

Thursday



## Breaking Away Homosexuality

"I have been inclined to homosexuality since my childhood and up to the time before my belief in the Lord. My parents were divorced when I was one year old. I have been living with my father and grandmother since my early age. My grandmother was very strict. I was introverted and felt inferior. My classmates often bullied and assaulted me. Being unable to resist, I accepted myself as a homosexual. I consulted a psychological counselor after I had got a job. The counselor encouraged me to restore the relationship with my parents. I believed in the Lord in my homeland in 2016; then I realized that homosexuality was a sin. I repented completely and was relieved. I am now 27 years' old. I have broken away such sin completely since I believe in the Lord."

(Brother Du, Yunnan Province)

- ✚ Glory to the Lord! Ask the Lord to lead the future of the brother. Also pray that the Lord will open an opportunity for his ministry so that he can help friends with the same trouble out of homosexuality through his glorious testimony.

## Treatment Camp

In Fuyang city of Anhui, parents of an 18-year-old boy decided to send their son, Li, to a boot camp for the internet-addicted. But within two days he was found "bizarre dead" with more than 20 injuries over the body. This camp claimed to adopt a positive approach in treatment with psychological guidance followed by military and fitness training. The boot camp has been shut down and all the children have discharged home as the investigation continues. Moreover, its director and four members of staff have been detained in connection with the boy's death.

("CCTV News", August 14, 2017)

- ✚ It is reported that in 65 treatment organizations nationwide, most of their practitioners were veterans who bore no knowledge in psychology or medical field. May our Lord soothe the sorrow and anger of the parents from losing their son. Pray that there are more stringent controls from the Government on these centers. Most of all, may the truth of the case be soon revealed.

Friday



## Runaway Son

"It has been 7 months since my son ran away from home; not even answering our phone calls, to protest against my husband and me for wanting him to get a job. We truly blame ourselves for not giving enough time with him, to share and care for him. We mostly thought of getting him sufficient food and clothing rather. Such awareness arrives too late - my son is 27 years old now. He was a believer and had joined the church for about a year before losing interest of going anymore. In fact, our church is rather desolate these days; if there were no Radio Liangyou we would not have any spiritual growth. I repented all my weakness and wrongs to God whom I can entrust my son to."

(Sister Wang, Jiangsu Province)

- ✚ Pray for Sister Wang that the Lord will bring her son home soon. May God remove sister's guilty feeling but strengthen her on the process of reconciliation with her son.

## The Lord in Yunnan

Twenty-six ethnic minorities are found scattering in the colorful province, Yunnan. This region in the southwest corner has been blessed by God long ago. Missionaries entered the mountainous area and proclaimed the love of Christ with words and life witnesses among different tribes more than 130 years ago. Among them, Miao, Lisu and Nu responded to the gospel most actively and many of their villages converted to Christianity. Great improvements were made in their living conditions and humanistic life with the help of the missionaries. Nowadays many Christians there drift along without goals and have been secularized under the pressure of life.

- ✚ Ask the Lord to revive the churches of these ethnic minorities. Please pray that the Lord will use them to bless the nearby tribes who have not accepted His grace and salvation yet. Please pray for the different minorities broadcastings from FEBC. Ask the Lord to use these programs to lead people to return to Him. Also pray for the production of the Large Flowery Miao program which is being planned. Ask the Lord to help the churches of this tribe be nurtured and blessed by the program.

Saturday



## Schizophrenia

"I became a Christian since 1993 and I listened to your program with shortwave radio in the past. Thanks to the Lord that we can listen to it through online app nowadays. Now, I request brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for my daughter who has been suffering from schizophrenia (or spirit attachment) since March 2010 when she was away for work. Since then, most of her time has been spent in the hospital, causing great pain and mental torture to herself and the entire family. I thus cordially, via Radio Liangyou, to ask more brothers and sisters to pray for her; to beg for God's healing and to cast out devils and get my daughter recovered soon. Thank you Lord!"

(Canaan Grass)

- ✚ Pray that the family has the wisdom to distinguish between mental illness and spirit attachment in order to let their daughter properly treated. May God prepare the daughter of Canaan Grass good medical doctors. And with faith and lots of prayers from others, she is healed and free from the sufferings caused by mental disorder.

## Gospel Broadcasting

- 1 Audience Response:** 7,481 audience responses received in July. Download volume of online programs was more than 1.78 million times. Listening time on the WeChat Tongxing Channel exceeded 33,000 hours. Download volume via WeChat was more than 60,000 times! 58 new students were admitted to Liangyou Theological Seminary (496 students have accumulated so far this year). Thanks to the Lord's protection and care. Pray that the Lord will continue to use the programs to bless and help the audience.
- 2 LTS Development:** Thank the God for blessing and using the Liangyou Theological Seminary which is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. The theme of the celebration is "Mobilizing, Passing On and Developing". The LTS has developed into a large-scale theological seminary in the air after many years of hard work. Most of the graduates have had better services in various churches. There are also many students joining full-time pastoral ministries and missionary services.

# China News and Prayer

## Sep/Oct 2017



Dear Warriors in Christ,

All FEBC Hong Kong staff take part in morning chapel at 8:30 daily. They take turns hosting the prayers in which each of them has prayed wonderfully. Last month a co-worker shared the witnesses of missionaries who were killed due to the Boxer Rebellion more than a hundred years ago. After the chapel, I read the records again and found that their voice of life witnesses was still loud. "We live for the sake of the Lord and China, and also die for the Lord and China," said Carl L. Lundberg. "I have no regrets of coming to China; the only regret is that I have only done so little," said Elizabeth Atwater.

Recently I have read Lu Xun's "Wandering" (Pang Huang) again. In "Well Wishes" the first question asked by a woman named as Xianglin when she met Lu Xun was "Do people have any soul after they have died?" Lu Xun replied unexpectedly: It is hard to tell. Lu Xun depicted a painful woman's fate vividly in front of his readers to make them think about what are "Well Wishes". A hundred years have passed. China has become the second largest economy in the world. However, China has moved from the era of 40 million souls suffering a hundred years ago to the era of 1.3 billion people raising their heads proudly today!

The theme for Radio Liangyou in 2018 has been fixed. In our meeting, we have agreed to replace the "firewood" with the "heart of fire" and to "pass on the mission". That means "passing the heart of fire to the next generation". Visions and complicated ministry plans will be reported by our Executive Director and senior management continuously. You will hear the increases of live broadcast, increases of production diversification and so on. However, there is something consistent and unchanged, which is our earnest hope and efforts for the salvation of compatriots. Even if there is a change, we will only ask the Lord to help us follow the examples of wise predecessors and dare to say amidst grace, "We live for the sake of the Lord and China!" This is our prayer. Amen!

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Sunday



### Moved to Tears

"My younger brother has much discomfort after his surgery and he needs my care more. He has just finished his second operation. I have read your letter of reply to him and he is moved. Many of his friends (who are believers) came to visit him from various places before his operation. They gave him and our family a lot of confidence and encouragement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone and the Lord! This trial has made our family more united and close to God. What is more worthy of thanksgiving is my father's gradual acceptance of God. The next issue is my younger brother's postoperative rehabilitation and consolidated treatment. Please pray for all these!"

(Huanhuan)

- ⌘ Please pray for Huanhuan's family. Please pray that the Lord will heal Huanhuan's younger brother who will receive suitable treatment and recover soon; and that he can experience the Lord's love and powerful healing. Also pray that their father will accept the Lord and the whole family will be blessed by the Lord's grace.

### Jiuzhaigou Earthquake

A magnitude-7 earthquake in Jiuzhaigou on August 8 has killed at least 25 lives and caused 525 injuries while 6 were still missing. The search and rescue work was basically over, with tourists evacuated and victims settled down. Electricity, water supply, traffic, and communication are all operating like normal now. However, will the quake-hit Jiuzhaigou regain its beauty? Many people concern about this. Fortunately, experts found the overall damage on Jiuzhaigou's picturesque landscape not serious as the majority of them are kept intact; mudslides or so may follow, but in a controllable manner. In short, time will heal and Jiuzhaigou is going to restore its former glory in the future.

("Sichuan Online", August 14, 2017)

- ⌘ Please pray for the subsequent restoration of Jiuzhaigou. May her former glory be restored; those who are frightened be comforted and their homes swiftly rebuilt. As Christians, we should pray and be prepared for the days of the last day.

Monday



### Fear

"I was upset that mother scolded me for hanging out with a cell group that I lately joined, twice, for festivals. I fear that my family would mistake my purpose of attending church; and out of fear I dare to share my hard feeling with them. Lest the growth of misunderstanding, which may lead to further verbal attack from my family, I avoided bumping into anyone from the cell group. I blocked all messages from nor giving any replies to them. Hoping for no more verbal abuse, that I have been enduring since my early childhood, I am cautious about going to church. Getting love is all I want. As there should be no fear in love, may the Lord cast out my fear and inner struggle but brave me enough to go to church to worship Him."

(Sister Chen)

- ⌘ Pray for Sister Chen that the Lord would cast out her inner fear; help her open herself to communicate with her family and other believers. Let her know that no fear is big enough to hinder her in seeking our God.

### Autistic Children

Recently a number of parents reported that their children were "brutally treated" by teachers during their rehabilitation training at Changping campus of Senxi Education in Beijing. Beijing Senxi Education is an institute of rehabilitation training targeted mainly at autistic children. Its targets of enrollment are students whose perception and coordinating abilities are poorer, and they are aged between two and six. According to a monitoring video recorded, the teachers involved did not follow the standard procedures during training. Responding to this case, a person in charge of Senxi Education said that "serious mistakes" were really found in the behavior of the teachers involved. Two teachers have been dismissed.

("The Beijing News", August 15, 2017)

- ⌘ Professional knowledge and rigorous practicing skills are required to give rehabilitation training to special students whose perception and coordinating abilities are poorer. Only these can cater for the needs of the special children and facilitate their growth substantially. Please pray that the institute of special education can possess the professional standards and rigorous attitudes.

Tuesday



### Worry about Pregnancy

"Although my husband does not believe in the Lord, he is very encouraged after I have told him my joy of communicating with you. I write to you this time because I want to ask you to pray for my good friend, Ms Yue. She is willing to believe that there is a god but she still has not accepted Jesus as the Master of her life. I have prayed for her for two or three years. She is pregnant eventually after she has struggled to wait and made constant efforts for several years. But the result of her medical check-up is very unsatisfactory. She is afraid to have ectopic pregnancy. So the fear has filled in her heart. Please pray that God will take away her fear, and put peaceful and joyful thoughts in her heart."

(Weiwei)

- ⌘ Please pray for the Lord's grace and selection so that Ms Yue can make a decision to accept Jesus and gain peace from the Lord. Also pray that she will learn to put her fear and worry in the hands of the Lord. Ask the Lord to keep her baby safe and healthy and let her experience the amazing grace of God.

### Assisted Reproduction

The new 2-child Policy has brought great hope to a part of aged women or families that have lost their only child. In China, women over the age of 45 or families wanting to have more children all rush to seek for assisted reproduction to try their luck for multiple pregnancies. Despite its strong demand, the success rate of IVF for 45-year-old female is around 5%; rather grim in general, medically speaking. In fact, issues on multiple pregnancies or fertility in advanced age have become national. The Reproductive Branch Committee of Chinese Medical Association is therefore, in view of this, undergoing research and discussion on the necessity of drawing a bottom line on the age for pregnancy.

("China Youth Daily", August 15, 2017)

- ⌘ Assisted reproduction can on the one hand bring hopes to people, but on the other hand stir up ethical issue to the public. May the Lord mercy us and let the world understand that life is not a good but a gift; it is not human but God who take charge of the meaning of every birth.

Wednesday



### I am Divorced

"When I think of my child, my heart aches, reminding me of an irreversible mistake that I made (I'm divorced). I am now pretty much snubbed by the people in church, as if I were not even a gentile. Our pastor is super busy whereas a sister in charge of church management said my disobedience to God yielded me all my mishaps! Ironically, some unbelieving friends showed me their concerns and treated me as usual. Grateful that I am inspired and comforted by a sister whom I met on Internet. Besides, I once hated my mother for growing me up in a broken family, but now I get to understand the hardship that she had been through."

(Xueqin)

- ⌘ There are several issues disturbing Xueqin in the meantime: Life after divorce; judgements from other believers; and the guilty feeling inside her. May our Lord strengthen her and grant her peace when facing and fixing the consequences of her decisions.

### MLM Scam

A female college student, Lin, from Hunan province lost her mind and jumped into the water to get drown while she was coercively persuaded at a riverbank to joining the MLM activity. The deceased was suckered into MLM organization in Hubei when looking for a summer job. Suspects confessed instantly about their confinement to Lin as they were arrested. Li Xu, an anti-MLM folk commented that "The unfortunate case of Lin manifested the northern approach of MLM: Launching online recruitment by which most of the hooked are youngsters; sleeping together on the floor; using false imprisonment and force suppression; may end up in some casualties." Four departments including Ministry of Education and Ministry of Public Security then decided to launch a 3-month crackdown to stop and eradicate cheaters from baiting job seekers with guises of "entrepreneurship and employment" into MLM scams.

("China National Radio", August 14, 2017)

- ⌘ Violent MLM is not only a crime; it reveals the sinful nature of human too. Pray for the success of government's crackdown on MLM syndicates and may gospel bring changes to the heart of people.