息日教堂聚會。在此安定聚會了十四年，後因西班牙教會人數增長的實際需要，使得華美教會無法繼續租用。（詳情請參閱華美建堂簡訊2006 年元旦）

2003年冬，倉促中教會決定搬離西班牙安息日教堂。當時，弟兄姊妹四處打聽詢問，接觸了將近三十多間教會和社團中心均無著落。感謝神，最後藉著一位姊妹的幫助，找到了一所安息日教會，位於 4200 Ammendale Road□Beltsville□同時，在 2003 年的六月，于道潔牧師從神領受神的

話語（代上17:9）並以此節經文在同工會勉勵弟兄姊妹們相信神必成就祂的應許，為我們預備屬於自己的會堂。（于道潔牧師於 7/18/1999正式按立為華美基督教會的牧師）

歷代志上17:9 “我必為我民以色列選定一個地方，栽培他們，使他們住自己的地方，不再遷移。兇惡之子也不像從前擾害他們” 。

2004年元月初，華美教會正式租用位於 4200 Ammendale Road□Beltsville 的安息日教會，也就是我們目前聚會的所在。與此同時，建堂委員會開始更積極地禱告，尋求和等候。懇求神能清楚帶領我們的腳步走在神的旨意中。（詳情請參閱華美建堂簡訊 2006 年元旦）

2006年九月份的例行建堂禱告會中，神帶領我們留意彼得前書 3:8-12 的教導，神鍛鍊我們學習較實際的屬靈功課，例如：溝通的技巧、擴充屬靈的度量、在討論會中學習謙卑、互相尊重、不堅持己見；在愛中真實地彼此切實相愛和接納。神真是愛我們，祂不要我們徒有其表，而是藉著建堂的事工，先來建造我們裏面屬靈的品格和性情。神不只是要把我們一群人安置在一個新的地方而已，祂的旨意其實是先預備我們，然後在進入應許之地以後，過一個聖潔討神喜悅順服的生活。在建堂禱告會中，神也藉著一位弟兄在方言中的禱告，清楚地告訴我們 這場爭戰是屬乎神的 “ 不要因這大軍恐懼驚惶，因為勝敗不在乎你們，乃在乎神” 。（代下 20:15）

彼得前書 3:8-12 “ 總而言之，你們都要同心，彼此體恤，相愛如弟兄，存慈憐謙卑的心；不以惡報惡、以辱罵還辱罵，倒要祝福；因你們是為此蒙召，好叫你們承受福氣。因為經上說： ” 人若愛生命，願享美福，須要禁止舌頭不出惡言，……也要離惡行善，尋求和睦，一心追趕。因為主的眼看顧義人，主的耳聽他們的祈禱；惟有行惡的人，主向他們變臉 ” 。

2007年神帶領 Bro. Graber 來到我們當中，在五月二十七日 Memorial Day 退修會的主日聚會中，Bro. Graber 提醒會眾們” (Church’s building project should be a very joyful thing for the whole congregation)” 建堂應當是一件令全體教會喜悅的事工” 並鼓勵弟兄姊妹們，在每日三餐之前為建堂，及牧師，師母做醒禱告，因為教會的領導人，是侍立在神家事工最前線的守望者，也是受到仇敵最多的攻擊。此次，藉著神僕人的信息，為華美教會建堂事工帶來極大的突破。同時，6 月 3 日全體弟兄姊妹開始參與每日三餐為建堂禱告的實際行動。

以西結書 34:5 “ 因無牧人，羊就分散；既分散，便作了一切野獸的食物 ”。

撒迦利亞書 13:7 “ 萬軍之耶和華說： ” 刀劍哪，應當興起，攻擊我的牧人和我的同伴。擊打牧人，羊就分散。我必反手加在微小者的身上 ”。

約翰福音 10:11-13 ” 我是好牧人，好牧人為羊捨命。若是雇工，不是牧人，羊也不是他自己的，他看見狼來，就撇下羊逃走；狼抓住羊，趕散了羊群。雇工逃走，因他是雇工，並不顧念羊。

2007年是令人興奮的一年，建堂委員會的同工們，經過五、六年無數次的討論，禱告和等候，同工們之間的溝通和默契，在神的愛裏愈來愈能凝聚一起。因著如此竭力保守聖靈中的合一，神為我們開路，帶領建堂委員會的一位弟兄，覓得一處座落於 311 Norwood Road, Silver Spring 約佔地 4 畝的住家。

經過建堂委員會的禱告，尋求且于牧師在實地勘察時，心中滿有平安和喜樂，並有從神來的話語(申11:11-12)，不但如此，建堂委員會的同工亦從神領受同樣的經節。藉著神話語的印證及禱告，牧師及建堂委員們，心中均十分確定，這是神要給我們的迦南美地。遂於11/11/2007主日上午聚會後，召開會員大會，出席投票人數 51 人，會中以 50 票一致通過。在全體弟兄姊妹的愛心奉獻踴躍參與下，教會得以 82 萬 5 仟美元的現金順利購買成交。（詳情請參閱華美家訊第 13 期）

申命記 11:11-12 “ 你們要過去得為業的那地，乃是有山有谷，雨水滋潤之地。是耶和華你神所眷顧的，從歲首到年終，耶和華你神的眼目時常看顧那地 ”。

2008年4月 27日主日晚上，有二十幾位弟兄姊妹聚集在教會新家，大家均心存感恩歡喜快樂。因著新家眾人的信心被建立起來，我們親眼看見也得嚐信心的果效和喜悅，神照著祂的應許，垂聽了教會同心合意的禱告，為我們預備如此佳美之地。教會新家開始第一次的建堂感恩禱告會。緊接著，4月 30 日正式啟用。自此每週三晚上禱告會，週六早晨追求聚會，每月年長長青團契，即陸續遷移至教會新家。（詳情請參閱華美家訊第 15 期）

2008年5月 22日教會再一次邀請Bro. Graber 夫婦來到本教會，他們是第一位住進教會新家的傳道人。5/23/09至5/25/09在安息日教會，舉行兩天半的 Memorial Day 退修會，神藉著祂的僕人釋放寶貴的信息，特別以歷下 7:14-16 的經文，來勉勵弟兄姊妹們：神要賜福祂的百姓之前，首要條件乃是神的兒女在神面前自卑，悔改並轉離自己的惡行。今天，我們在暗處所行的善或惡，都是直接影響到神的教會。這教會不是屬於任何人的，乃是祂的教會，因為聖經記載說：“ 我還告訴你：你是彼得，我要把我的教會建造在這磐石上，陰間的權柄不能勝過他” 。（馬太16:18）

歷代志下 7:14-16 “ 這稱為我名下的子民，若是自卑、禱告，尋求我的面，轉離他們的惡行，我必從天上垂聽，赦免他們的罪，醫治他們的地。我必睜眼看、側耳聽在此處所獻的禱告。現在我已選擇這殿，分別為聖，使我的名永在其中。我的眼、我的心也必常在那裡 ”。（Bro. Graber 講道摘要請參閱華美家訊第 16 期）

2008年5月22日 Memorial Day 退修會後，經由Bro. Graber的介紹，建堂委員會決定聘請 Mr. Dennis Batty 為華美基督教會建堂工程的委任建築師。這位敬虔的弟兄，具有三十年建築師執照的經驗，且先後完成各種不同近四百間教堂的建造。

我們如何從聖經中的實例來學習依靠神呢？

當摩西想到自己肩負如此重大的責任，要帶領二百萬以上的以色列百姓出埃及進入曠野；他們所經過的曠野，聖經記載說是大而可怕的曠野，摩西就謙卑俯伏在神的面前向神禱告。我們也應該效法摩西的禱告。

申命記 8:15 “引你經過那大而可怕的曠野，那裡有火蛇、蠍子、乾旱無水之地。他曾為你使水從堅硬的磐石中流出來”

出埃及33:13-16 “我如今若在你眼前蒙恩，求你將你的道指示我，使我可以認識你，好在你眼前蒙恩。求你想到這民是你的民。耶和華說：我必親自和你同去，使你得安息。摩西說：你若不親自和我同去，就不要把我們從這裡領上去。人在何事上得以知道我和你的百姓在你眼前蒙恩呢？豈不是因你與我們同去、使我和你的百姓與地上的萬民有分別麼？”。

摩西是如何帶領以色列百姓在那大而可怕的曠野中跟隨神呢？

民數記9:22-23 “雲彩停留在帳幕上，無論是兩天，是一月，是一年，以色列人就住營不起行，但雲彩收上去，他們就起行。他們遵耶和華的吩咐安營，也遵耶和華的吩咐起行。他們守耶和華所吩咐的，都是憑耶和華吩咐摩西的。

民數記10:11-13 “第二年二月二十日，雲彩從法櫃的帳幕收上去。以色列人就按站往前行，離開西奈的曠野，雲彩停住在巴蘭的曠野。這是他們照耶和華藉摩西所吩咐的，初次往前行”

申命記 1:30-31。 “在你們前面行的主你們的神、必為你們爭戰、正如他在埃及和曠野、在你們眼前所行的一樣。你們在曠野所行的路上、也曾見主你們的神、撫養你們、如同人撫養兒子一般、直等你們來到這地方。”

申命記 11:8-15 (申11:8) “所以你們要守我今日所吩咐的一切誡命、使你們膽壯、能以進去、得你們所要得的那地。並使你們的日子、在神向你們列祖起誓應許給他們、和他們後裔的地上、得以長久。那是流奶與蜜之地。你要進去得為業的那地、本不像你出來的埃及地、你在那裡撒種、用腳澆灌、像澆灌菜園一樣。你們要過去得為業的那地、乃是有山、有谷、雨水滋潤之地。是主你的神所眷顧的、從歲首到年終、主你的神的眼目時常看顧那地。你們若留意聽從我今日所吩咐的誡命、愛主你們的神、盡心、盡性、事奉他、他（原文作我）必按時降秋雨春雨、在你們的地上、使你們可以收藏五穀、新酒、和油。也必使你吃得飽足、並使田野為你的牲畜長草。”

依靠耶和華 (詩篇127:1)

若非耶和華建造房屋，建造的人就枉然勞力，
若非耶和華看守城池，看守的人就枉然儆醒。

((副 歌))

我行若非神喜悅，一切將拆毀。
我做若無神祝福，一切都將枉然。
我所需要持守的，只是一顆心。
一顆完全相信的，堅定依靠的心。

親愛的華美教會弟兄姊妹們：

今年感恩節將是華美教會成立三十週年。亦是神開始帶領我們進入更具挑戰性的時刻。對全體弟兄姊妹而言，建堂是未曾經歷過且充滿考驗的艱鉅事工。為了節約租金和享有教會新家豁免房地產稅的權益，並以減輕因建堂帶給弟兄姊妹龐大經費負擔的考量，華美建堂計畫將分為二個階段進行（教會每年支付租金三萬三千美元，建堂工程開工的第一天即可免除每年七千九百美元房地產稅的支出）：

建堂工程第一期----目的地是儘快將主日聚會遷移到教會新家地址。首先建造一個近 7,500 平方呎長方形的建築物，在這個空間內，劃分為多用途可容 200 人聚會或舉行愛筵的大廳、及幾間成人、兒童主日學教室、嬰兒室、教會辦公室、家用式的廚房等格局、並汽車行駛車道和停車場。我們力求簡單實用，所需經費初步估計，約需一百五十萬美元（\$1.5M）。

建堂工程第二期----是華美教會建堂的遠程構想，即加建正堂和牧師辦公室、停車場、並加蓋兒童主日學教室。

華美建堂事工代表著我們眾人同有一個心志，就是齊心努力、興旺福音、拯救靈魂、被聖靈充滿、追求內住的基督、得著更豐盛的生命。為神建造榮耀的居所和耶和華立名之處。神是聖潔的，我們理當先預備並省察自己，讓神的靈來潔淨、充滿，帶著一個謙卑的態度等候在主前，期待神來為我們獨行奇事、預備經費、把得救的人數加給教會。

今天，建堂的事工，不論是在金錢或禱告的事上，都需要大家一起來響應

和參與。華美教會于牧師和建堂委員會的同工們，誠摯邀請弟兄姊妹們，參與每日三餐為建堂事工儆醒禱告。但願神照著祂的應許（歷代志下 7:14-16）成就並賜福在這地。好讓神的事工得以順利完成。如此，不但在世人面前為神作了美好的見證，也是神能在教會中做王掌權最好的明證。榮耀歸主名！

歷代志下 7:14-16 “……。我必從天上垂聽，赦免他們的罪，醫治他們的地。我必睜眼看、側耳聽在此處所獻的禱告。現在我已選擇這殿，分別為聖，使我的名永在其中。我的眼、我的心也必常在那裡”。

以賽亞 45:11 “耶和華以色列的聖者，就是造就以色列的如此說：將來的事你們可以問我，至於我的眾子，並我手的工作，你們可以求我命定（註：“求我命定”原文作“吩咐我”）”。

使徒行傳 2:46—“他們天天同心合意恆切的在殿裏，且在家中擘餅存著歡喜誠實的心用飯，讚美神，得眾民的喜愛，主將得救的人數加給他們”。

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Summary of CCCMD Church Building Project

- In 1978 God led Pastor Jack Chow and a few brothers and sisters to study the Bible and to pray for about one year at the apartment of Brother T. C. Yu and Sister Ying Yu. (For more details, please see the church newsletter of January 2006.)

- In the summer of 1979, Pastor Jack Chow received God's leading through the 55th Chapter of Isaiah. He and Brother T. C. Yu decided to start the Sunday worship meeting with a couple of brothers and sisters on Thanksgiving Day. They borrowed the meeting place free of charge from the Assembly of God Church at 4909 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. Thus the Chinese Christian of Maryland (CCCMD) was born. (For more details, please see the church newsletter of January 2006.)

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” Isaiah 55:1-13

- In 1989 CCCMD bought a 1.5 acre lot at the corner of New Hampshire Ave and Harding Lane. The lot was a preparation for the future church building. Later, part of the lot was bought out by the county government to expand New Hampshire Ave. The lot was forced to shrink. In addition, the neighbors of the lot strongly opposed to the religious use of

the lot. Therefore, CCCMD members voted in one accord and sold the lot in 2002. (For more details, please see the church newsletter of January 2006.)

- In 1989 per the recommendation of Dr. Suki, CCCMD rented and moved to the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 12604 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring. After fourteen years, CCCMD could not continue to rent the church, because the Spanish church expanded and needed to use the facilities on Sundays.

- In the winter of 2003, CCCMD had to hurriedly search for about thirty churches and community centers, but could not find a proper church to rent. Then, thanks to God, through the assistance of a sister, CCCMD found another Seventh Day Adventist Church at 4200 Ammendale Road, Beltsville. In June of the same year, Pastor T. C. Yu received God's leading in 1 Chronicles 17:9. He encouraged brothers and sisters in the coworker meeting with the cited verse. He said that God would accomplish His promise and would provide our own church building. (Brother Yu was officially ordained to be the pastor of CCCMD on July 18, 1999.)

“Moreover, I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously.” 1 Chronicles 17:9

- In January 2004, CCCMD officially rented the Seventh Adventist Church at 4200 Ammendale Road, Beltsville. Since then, we have been gathering here for meetings. From the same year, the church building committee started to pray more earnestly, seeking and waiting for God's clear guidance and will in

every step. (For more details, please see the church newsletter of January 2006.)

- In September 2006, during the regular prayer meeting of the church building committee, God led us to pay special attention to the teachings in 1 Peter 3:8. God trained us to learn more practical and more spiritual lessons. For examples, we learned the skills of communication; we learned to enlarge our measurement; during discussions we learned to humble ourselves, to respect one another, and not to insist on our own opinions; we learned to love and accept one another honestly. God really loves us. He does not want us to be superficial Christians. Instead, He wants to build up our spiritual characters through the ministry of the church building. It is not only that God will place us, as a group of people, in a new building, but that He will prepare us to lead a life of holiness and of obedience in His will before we enter “the promised land.” During the prayer meeting of the church building committee, one brother prayed in tongues. God told us clearly through this brother that the battle belonged to God: “Do not be afraid, nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.” 2 Chronicles 20:15b

“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For He who would love life and see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” 1 Peter 3:8-12

- In 2007 God brought Brother Graber to our midst. On Sunday, May 27th, during the Memorial Day retreat, he reminded the assembly that “church building project should be a very joyful thing for the whole congregation.” He

also encouraged all brothers and sisters to pray before each meal, not only for the church building but also for Pastor Yu and Sister Yu. The reason of praying for the family of our pastor is that they are the leaders and frontline watchmen of the church, thus they are attacked most by the enemy. Through the message of this godly servant, the ministry of the church building project had a big breakthrough. On June 3rd, all brothers and sisters participated in praying for the church building project and the pastor’s family before each meal.

“So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became the food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.” Ezekiel 34:5

“Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd. Against the Man who is My Companion,” Says the Lord of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.” Zechariah 13:7

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not a shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.” John 10:11-13

- 2007 was an exciting year. Through numerous discussions, prayers and waiting, the communications and understandings among coworkers at the Building Committee have gradually fused in God’s love. Because of the unification in the Holy Spirit, God has opened a door via one of the Building Committee member by locating a house on a 4-acre lot at 311 Norwood Road, Silver Spring.

Through the seeking and prayers of the Building committee, Pastor Yu felt the peace and joy while looking into this property. He has also received confirmation through God’s word (Deuteronomy 11:11-12).

Furthermore, the coworkers at the Building Committee also received the same passage from God. Through prayers and God's confirmation, our pastor and the Building committee were very certain that this was the Canaan Land that God would provide to us. A business meeting was conducted on 11/11/2007 after the Sunday service and a ballot was taken. There were 50 out of 51 votes that agreed to forge ahead. With love offerings from the brothers and sisters, the property was purchased at the price of \$825,000. (For details, please read the CCCMD News 13th issue.)

“But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.” ~ Deuteronomy 11:11-12

- There were twenty some brothers and sisters gathered at the new church home on Sunday night, 4/27/2008. Everyone rejoiced with a grateful heart. Through the purchase of this new home, our faith was built up and we have seen the fruits and joy of our faith. God has granted our unified prayers and prepared such a wonderful land according to His promises. We started our first prayer meeting to give thanks, and the new home was commissioned officially on 4/30/2008. The Wednesday prayer meetings, the Saturday seeking the Lord meetings, and the meetings for the elderly were all moved to the church new home. (For details, please read CCCMD News, 15th issue.)

- Brother and Sister Graber were invited again to be our retreat speakers on 5/22/2008. They were the first minister couple that stayed at our new home. A Memorial Day retreat was held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church from 5/23/08 till 5/25/08. God has given us

precious messages through His servants. He encouraged the brothers and sisters with Second Chronicles 7:14-16. Before God can bless His people, the children of God must be able to humble themselves, repent and turn away from their wicked ways. Whatever good or bad we do in private today, will directly affect God's church. This church (CCCMD) does not belong to anyone. This is His church because it was recorded in the Bible that “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” (Matthew 16:18)

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.” ~ 2 Chronicles 7:14-16

(Brother Graber's preaching can be found on the CCCMD News, 16th issue.)

- After the Memorial Day retreat in 2008, through the introduction of Brother Graber, the Building Committee has decided to commission Mr. Dennis Batty to be our architect. With 30 years' experience in architecture, this godly brother has built nearly 400 churches.

How Do We Learn To Trust God From The Examples In The Bible?

When Moses realized his great responsibilities to lead two millions Israelites into the vast and dreadful wilderness, he knelt humbly before God and prayed. We can learn much from his prayer:

“He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock.” (*Deuteronomy 8:15*)

“If you are pleased with me, teach me

your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people. The LORD replied, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest. Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?” ’” (*Exodus 33:13-16*)

How Did Moses Lead The Israel People Through The Vast And Dreadful Wilderness?

“Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days or a month or a year, the Israelites would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would set out. At the LORD's command they encamped, and at the LORD's command they set out. They obeyed the LORD's order, in accordance with his command through Moses.” (*Numbers 9:22-23*)

“On the twentieth day of the second month of the second year, the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle of the Testimony. Then the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sinai and traveled from place to place until the cloud came to rest in the Desert of Paran. They set out, this first time, at the LORD's command through Moses.” (*Numbers 10:11-13*)

The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, 31 and in the desert. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.” (*Deuteronomy 1 : 30 – 31*)

Observe therefore all the commands I am giving you today, so that you may have the strength to go in and take over the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,

9 and so that you may live long in the land that the LORD swore to your forefathers to give to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden. 11 But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. 12 It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

*So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul- 14 then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. 15 I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. (*Deuteronomy 11 : 8 – 15*)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters at CCCMD:

The 30th Anniversary for CCCMD is coming up on Thanksgiving. This is also God's guidance for us to enter into a more challenging stage. To all our brothers and sisters, this will be a new and trying experience. In order to save rental and construction costs, also to exempt the church new home from taxation, the CCCMD building plan will proceed in two phases: (Note: Our church pays \$33,000 rent annually. The property tax is \$7,900 which can be exempted when the construction starts.)

Phase 1 Construction --- The goal is to move the Sunday worship to the new site as early as possible. A 7,500 Ft² rectangular building will be constructed. This will include an all purpose hall that accommodates 200 people where meetings and love feasts can be held. There will be several rooms for adult/children Sunday schools, nursery, office, bathrooms and a kitchen. A driveway and parking lot will also be paved. This simple and practical design will cost around \$1.5M.

Phase 2 Construction --- This is a long-range plan to build a formal sanctuary with office for the pastor. More classrooms and parking lot will also be added.

The church construction represents our one goal, that is, to work together to spread the gospel, save souls, be filled with the Holy Spirit, seek the indwelling Christ, receive a more abundant life, and build a glorious habitation for our Lord Jehovah. God is holy. Let's prepare and examine ourselves. Wait upon the Lord with a humble heart so that God can work wonders among us and add to the number those who are being saved.

Be it money or prayers, the church construction will require all of us to

respond and participate. Pastor Yu and the coworkers at the Building Committee would like to sincerely invite our brothers and sisters to watch and pray for this event three times daily. May God fulfill His promise according to 2Chronicles 7:14-16 and bless this land so that His work can be done. This will be a good testimony to the unbelievers, and will testify God's sovereignty in His church. Glory to the Lord!

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-47)

"This is what the LORD says—

*the Holy One of Israel, and its
Maker:*

*Concerning things to come,
do you question me about my children,
or give me orders about the work of my
hands?"*

(Isaiah 45:11)

*"Who may ascend the hill of the
LORD ?*

*Who may stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure
heart,
who does not lift up his soul to an idol
or swear by what is false."*

(Psalm 24:3-4)

Lean Upon Jehovah (Psalm 127:1)

Unless the LORD builds the house,
its builders labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchmen stand guard in vain.

Chorus

Everything will crumble unless I do what God pleases.
Everything I do is in vain without the blessings from God.
I only need to hold onto a perfect heart,
a heart that trusts and leans upon Jehovah.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If you are willing to donate money to support the ministry of the church building, please make your check payable to CCCMD (the Chinese Christian Church of Maryland). Please remember to write "church building ministry" in the memo area on the check. You can also mail your check to the following address:

P.O. Box 4709 □ Silver Spring, MD 20914-4709

At the end of the year, the treasury trustee of the church will mail you the receipt so that you can obtain the benefit of tax deduction.