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DR. WAITE TEACHING CHINESE STUDENTS GREEK.

As I write this *UPDATE* to you, our dear BFT FRIENDS, Dr. Waite and I are looking forward to being with the Chinese students at the Evangelical Mission and Seminary in TOWACO, NEW JERSEY. The dates are SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2016!!!

SCHOOL FOUNDED BY MOSES YANG

This school was founded by REV. MOSES YANG. It is the Chinese school and Seminary where Dr. Waite is often asked to teach the defense of the King James Bible and its underlying Greek and Hebrew Texts to Chinese Bible Students.

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO KOINE GREEK

This time, Dr. Waite has been given a challenging assignment to teach AN INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE GREEK to the English speaking Chinese students. This will be a major challenge to him. Most of the students speak Chinese. Several speak English, as well as their county's national language like Dutch, Spanish, or German or French, etc. Dr. Waite will only have five days, 6 hours per day to challenge the students as he introduces them to the language of the New Testament which is Koine Greek.

ALL GREEK CLASSES TO BE IN ENGLISH NOT CHINESE

These class sessions will NOT have the usual English to Chinese interpreter, as Dr. Waite has had in the past classes. There will be no interpreter! **THE CLASSES WILL BE IN ENGLISH!** So the teacher and his students will have to be more alert and attentive than usual.

MY INTENT: TO VIDEO "GREEK IN BRIEF"

It is my intent to video these classes. If this is feasible, I hope to have the **INTRODUCTORY GREEK CLASS VIDEOS** ready for your personal edification soon. The video will be brief—hopefully, it will be helpful. **If the "GREEK IN BRIEF" CLASS VIDEO turn out to be okay, as well as edifying, you will be able to order it soon. KEEP IN TOUCH!**



A HOUSE CHURCH FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS

As most of you know, WE HAVE A HOUSE CHURCH HERE IN COLLINGSWOOD! Some people wonder about that! **HOUSE CHURCHES** were the "in" thing in New Testament times. Dr. Waite and I have had a church in our house for eighteen years as of this month and year--October 2016! "They" said it wouldn't last--this church in our house—but it has!

WE, NOT ONLY HAVE PEOPLE COME TO OUR HOUSE FOR CHURCH, BUT THERE ARE ALSO INTERNET VIEWERS. THESE VIEWERS ARE A PART OF US. THEY SEE US ON THEIR COMPUTERS (BibleForToday.org [BROWN BOX] at ten o'clock [eastern time] on Sunday mornings, one-thirty eastern on Sunday afternoons, and 8:00 P.M. Thursday nights for PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY. SUCH A BLESSING!

HOUSE CHURCHES

IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES, TOO!

HOUSE CHURCHES were spoken about in the Bible during those New Testament years, too. Many people are mentioned in the book of Acts as well as in the epistles.

Notice how the BELIEVERS PRAYED TOGETHER AT JOHN MARK'S MOTHER'S HOUSE.(Acts 12:12). Then, there were Christians like **Nymphas** who worshiped in a house in Laodicea. (Col. 4:15). We all remember **Priscilla** and **Aquila's** who also had a church in their house in Corinth. Other citizens of Corinth had house churches in their vicinity, too as in (I Corinthians 16:19). We read also in Philemon 1:2 of **Philemon's house church** in his day. We read that **Apphia** and **Archippus** seemed to have attended that church, too. I never realized until now how much **Philemon and his wife and my husband and I** had in common with the Philemon family. We both had church in our houses!

A HOUSE CHURCH IN NEWTONVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS!

There was a house church in Smyrna, too, (Rev.2:8) as well as the one in Pergamos (Rev. 2:12). All this reminds me of the HOUSE CHURCH we had in Newtonville, Massachusetts, over fifty years ago

BEFORE we Waites moved to Collingswood, New Jersey. Who would have thought we would have another HOUSE CHURCH here in South Jersey for all these years! There is nothing wrong with that—it is Scriptural. I wonder what the Apostle Paul would think of the SUPER AGGRESSIVE CHURCHES IN OUR DAY!

OUR COLLINGSWOOD HOUSE CHURCH IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD

SO NOW, FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS THIS OCTOBER (2016)) IN OUR NEW JERSEY HOME, WE WAITES HAVE HAD A CHURCH IN OUR HOME! What a privilege to serve the Lord in this manner, just like our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we read about in the New Testament. And “they” said it wouldn’t last –this church in our house!! “They” were wrong! No church building funds for a church building and all its upkeep with a house church!

It has been a joy for me personally to walk down our second floor steps to the first floor and greet our people who are arriving every Sunday morning. My husband usually stands at the front door and greets the church as the people arrive. After all the “church” is the people! It has been precious to know our people and to love them. Some come for a few months and move on. Others have been with us almost from the beginning.

OUR INTERNET FRIENDS ARE A PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We are not a large group, but we are an eager group—a gathering— of those who want to learn the Bible and sing the old hymns and gospel songs of THE faith! And I must not forget to remind you about our INTERNET FRIENDS. They are as much a part of our church as the ones sitting in our church room.

Church starts at ten o’clock (Eastern) every Sunday morning (eastern time!) FRIENDS CAN SEE US ON THEIR COMPUTER SCREENS BY WAY OF THE INTERNET. They give us their hymn requests on Saturdays & they can call during the BIBLE DISCUSSION TIMES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS @1:30 p.m. WE HAVE PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE TEACHING &/ DISCUSSION PERIODS THURSDAY NIGHTS at 8:00 P.M. (ALL EASTERN TIME), WHEN WE ASK QUESTIONS & GIVE ANSWERS. **CALL 856-261-9018 FOR QUESTIONS AND/OR DISCUSSION & hymn requests.**

THE CHURCH IN OUR HOUSE HAS BEEN A JOY TO ME PERSONALLY.

It has been good to meet our people and to love them. Some come for a few months or for a few weeks or just a day and move on. Others have been with us almost from the beginning. We are not a large group but we are an eager group—a gathering of those who want to learn the Bible and sing the old time hymns and gospel songs. Last week a visitor from California dropped in! It was so good seeing him in person! WHAT A SURPRISE!

Recently, I have become the church pianist. Mr. Carroll, whose musical gift was a blessing to us and to all who viewed our church services around the world on the internet (BibleForToday.org BROWN BOX) ceased being our pianist several years ago. We were saddened to learn of his recent death.

It has fallen upon me—this 89-year-old woman who, with her preacher-husband, has a church in her house—to play the piano! And as I play all those old hymns of my childhood, that we sang way back in that

HUMBLE CHURCH near the Cleveland airport's landing pattern, I am emotionally moved. That was when I was a TEENAGE GIRL before I went to Bible School.

I REMEMBER ALL THOSE EARLY YEARS WHEN GEORGE NIKA WAS THE PASTOR AND THEN PASTOR EARL V. WILLETTS, TOO. All those years my Aunt Norma led the choir and played the old pump organ. That was the little church building--like a one-room school house. Yes, that church at the edge of the Cleveland airport holds dear memories! That little building is gone now and the ground upon which it stood is part of the landing field for Cleveland International Airport. I understand it was moved to another part of town, but I don't know where. I remember MY HUSBAND AND MY WEDDING DAY! **August 27, 1948, was the day that changed my life forever!** Yes, I remember our Christian friends in that church and can recall their faces as I write to you. Yes, I remember our wedding day!

So as I play all those old hymns and gospel songs here at the BIBLE FOR TODAY BAPTIST CHURCH. I remember those precious church days when my heart was tender towards the things of God! I remember those precious church days when I played the piano in that little Ohio church that is now a part of the Cleveland International Airport runways. Occasionally we fly into that airport and I look down from my window and try to remember just where that dear church of my teen age year used to be.

Yes, that was the same little one-room humble church building when Dr. Waite and I were married! Several of my church girl friends got married that same summer of 1948, but none of them wanted their wedding ceremony to be in our humble, tiny church building. But I did. I wanted to be married in the same building where I heard the Bible taught by our pastors and to hear our wedding songs sung & accompanied by the same pump organ that we all loved. **WHAT A FELLOWSHIP! WHAT A JOY DIVINE! THANK GOD FOR GRAYTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH!**

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR DR. WAITE

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