

*From the editor*

This time, we'd like to share with you a message, "Two Olive Trees" delivered by Pastor Peter at the *Church of the Wind* on August 17, 2013.

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## Two Olive Trees

Peter

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

(Amos 8:11-12)

The very time is rapidly approaching. No, it is already starting. People are searching for the living word of God, but it is not available. They are desperately seeking for genuine resource and power of living, but cannot find it. Ours is the age of abundant materials and information. While there are millions of hungry children in some parts of the world, we are struggling to reduce our intake of foods. A famine is actually happening. It is, the Bible prophesies, a famine of hearing the word of God.

The word of God. Yes, it is what all people in the east and in the west are desperately seeking. Even though a majority of people are ignorant of what they seek, it is

nothing but the pure word of God. Divine Logos is the only food that satisfies man's soul. Nevertheless, the true food is scarce, for a famine of hearing the words of God is prevailing all over the world.

There has never been a time like ours in history. We have many printed Bibles and abundant biblical information, and yet we are in a famine of *hearing* the word of God. It is not a lack of the Bible as the printed matter, but a famine of hearing the words of God. Faith comes from hearing the words of God, as it is written in Romans 10:17. Without faith, there is no word of God in the purest sense.

The shadow of nihilism is covering the whole earth, and people are losing the capacity to listen to the voice of God. Beneath the bustle of big cities, there are roaring monsters of nihilism to swallow millions of souls. Behold, the hideous monsters are rampaging all over the world.

We must stop this tide. Our world is being invaded by nihilism. We must establish a station to broadcast the genuine words of God against the tide. I mean it both spiritually and physically.

This is the reason why the *House of Life* needs to be constructed on the same shore where the *Church of the Wind* is. The *House of Life* is to nourish people with the divine word of God. It is the station to declare the living word of God to all over the world. Against the present tide of nihilism, the *House* will be the center of Life and Word of God. It will testify the supernatural reality of the Lord in the eschatological world.

The Lord has given me a scripture for the *House of Life*. It is so astounding that at first I thought it was my mishearing. Now, however, I believe it is from the Lord:

And I will grant my *two witnesses* authority to prophesy for one thousand two hundred sixty days, wearing sackcloth. These are *the two olive trees and the two lampstands* that stand before the Lord of the earth. (Revelation 11:3-4)

In the end time, there shall be two prophets as the representatives of the kingdom of God, and they shall demonstrate the power of God to the mocking world. Nothing will stop their charismatic exhibition on the world stage. They shall witness the supernatural God in the supernatural ways until the appointed time.

Prior to their appearance, however, the Lord God shall give two signs to this generation. They are two forerunners to initiate the divine reality in the end-time generation.

With the above scripture from the book of Revelation, I perceive, the Lord means that the *Church of the Wind* and the *House of Life* are the two witnesses!

When the *Church of the Wind* was completed in Ashiya, Japan, and inaugurated on December 3, 2008, both Mitsuko and I felt that the Lord would set up another building in the vicinity. He gave us a name for it, the *House of Life*. It shall be a house of prayer. It shall also be a lodging place, for the *Church of the Wind* has no accommodation for people, and many are expected to come to worship at the *Church of the Wind* from all corners of the world.

Another building? That would be wonderful if we had limitless funds. However, having already spent an astronomical amount of money, almost 12 million dollars for the Church, we were hesitant to ask our people for another donation just for a lodging place. “No, that’s not right,” I murmured, “the House should never be equal to the Church.

It got to be built a lot cheaper than the Church.”

Thus, we have had less enthusiasm and prayer for the House compared to the Church. Yet the Lord has granted us the construction fee of a little over 4 million dollars before the summer of 2013. The amount was estimated by the architect who did a magnificent work for the *Church of the Wind*. We have full trust in his sincerity and architecture ability. He has earned an award for the best architecture in Asia because of the *Church of the Wind*.

Recently, however, when we contacted him for the construction of the House, he informed us that the surrounding circumstances had dramatically changed in the recent years. The 3.11 tsunami disaster which hit northeastern Japan in 2011 has changed all. The construction fee for materials and workers has soared so much that he had to recalculate the whole project and came back with another 3.5 million dollars!

That is just too much. “I don’t want it,” was my initial reaction. “It is the same amount of money as the *Church of the Wind*. We cannot spend *that* much for a lodging place.”

Mitsuko and I boggled. Mitsuko, however, restored herself quickly when she heard the inner voice:

*Which do you want to keep,  
money or the House of Life?*

Then and there she resolved. “Well, the Lord will do it, won’t He? I’ve made up my mind. After all, this is not our own doing. Since He says He will make it, He will make it happen!”

That’s great. A-little-faith Peter was obliged to pray by himself. And a few days later, he was jubilant. “Ya, you’re right. The Lord says that He will erect the *House of Life*.

Money will not be a factor.”

“At that time I didn’t say the whole sentence I had heard,” said Mitsuko.

“What was it?”

“Three and a half million dollars. So what?”

Well, well. It is the Lord who says so. After all, He is the One who can move a mountain through our prayer. He must provide whatever needed in due time.

For the first time, I felt seeing God’s vision on the *House of Life*. It is not a mere lodging place for people who come to worship at the *Church of the Wind*, but it is the womb of the divine Life. It is the healing center of Christ. It is the house of prayer for all peoples. It is the power house for the word of God to go forth.

It is not a mere addition to the *Church of the Wind*. Olive trees, I heard from a gardener, are to be planted as a pair because a single tree cannot bear fruit. The House is as important and precious as the *Church of the Wind*. Both are equal in the sight of God. They are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord God. Together they play a vital role on the world stage in the eschatological age.

As I meditated on the House, the word “Two” or “Twin” came to me. As I asked the Lord for further understanding, the Spirit showed me two vitals in the Bible. As an ellipse has two centers, so does the Bible: the cross and the resurrection. One cannot function without the other.

Such are the *Church of the Wind* and the *House of Life* in the divine project of God for this generation. The Lord will bring forth new things through the twin places. The *Church of the Wind* is for worship. Here we experience pure worship in the Spirit. The *House of Life* is for the word of

God to nourish us.

I do not know exactly how the House will carry out her divine mission. However, I am fully convinced that it will play the most vital role in the final stage of God's salvation history.

Now join us with your prayer, and realize the divine dream of God.

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