

# The Baptist Tabernacle of Los Angeles

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Dear Friend:

My sermons are now translated word-for-word into Mongolian. It is the 29th language on our website. In October 82,155 computers in over 200 countries went to our sermons. From the daily count, Dr. Cagan says that number will go up to over 90,000 different computers in November. Since each computer is only counted once a month, this means that at least 90,000 people in over 200 countries will read my sermon manuscripts in their own language. That is incredible! Many of those people will also look at the videos of the sermons, which are preached each Sunday morning and evening in three languages. I preach in English and Mr. Song translates into Chinese, followed by Mr. Mencia translating in Spanish. Years ago I saw Billy Graham do this in Hong Kong. He gave a sentence or two in English, followed by a translation in Mandarin, and then a translation in Cantonese. Since my preaching style is somewhat similar to Mr. Graham's (short sentences and simple words) I thought we might be able to do that as well. And it worked! Now people all over the world can watch videos of my sermons in English, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish. I preach from a word-for-word manuscript to make this possible. We started putting the sermons on YouTube a few months ago as well. Nearly 2,000 people a month now watch the sermons on YouTube, in addition to the 90,000 who read them and watch them on our website. We are particularly thrilled that we had over 35,000 visits (hits) from people in Muslim countries, reading the sermons in their own language! The Internet takes the Gospel everywhere! We had about 40,000 visits from China and 36,400 from India. We are looking for someone to translate the sermons into Greek, Norwegian and Swedish. If you know anyone who might want to do that please let me know. We pay a stipend for each translation. When we have them in those three languages, we will cover the 32 main languages of the world! Please take a look at our website at [www.realconversion.com](http://www.realconversion.com). And please pray for this ministry of our church to the entire world!

In February we had a banquet celebrating Chinese New Year and Dr. Kreighton Chan, the assistant pastor of our church, preached. Mr. Nieves Salazar, a long-time member of our church, went to be with the Lord in March. Dr. Robert L. Sumner preached for us four times on Easter weekend. My friend Ron Clark played the violin and the Sikele family, from Fiji, provided special music. Dr. Bill Hathaway, a long-time missionary to the Japanese, spoke and we celebrated his wife Margaret's 90th birthday. Our friend Pastor Tim Sneed passed away suddenly in San Diego a few days after his 50th birthday. Dr. Cagan went with Ileana and me to his funeral in August. On Labor Day weekend I taught several times on Bible prophecy at our annual camp, which we have held right in our church building for several years. It goes from Friday through Monday. We serve seven meals to those who attend, and we call it "Camp in the City." Nearly all our people come to this event.

This Fall we celebrated the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival with a banquet, and many Chinese people attended. David Hymers, my distant cousin from England, and his wife Alison were here in Los Angeles and spent an evening with us in our home. David and Alison are from the village where my grandfather was born in the United Kingdom. A few weeks earlier the Queen made David a "Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts," so he now has the honor of putting FRSA after his name! I only wish my father were alive to see a Hymers receive such a distinction. David is the head of a world-wide company.

Our son Leslie manages the branch of David's company in the Los Angeles area. Leslie and his brother Wesley are with us in church every Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday evening. I thank God for them. Rev. Gary Long was here on September 27, speaking about the great English preacher C. H. Spurgeon. That same weekend Ileana and I celebrated our 32nd wedding anniversary. A week later Ileana's father, Rafael Cuellar, came up from Guatemala to celebrate his 84th birthday with us.

In early November, Ileana and I travelled to Marin County in Northern California to attend the wedding of Jon Riley and Elena Saenz. Jon is the son of my long-time friends, Rev. Mike and Mona Riley. Mike is the pastor of the church I started there many years ago. We spent all day Sunday with Roger and Ava Hoffman at the church he pastors nearby. Roger, Mike, Rev. Mark Buckley and others were with us when we started The Church of the Open Door in Marin over forty years ago. On November 22 I baptized my daughter-in-law Jin Hymers, Freddie Moton, Beverly Nickell, Noah Song, Taro Zabalaga and Tina Zhou. The next day we held our annual Thanksgiving banquet. Dr. Cagan, the associate pastor of our church, gave a powerful sermon that night. In December Ileana and I attended the retirement banquet of Dr. Jackson Lau, a pastor who has been a friend of mine for 53 years. We are planning a big Christmas banquet for December 21. Ron Clark and Debbie Hyde-Duby will play live Christmas music at the banquet. Dr. Jerry Rankin will be with us to speak on evangelism in the Arabic world. Dr. Bill Hathaway and his wife Margaret will be with us on New Year's Eve. Bill will preach at our Watchnight service. May each of you have a wonderful Christmas and a God-blessed New Year!



Dr. Hymers with Rev. Michael Riley and his two sons Jon and Jared, at Jon's wedding in Northern California. Jon is on Dr. Hymers' left.

Yours in Jesus' Name,

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Philippians 4:13

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Dr. Hymers joking with his mother-in-law, Linda Arredondo, at his 73rd birthday party.



Jackie Chen, celebrating his birthday with some of the other Chinese kids in our church.

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David Cagan cheering at his brother's graduation.



John Samuel Cagan with Dr. and Mrs. Cagan at his graduation.



Ileana's father, Rafael, at his 84th birthday party.



Dr. and Mrs. Hymers' 32nd wedding anniversary, with (left to right) Dr. Cagan, Wesley, Ileana's mother, Ileana, Dr. Hymers, Leslie and his wife Jin.



Timothy Chan, at his graduation from law school, with his brother Philip, his grandmother and his father, Dr. Chan.



Mrs. Hymers' birthday in April, 2014.

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Mr. Nieves Salazar's funeral.



Mrs. Emma Salazar with Dr. Hymers at her husband's funeral.



Dr. Robert L. Sumner with Dr. Hymers.



Bill Hathaway and his wife Margaret on her 90th birthday, with Dr. and Mrs. Hymers.



The "Thirty-Nine" – the original members of our church who paid for our church building in the civic center of Los Angeles.



Taro Zabalaga at his graduation from college.

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