

Thursday



Where to Meet Up?

"I was born in 1970 and had been working in the construction industry since 1987. I got cerebral thrombosis in early 2009 and cancer in 2013. I have no work now. The Lord is so good that I can never thank HIM enough. My church is in Beijing. We started meetings in a rented house since 2003. It was in fact one of our five meeting points. As meeting at home was officially prohibited, we hence shifted to meet at a small bungalow. This year, nevertheless, when all bungalows in Beijing were torn down by the government, we have nowhere to go! The situation is typically tough for our senior members who have troubles in walking. Besides, financial difficulty is another great concern."

(Brother Zhang)

✚ May our Lord have mercy on Brother Zhang and his ministry in the church. Pray that the Lord will prepare meeting places for his church fellows and provide needed financial resources for the church to make their desire to worship God achieved.

Forced Consumption

A video showing how a female tour-guide pressed her customers to buy a RMB1,680 ticket-package has received much attention online. In it, the guide stated "The Snow Village has used the first 9 months of a year sharpening its knife to prepare for the slaughter of sheep at the very last three months. You tourists are the sheep." She continued that their tour fees were by no means able to cover all their expenses on meal, lodging and transportation, meaning that all "optional" items were in fact not optional. The National Tourism Administration called for a vigorous investigation into the complaints. Warning was issued and the tourism authorities in Heilongjiang province had summoned the heads of travel agencies across the country to strengthen their management upon tour guides.

("China News", January 15, 2018)

✚ Pray that the National Tourism Administration can effectively supervise the operation of the whole tourism industry and the tourist market in order to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of the vast numbers of tourists.

Friday



Weak and Sick

"Please pray for my girlfriend Sister Wang. She is deeply troubled by various illnesses: bronchitis, heart attack, high blood pressure, chest tightness, palpitation, stomach ache and bloating. She can't eat much or else nausea. Despite doctors' consultation from various hospitals, her illness is yet cured. She has to make daily school run for her little girl who could be quite lousy sometimes. May the Lord forgive her sins, in the name of the Lord! May God bless you all!"

(Brother Cheng)

✚ Pray for Lord's healing on sister Wang. May the Lord prepare her a doctor who can tackle her problem from the root. Protect her and grant her peace during her rest for recovery. May God also provide angels around to help her care for her daughter and do the daily chores.

The Bai Families

With a population of 1.93 million, Bai is an ethnic minority with long history and splendid culture in southwest China. It is also the 15th largest ethnic minority in China. Bai people have lived for generations in four provinces: Yunnan, Guizhou, Hunan and Hubei. Their level of education is relatively high. In the 19th century, there were missionaries who went to Dali to spread the gospel. It is estimated that there are about 50,000 believers at present. It is learnt from Bai believers that the traditional family values has faced impact in the urbanization process of the Bai community. Many couples and families have faced the anguish of divorce. In response to this social issue, local leaders of believers collaborate with gospel broadcasting in their efforts to produce radio programs on marriage and family. They are prepared to broadcast to their Bai compatriots at the end of March this year and guide them to return to the right way with the truth taught in the bible.

✚ Please pray for the Bai families so that they can still maintain good relationship in the process of social changes. Ask the Lord to use families of Bai believers who have good testimonies. May God bless the production and broadcast of the programs on marriage and family.

Saturday



Peculiar Judgment

"I have been praying for my marriage since my age of 25. I am 30 years old at present. But I am still a single woman. Peculiar judgment of others makes me feel very stressed and scared. I have lost faith in praying. I have refused to have a date with many non-Christians in order to conform to Christian principles. Currently I have been overage and teased by others. Is God true? I seem to be ignored regarding this issue of marriage. Do I have to persist anymore?"

(Sister Feifei)

✚ Please pray for Sister Feifei. Ask the Lord to comfort her heart and give her the courage to face the judgment of others without fear. Pray that she can understand the true meaning of marriage, expand her vision to face life, build up self-confidence and develop more interests. Also ask the Lord to strengthen her faith and remove her psychological fear so that she will not lose her confidence while waiting for marriage.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Mainland Broadcast:** In order to enhance the broadcasting to the coastal provinces, we have added a half-hour live broadcast program "The Starry Night" on MW channel every day since the late-October last year. In addition, the live broadcast of "This is The Day" has also been extended from three days to five days per week. The newly launched gospel program "What a Wonderful Life" is well received. Please pray for the production and effectiveness of our programs. We hope that more listeners will be blessed and nurtured via the words of God.

2 **Local Broadcast:** We have participated in the RTHK-CIBS radio program, "Unto the End of the Earth". Its broadcast finished in early January this year. The responses of listeners are quite good and have been covered by local Christian media. Moreover, to sum up Sooradio in last three quarters: the download volume of the App has exceeded 4,000 times and the average monthly download figure of listening is about 10,000. Please pray for our local broadcasting ministry.

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

During this new year, the "2018 Religious Affairs Ordinance" came into effect on February 1. Those who want to be disciples of the Lord should be well prepared under the new policy. "These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." (1 Peter 1:7) Ask the faithful Lord to strengthen our faith!

Our excitement is that we will have many opportunities this year to review the past 60 years of FEBC Hong Kong. We should have a deeper understanding of God's guidance and learn more from our predecessors. God has called His children of different temperaments and gifts at different ages to spread the gospel to the end of the earth in different ways. "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14) Please pray that the Lord of all nations will use our testimonies to bless many people!

The world is changing rapidly and there is warfare in the spiritual realm at the present age. If there is darkness above us, how can we gain an insight into everything and understand the work behind? "The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments." (1 Corinthians 2:15) As a disciple, he needs to pray for the ability to distinguish the order of priorities and understand the importance of praying. Stillness is before motion; silence is before speech; and praying is before planning. When I was young, my sister gave me a poster: "Do not pray for an easy life. Pray to be a strong person." This poster has been posted in my living room to accompany me for 30 years. It continues to be my annual prayer!

Wish you Lord's grace in the CNY!

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Sunday



The Lord Will Do the Rest

"I had stayed at my boyfriend's place in Wenzhou for only 25 days. I got no defecation all through, problem of acclimatization perhaps, that I headed back home as no hospitals in Wenzhou could help me out on the issue. I was overwhelmed with bitterness and grievances—having no job, even got diagnosed of lupus. My constipation problem was eventually dissolved after hospitalizing for a week, with drips while fasting in my hometown. More than two months later, I packed up for Wenzhou again, with fear this time. Everything went smooth these twenty more days: got job interview; succeeded in interview. To God's will, I was in the mist at first but have been getting clearer over the time. I remind myself not to be over-sensitive or demanding; but be grateful in all circumstances."

(A Sister, Shandong Province)

✚ Grateful to see how God turn Sister from a grumbler to a cheerer of faith. May the Lord continue to lead her way and strengthen her spiritual life.

Special Zone Development

The State Council has agreed to cancel the Control Line of Shenzhen Special Economic Zone in order to enhance the integrated development of the zone. In the 1980's, a special zone control line was established and six checkpoints were set up along the line. In 2010, the territory of Shenzhen Special Economic Zone was extended, and this Control Line has existed in name only. The State Council has stressed that after the cancellation of the Control Line of Shenzhen Special Economic Zone, the urban and rural planning and development should be well managed throughout Shenzhen. It has also stressed that the frontline control over the border between Guangdong and Hong Kong should be further strengthened so as to ensure the continued stability of the border.

(“China News”, January 15, 2018)

✚ Please pray that the relevant department can manage well the work related to the cancellation of the Control Line of the Special Economic Zone. Also pray for the unified management of urban and rural planning and construction in the whole city so that people will enjoy more economic benefits.

Monday



Thanks to God's Presence

"After my graduation from my college, I was not admitted to the graduate school. Then I attended an interview by a small bank in my county to obtain an employment. But I was still eager to upgrade myself through graduate study. So I resigned and now prepare for the examination for my second enrollment, but I encountered a lot of difficulties. My mother was hospitalized. My sister was also diagnosed as having a health problem. My study also faces very great challenges. I am a cross-disciplinary graduate and have applied to the Sun Yat-sen University. My pressure is relatively great. I once wanted to give up as I felt hopeless and depressed. But, thank God. I have listened to your radio programs. I have regained strength through prayers again and again. This has made me steadfast in the future direction of my efforts. All my study and efforts are no longer dedicated to the world, but to God completely. Thanks to the company of God."

(Sister Qiao)

✚ Thanks God for enabling Sister Qiao to rely on the Lord and pray to gain power amid her difficulties. She can see the light in the hardship. Please ask the Lord to help her have the strength to take care of her family and to face the examination.

Rainbow Cigarettes

Disguising as other cigarettes in the market, "rainbow colored smoke cigarette" is in fact a new kind of drug! People may instantly be attracted by its fascinating rainbow colored smoke or the aroma that given out. Due to the above "gimmick", according to some formal statistics, rainbow-smoked cigarettes are gaining rapid popularity in the coastal areas, especially amongst those below 18-year-old who, under peer influence, would only fix their eyes on these charms! This is precisely why drug trafficking syndicates target "Rainbow Cigarette" directly to juveniles. With the help of courier, drugs taking become so convenient and irresistible.

(“House of Junior Cop”, January 17, 2018)

✚ Pray that the government will step up their propaganda on the harms of "Rainbow Cigarettes" in order to raise the awareness and vigilance of these young people against the temptation of drugs.

Tuesday



Demanding Parents

"Sister Ni, who loves the Lord, only asks that God chooses her whole family and guides them to return to the Lord. Her nine-year-old grandson is very cute and clever. The grandson's parents are demanding and harsh. They think that it is not enough even his result is good. The kid does not have time to rest nor to relax. He often tells his grandma: I am too tired! But she has no way to protect him. Yesterday, Sister Ni found that the boy was not normal. He seemed to feel cold and look shock. She asked the boy's mother who said, 'I've went to Suzhou to see him. The doctor said there was no way.' Now his parents have been loosened. But Sister Ni is very sad. She really feels sorrow. The doctor has also said the boy has ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)."

(A Sister)

✚ Please pray for the grandson of Sister Ni. Ask the Lord to have mercy on him, and to heal his nervous mood and mental condition so that he will get better. Also pray that Sister Ni will be able to have peace in the Lord, remove her self-blaming emotion and trust God's healing for her family.

Wage Arrear

With the approach of New Year's Day and the Spring Festival, the construction sector is ushering in its peak settlement of wages and salaries, during which problems of wage arrears usually arise: as released by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Services, regional labor security supervisory agencies have investigated and dealt with 128,000 cases of wage arrears from January to November this year. A recovered unpaid wages of RMB 22.55 billion for a workforce of 2.81 million has been settled. Yet, wages arrears on migrant workers have received little notice. Minister of Human Resources and Social Services demanded all necessary measures to step up its remediation to avoid cases of unpaid wages.

(“Beijing Evening News”, January 15, 2018)

✚ Pray that all necessary measures be effectively enforced. May the issue of wage arrears be eradicated nation-wide and all migrant workers can get paid and return home to celebrate the Spring Festival of 2018 with their families.

Wednesday



A Living Dead

"From time to time I thought of committing suicide. But God prohibits us from doing so, though there seems nothing worth me living for. I have two poor kids. My illness has tortured me for almost two years as cough and vomiting would cause me sleepless at night while even a breeze would make me sick. My marriage was over since my postpartum period. I now have to accept all the doings and sayings of my mother-in-law, who is supreme at home, disregarding my own wish. Who can soothe the wounds in my heart? As in my own grief, how else am I able to love, to understand and even to forgive those who have hurt me? Pray God to heal me and enable me to forgive others."

(Sister Chen)

✚ Please pray for the health of Sister Chen. May the Lord heal her cough and vomiting and have her illness recovered soon. With the love of our almighty God, may sister overcome all her grievances and be able to forgive those who have hurt her.

A Six-year-old Courier

The report "A six-year-old courier amid the severe winter" has made a stir on the social media. The nicknamed Xiaochangjiang, which means "Little Yangtze River", said he is 7 years old and his father is dead while his mother has since remarried. He then followed Mr. Yan, a former colleague of his father, to move from Zaozhuang to Qingdao to work and live in Xuzhou STO Express branch. A spokesman for Qingdao's Shibe district government has sent a personal caregiver to live together with the boy in the Qingdao Children's Welfare Institution. Local police station will help related departments locate and contact the boy's mother in order to discuss about the legal procedure of custody and account registration of the kid. Prior to this, Shibe District will take good care of the boy's study life as well as his physical and mental health.

(“China News”, January 15, 2018)

✚ Pray for the proper arrangements for the future life of "Little Yangtze River." May the Lord prepare him a suitable guardian from whom he could be protected and cared for and to grow up with a healthy body and soul.