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For inspiration and fellowship.....

THE E. M. A. J. ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, at Tokyo Chapel Center.

COME PRAYING! COME BELIEVING!

A full day of inspiration and blessing has been planned, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Special speakers will be: Dr. James R. Graham, well-known Bible teacher and veteran missionary to China; Rev. Wm. Rae, of the Japan Evangelistic Band; Donald E. Hoke, formerly of Columbia Bible College and Christian Life Magazine; and Rev. S. Wolgemuth, new Japan Director of Youth for Christ.

MORNING SESSION, 9:30 a.m.

★Opening devotional message, Rev. Francis B. Sorley.

★Messages of challenge and inspiration,

Donald E. Hoke

Rev. Wm. Rae

(Please bring you own lunch. Coffee will be served)

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:00 p.m.

★Devotional message, Rev. S. Wolgemuth.

★E. M. A. J. Annual Business Meeting, and Elections.

★"WHAT MISSIONARIES WHOULD KNOW ABOUT FUNERALS IN JAPAN," Miss Kimiko Kaneshiro.

★"WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES CONCERNING THE SOUL AFTER DEATH," Rev. J. J. Clement.

EVENING FELLOWSHIP SERVICE, 7:30 p.m.

★Colored slides of a Buddhist Funeral Service.

★Evening message, DR. JAMES R. GRAHAM.

THE GOSPEL ON THE AIR

The E. M. A. J. is glad to announce two sound, evangelical radio programs of recent origin, reaching all parts of Japan with the Gospel. One is called, "LIGHT FOR A DARKENED WORLD," and is produced by the Pacific Orient Broadcasting Company (Box 1000, Central Post Office, Tokyo). The other is, "THE WAY," sponsored by Harry J. Swan (Box 67, Central Post Office, Tokyo).

Station	Light for a Darkened World	The Way
JOAR, Nagoya (1090 kc)	Sunday, 8:45 a.m.	
JOBR, Kyoto (1140 kc)	Sunday, 8:10 a.m.	
JOCR, Kobe (1490 kc)	Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	
JOER, Hiroshima (1260 kc)	Sunday, 6:15 a.m.	Sunday, 8:10 a.m.
JOFR, Fukuoka (1290 kc)	Tuesday, 9:05 a.m.	Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
JOHR, Sapporo (1230 kc)	Sunday, 7:15 a.m.	Sunday, 9:10 a.m.
JOIR, Sendai (1250 kc)	Thursday, 7:30 a.m.	Sunday, 9:10 a.m.
JOKR, Tokyo (1130 kc)		Sunday, 6:40 a.m.
JOLR, Toyama (620 kc)	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
JOMR, Kanazawa (700 kc)	Sunday, 6:30 a.m.	
JOOR, Osaka (1210 kc)		Sunday, 8:05 a.m.
JOJR, Nagano (1480 kc)	Sunday, 6:45 a.m.	

The P. O. B. C. also broadcasts by shortwave from Manila on the following frequencies:

DZH6--6.03 mc

DZH8--15.3 mc

DZH7--9.73 mc

DZH9--11.85 mc

Daily from 6:30-7:30 a.m., 12:30-1:00 p.m. and 7:30-8:00 p.m.
Sundays from 6:30-7:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:30 p.m.

We invite you to make these programs widely known among the Japanese people. Pray that they will be mightily effective in bringing men to Christ.

DR. BOB JONES (at the October meeting of the E. M. A. J.) said:

"Your business is to get this Gospel of God's grace to the most people possible in the shortest time possible."

"Compromise is not taking a man as far as you can along the right road; it is taking him any distance at all along the wrong road."

"This is your opportunity! Get at this business of bringing men to Jesus."

"God doesn't tell sinners to go to church: He tells the church to go to sinners."

WORKING TOGETHER IN THE E. M. A. J.

When a group of Christian missionaries from differing training and backgrounds honestly seeks to work together for the advancement of the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, there is a special need for clear understanding and sympathetic love. Otherwise, Satan is quick to cause divisions and misunderstanding, in an effort to break up such a powerful attack upon his domains.

The following statement of policy seeks to set forth some of the principles upon which the E. M. A. J. has been built, and upon which we evangelical missionaries can unitedly stand as we endeavor to work shoulder to shoulder. The Executive Committee submitted a preliminary draft to the E. M. A. J. membership with a request for their reactions and suggestions. Without a single adverse expression, a great majority of the members gave their comments and suggestions. Therefore, we confidently present this statement as representative of the expression of the basis upon which evangelical missionaries can co-operate—and do co-operate—in Japan.

We wish this statement to be published as widely as possible. Our only request is that it be quoted fairly and that no statements be quoted out of their context.

Should other evangelical missionaries in Japan wish to add the weight of their witness to ours, we invite them as Moses did: "We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." (Num.10:29).

Francis B. Sorley, President.

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THE EVANGELICAL MISSIONS ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN

The E.M.A.J. has been brought into existence, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as an expression of a wonderful spiritual unity and fellowship which exists among evangelical missionaries in Japan. It is not a highly organized ecclesiastical body, but a simple association for mutual fellowship and co-operation among those who are truly bound together in the love of Christ and in the great ministry of preaching the Gospel in Japan.

The primary burden and vision of the E.M.A.J. is that the prayer of our Lord may be answered, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee." (John 17:21). Through united prayer, spiritual fellowship and mutual helpfulness and love, we expect to see this goal realized among us, to the glory of God.

The present opportunity for Gospel ministry in Japan is tremendously challenging. It is unique in the annals of modern missionary work. More than eighty evangelical Mission Agencies, in addition to many others both Japanese and foreign, are seeking to seize this opportunity in a land which has been so signally opened to the preaching of the Gospel. The leaders of the E.M.A.J. feel a responsibility under God to encourage each of these evangelical agencies to its fullest possible ministry. We further believe that this is a God-given opportunity to demonstrate before the world the fact that we can work side by side in good fellowship and mutual respect. "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The foundation of our mutual fellowship is that of unswerving devotion to Jesus Christ, and unshakeable faith in His Word, and therefore in those doctrines which are commonly acknowledged as the expression of evangelical belief. This position implies a battle against the powers of darkness—especially as revealed in Japan in various forms of heathen worship and false ideologies. To this spiritual warfare we commit ourselves without reserve, seeking the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish true spiritual victory.

We call upon God's people everywhere to pray with us as we face the forces of Satan, which are so strongly established in this land. We believe that victory can be accomplished only through the power of the Holy Spirit, as He works through the Word to bring men to "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." It cannot be accomplished by controversy or by committees or by decrees.

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR JAPANESE BRETHREN

We believe that in a large measure, the key to success in the work of the Gospel in Japan lies with our Japanese brethren. The great need of the hour is for a large band of consecrated, Spirit-filled pastors and evangelists from among the Japanese, preaching the Word to their own people without fear or compromise.

Therefore, in every way possible, we seek to help our Japanese evangelical brethren. We, as missionaries, are here to strengthen them, not to weaken them; to love them, not to despise them; to serve with them, not to rule over them; to respect them, not to slander them; to guide them, not to hinder them.

Since God warns us that "in the last days, perilous times shall come," we recognize the possibility of opposition and oppression coming, either from the government or from factions from among the people. When such an issue arises, we are determined to stand with our faithful Japanese brethren in maintaining an absolutely untarnished testimony for Christ, and if necessary, in enduring persecution for Christ's sake, as did the early Apostles and martyrs.

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHER CO-OPERATIVE BODIES OF EVANGELICALS

Because of the unique and complex situation which confronts evangelical work in Japan, the E.M.A.J., as an autonomous organization, has absolutely no ties at the present time with other organizations for evangelical co-operation. However, since there are several kindred groups which maintain a strong evangelical testimony, it is the policy of the E.M.A.J. to foster the closest possible fellowship and co-operation with all such groups, especially those formed by our Japanese brethren in Christ.

Since the Scriptures exhort us to "follow peace with all men" and to "love one another with a pure heart fervently," we do not wish to enter into controversy with our brethren, but seek always to encourage love and fellowship between those who truly are members of the Body of Christ. For this reason, the E.M.A.J. does not engage in those controversies which are causing division and misunderstanding among evangelical brethren, but strives to emphasize those things which are set forth in the Scriptures with unmistakable clarity. On these things, all true believers can agree. We believe that our total strength, as evangelicals, ought to be thrown into the true battle to which we have been called—against Satan and his hosts of evil ones.

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD HEATHEN RELIGIONS

As true, Bible-believing and Bible-preaching missionaries the aim of all our policies and of all our work is that idolatry and heathen worship of

every kind may be replaced by the glorious Person of Christ reigning in individual hearts (1 Thess. 1:9). Our great purpose and desire is to see Japanese people throw off the darkness of heathenism and turn to Christ. By faith, by prayer, and by faithful ministry of the Word of God, we expect to see this goal realized in many hearts.

The E.M.A.J. and its members are not silent on such vital matters as heathen worship, idolatry, and apostasy. We are fighting this battle where we meet it—in our ministry to the Japanese people. The stand of the E. M.A.J. on these matters is beyond reproach, since we adhere to policies which embrace the teachings of the entire Bible, both Old and New Testaments, without compromise and without mixture. We hold it to be self-evident that no one can conscientiously subscribe to the evangelical statement of faith of the E.M.A.J. without being firmly opposed to such evils as heathen worship and apostasy in all their forms.

We do not believe it is our responsibility to force or to influence the government of Japan (except by prayer) to refrain from heathen practices and undemocratic procedures in government. We must pray for those in authority (1 Tim. 2:2), but we are not in any way a political body, and can find no Scriptural or practical basis for us (as foreigners in Japan) to attempt to influence the government of this heathen land by petitions and appeals.

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD APOSTASY

We fully recognize both the prevalence and the evil of apostasy, and are seeking by every Scriptural means to counteract this evil, and to produce in Japan strong, virile native churches that are true to the Word of God, both in doctrine and in practice. We do not, however, believe that it is the responsibility of the E.M.A.J., as a group organized for fellowship, to attack or denounce other Christian bodies (especially those of the Japanese). Where sin and compromise exist in such bodies, the E.M.A.J. encourages its members to steadfastly oppose such iniquity by faith, by prayer, and by the faithful preaching of God's Word. This battle is primarily a spiritual one, and must be waged with spiritual weapons which, we believe, are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. (2 Cor. 10:4).

Will you pray that the Father might be glorified as we evangelical missionaries in Japan labour together in unity, in love, and in spiritual victory? Pray for a mighty, heaven-sent, Holy Ghost revival in this desperately needy land!