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China

St Teresa and St John of the Cross translated into Chinese using the simplified script

Taiwan, December 31, 2014 (Communicationes).- St Teresa of Jesus' *Book of her Life* and the *Way of Perfection* and St John of the Cross's *Dark Night* and *Ascent of Mt Carmel* have been published in Chinese in Taiwan, using the simplified Chinese script.

The Xinde Catholic publishing house in Shijiazhuang has brought out both editions.

This was one of the projects encouraged by the centre of the Order for the fifth centenary of the birth of Saint Teresa of Jesus.

The Fifth Centenary Foundation and CITeS were the two main institutions behind bringing this project to the light. Sr Clara Jiang, of the Missionary Sisters of Bérriz, has been the soul of the initiative.

The Camino de Luz

The Camino de Luz shows devotion for Saint Teresa in the United States and Asia

Indonesia, December 31, 2014 (Communicationes).

The stage of the Camino de Luz in the United States aroused enormous interest that was not limited to the Carmelite communities of San Antonio (Texas) and San Francisco (California). Even the very popular North-American media, such as Fox News or Ksat television chains, made mention of the historic Carmelite pilgrimage and interviewed members of the team.

In Korea, the Camino de Luz was received with a press conference with the Apostolic Nuncio followed by a massive Eucharistic celebration.

Already in Taipei (Taiwan, China), in one of the largest parishes that the Discalced Carmelite Order has in Asia, a solemn Mass had been celebrated in the presence of the Vatican Nuncio, three Bishops, 22 priests and more than 1,200 in the congregation.

In Indonesia the Teresian relic was received in Bajawa with cultural dances. This was followed by a procession through the city to the novitiate where, as in the rest of the liturgical acts, many people took part.

All the videos and photos of the Camino de Luz can be seen in:

www.stj500.com/caminodeluz

Tangier

Celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Tangier's foundation in Morocco

Tangier-Morocco, December 31, 2014 (Communications).- The Tangier's Community.- We thank the Lord for having granted us to celebrate 80 years of Carmel's presence in this land. Thanks to the nuns who began this adventure, thanks to those who have persevered. As His Grace, our Archbishop, said at the Solemn Eucharist on 13th, we give thanks to God for his call, for his Love and his grace, which accompany us each day.

We also thank God for the great gift of the presence of our Father General, Saverio Cannistrà, who wanted to come to share these days with us. We were able to speak with him, to laugh and share hopes, joys and concerns...

The Archbishop presided at the Solemn Eucharist for the 80th anniversary, while Fr General gave the homily. The Mass was solemn, beautiful, simple and very moving. Religious and friends filled the chapel and, as an exceptional happening, our Muslim friends, since in Morocco this is not normally permitted. Among them were the bricklayer, painter, contractor, carpenter with his child, and even a neighbour with her three young children. Everyone was happy.

The hymns had been rehearsed for a long time. We dared to sing the offertory in French – taught to us by Sr Laetitia in August. The final hymn was in Arabic and had been taught to us by Fr Joel, a venerable Franciscan Priest who live in distant Mekinés, but in Spring was our professor in Arabic. For Communion we could not miss St Teresa's *Vuestra Soy*. There was the family spirit which is found each day in this tiniest of churches.

Thus, Fr Saverio got to know *first hand* this tiny flock in the Land of Islam, their Pastor, Mons. Santiago Agrelo ofm, and nearly all the other Franciscan Friars in the Custody of Morocco, the religious, committed laity and our friends and neighbours, faithful to their Muslim faith.

Collection

The collection for Wadi es-Siah has reached one hundred thousand Euros

Israel, December 31, 2014 (Communications).- P. Attilio Ghisleri.- During the meeting held in spring between the General Council of the Order of Carmelites and the General Definitory of the Discalced Carmelites it was decided to make an extraordinary collection in their communities, for the purpose of assisting the restoration and conservation of the ruins of the first Carmelite monastery in Wadi es-Siah on Mt Carmel in Israel.

Amongst the Discalced Carmelites, thanks to the collaboration of an infinity of communities, the collection reached 100,000 Euros.

After the restoration carried out in the seventies, the ruins of the first monastery, as well as the beautiful natural environment surrounding them, have been gradually deteriorating.

For this reason, the collection money will be used for certain conservation works to the structure, protection of the place and reorganizing the access for pilgrims who arrive at Mount Carmel in order to pray and meditate in the place where the first hermits dwelt, beside Elijah's spring.

Taken for granted is that this work will be coordinated with the authorities of Haifa city.