

# PRESSING ON IN 2019

## CONTINUING IN PRAYER

*"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving"*

*~ Colossians 4:2*

### 1. Continuing Life in Christ

- a. Looking back on what sort of work, how we did it, have we been faithful?
- b. Life in Christ does not consist in the ever-changing, always new
- c. Life in Christ consists of acknowledging truth and joyfully continuing in him
- d. Phi 1:25-26 – He will abide and continue ... furtherance and joy of faith... abounding
- e. Persistence, faithfulness, continuing, without ceasing, everlasting... life
- f. Prayer is how we acknowledge, further faith – we must continue in prayer

### 2. Persistent Prayer

- a. Eph 6:18 – "*praying always*"... not 24/7 and not spiritualized "my life is a prayer"
  - i. "*watching*" → not asleep, but looking forward, attending to the thing prayed
  - ii. "*perseverance*" → Continual, persistent, steadfast, without ceasing – 1Th 5:17
- b. How much to supply? Acc. to how Christ has supplied you – Phi 4:19, 2 Co 9:8, 9:15
- c. What is persistent? There is no law, but at least twice a day seems reasonable.
- d. Paul prayed night and day - 1 Tim 5:5, 2 Tim 1:3, 1 Thess 3:10
- e. Persistent prayer (in thanksgiving) leads to faithfulness/sanctification – 1 Tim 4:16, 4:4-5

### 3. Continuing in 2019

- a. Evaluation: Where were we? Where are we going? Are we on track?
  - i. Let's stop what does not work, let's continue in what does.
  - ii. What obstacles do we see ahead?
- b. We did a lot of work that was not online; organization, Q&A, children's class, meals, conversations, guests/visitors, seminar, ambassadors workshop, fairs, growing together, faithful man projects, evangelism days
- c. Col 2:5 – I was gone 2 months, and the ministry continued. Praise God, thank you.
- d. Care and compassion – Thank you for making me the recipient of it this year.
- e. Every part of the body supplies, no piece stands alone – Eph 4:16
- f. Lessons coming up – Joy of the Lord, Old man v new man, fear/confidence, canon, women in ministry, purpose of family, home worship
- g. Next year – more ministry, growing babies, maturing children, creating faithful workmen.
- h. We end 2018 thankful for what has been done... God's grace was sufficient - Phi 3:13
- i. Praying for what will be: a year of continual growth in the Lord and his grace – 1Tim 2:4