

Thursday



A Precious Opportunity

“Christmas is the best time to spread the gospel. Our church is blessed to be nearby numbers of temporary accommodation for construction workers. While these workers awaited their wages before winter breaks, the church grabbed the chance to invite them to come for tea and listen to the gospel. Among them five have turned to Christ and we asked God to remember their needs and hoped that they would receive their wages very soon. God answered our prayers shortly after. Three of them received their full payment the next day and left for home swiftly and gratefully. Pray for God’s provision so that we can spread His words to more needy people. It’s now by His grace that the harvest is placed at our doorstep. Thank you Lord!”

(Sister Yuan, Liaoning Province)

✚ Thankful that the church seized the opportunity to bless many workers. May the Lord solidify the ministry of the church and help those Christian workers bring the Good News home to their families.

Top of the World

The actual sales revenues of the Chinese game market reached RMB 203.61 billion last year, which is 500 million dollars more than the second-placed US. Sales revenues from China’s mobile games market have kept a stunning soar of over RMB 30 billion, showing an increase by 118 times in 10 years. Even the high hoped Chinese film industry, which appears to be successful in the domestic market in recent years, has its sales revenues increased for less than a double in 10 years. In addition, China’s booming online game industry pocketed a handsome export income of over RMB 48 billion last year. It can be said that its overseas sales of game products is far surpassing her other cultural products, making China’s online game industry a major new force in her “going global” movement.

(“CCTV Finance WeChat”, February 12, 2018)

✚ The hidden worry of “In an era of games, let no children stay unaddicted!” might deserve more of our attention. Pray that China has other better and more valuable cultural items to export and share with the world.

Friday



Still a Baby

“I can sleep very well. As the exam is approaching, I seldom listen to radio now. I recommend your program to some previous classmates though who are all working. They are not believers; despite that I am still fired up about this, as a baby Christian I often have trouble in sharing my belief to them. I was a bit emotional. In the fear of bringing negative impression to my friends, I tend to avoid mentioning about my belief now. Today, I heard from your program about a sister saying ‘Only my religion is right and yours is wrong!’ I thought the same last year and I collapsed with no strength for an entire semester thereafter. Thank the Lord for keeping me.”

(A listener)

✚ Pray for this listener and let her fiery heart witness the greatness of our Lord. Remove her fear of failure on the one hand; help her share the love of God with dexterity and grow with God on her spiritual journey.

Gospel to Buyi

Buyi is one of the oldest indigenous tribes in Guizhou. It originates from a branch of the ancient “Baiyue” and shares the same origin with Zhuang. It has a population of about 2.9 million. As early as the early 19th century, Catholic missionaries had already gone to preach the gospel to Buyi. Up to now, it is estimated that about 5,000 Buyi people have returned to the Lord. Recently, Han churches in Central China have had a sense of commitment to the gospel ministry for the ethnic group. They are ready to send believers to go there to live with the Buyi people, to testify Christ and to share the gospel with them.

✚ Please pray that Buyi people have the opportunities of hearing the gospel. Ask the Lord to use the Chinese Han believers who have recently gone there to live with the Buyi people. Pray that the Lord will help these people so that they can adapt to and respect different culture as soon as possible. Also pray that they will rely on the Lord to do their utmost to testify and take the Buyi people to the front of God’s throne of mercy. Also pray for consideration of the preparation for the production of broadcast programs to strengthen the spread of the gospel.

Saturday



Getting Through Conflicts

“I really thank the Lord for always loving such a sinner like me. I really do not live up to God’s expectation. There are a lot of contradictions in my family, including conflicts between husband and wife, and conflicts between mother-in-law and daughter-in-law. All these have made me very painful. Fortunately, I have got through these gradually. My husband and I are also growing up continuously. My family has become much more peaceful. Currently, my husband takes the initiative to join me to attend church services every weekend if there are no special engagements. When I am confused, the Lord points out the right direction to me and let me understand how broad and faithful God’s love is. I have noticed that many impossible things become possible. I feel the omnipresent acceptance and love from God. God is very wonderful indeed.”

(Sister Lin, Anhui Province)

✚ Sister Lin has experienced the grace and protection of the Lord in the path of her growth. Please pray that she can respond to the Lord’s love by serving the church more while she is enjoying His love.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Broadcast Response:** In 2017, there were over 80,000 audience responses and the monthly download volume of our programs was more than one million times. The audience’s download volume of Radio Liangyou WeChat Account was more than 750,000 times and the freshmen figure of Liangyou Theological Seminary accumulated to 814 last year. Thanks to the Heavenly Father’s blessing. The operation of each broadcasting platform is still smooth. Please pray that the Lord will enhance the effectiveness of the broadcast so that the audience will be nurtured and equipped in terms of the truth.

2 **Prayer App:** The first project launched to celebrate our 60th Anniversary is a brand new mobile application: “Pray Together”. The daily updated intercession items from the App enable you to care Chinese people and affairs through the latest information and pray for them. You are welcome to download it and recommend it to believers.

China News and Prayer

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

In this warm and blooming spring, we welcome March with new hope!

The peak season of the flu has raged through Hong Kong and North America. The earthquake in Hualien, Taiwan was devastating and shocking. It continued with sorrowful aftershocks in people’s hearts. Natural disasters and man-made calamities happen again and again. Lord! We live in an era in which there is no time to count so many grievances!

Some listeners told us on the live programs that all public churches were forbidden to continue with their children’s Sunday schools. A small family church was seized and closed by five public security officers in a nearby city in Guangdong; services were no longer held there. The new religious affairs regulations have been really implemented!

As we grew up in the last century, we had seen pastors’ passionate confession and intercession. They had appealed frankly, reproached sincerely and encouraged earnestly! Devout elderly predecessors dedicated everything indeed. They treated churches as their homes, rejoiced in preaching and regarded sufferings as their honor! I miss that era with a prayer meeting being held every week. Perhaps only when I have grown older, I can understand that we are “slackened” since we have not insisted on keeping the tradition of praying. However, we are still grateful. The style and appearance of this small leaflet are still the same. What it is calling on is still the prayer tradition of Abraham and Moses. It still maintains the tradition of missionaries and anonymous preachers!

We are still sharing the prayer ministry with you, including our gratitude for the first anniversary of Sooradio. Do not forget Good Friday at the end of the month. Let us retrieve the simple faith we have had while weeping under the cross. Let us rekindle the initial fire of our love!

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Sunday



Ill Feeling

"I am 24 years old and my relationship with my family is extremely poor. I hate my parents deeply and I dislike my brother and his wife too. They are all unbelievers and I was always scolded and belittled during my childhood. I hence have no sense of gratitude towards them. My mom called me today asking me to give red pocket to my niece to celebrate her birthday. I turned her down immediately, feeling offended. Nevertheless, the scripture 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' has always been in my mind these few days, making me very difficult and ashamed. My sister-in-law has never appreciated or given me positive words. To me, it is terribly hard to love someone who is not loveable."

(Sister Cassie)

✂ May God help sister let go of her hatred towards her family members. Learn from His words from which she receives comfort and assistance. Also remove her inner conflicts and learn to forgive the hurts that her family made on her.

Self-made Food

Some gifts of unique style gradually went online like hot cakes at the end of Lunar New Year. Some self-made food was packaged as "hand-made" in "home-based workshops" with "mommy's taste" during this period. They penetrated the lives of ordinary people through the online shopping platform. Many merchants adopt "no addition of any preservatives" as the selling point for their self-made food products. But in fact, safety risks are hidden in many self-made food products sold online. Some businessmen have admitted that they do not conduct any food safety inspection in the process of food manufacturing and that the sell-by date is also determined on the basis of experiences. Perhaps some self-made food without three items (i.e. no production date, no certificate of approved quality and no manufacturer) may have had "close contact" with ordinary people's daily life.

("Beijing Youth Daily", February 12, 2018)

✂ Please pray that the authority will strengthen the supervision for these businessmen on the online shopping platform to prevent their self-made food from becoming a safety hazard.

Monday



I Am Much Encouraged

"The U.S. has just rejected my visa application twice within a week. I guess that this is because I am a single woman. My education level is not high too. It is very regrettable that I cannot attend my best friend's wedding. There are many regrettable things in our life. I went to Mongolia to attend a youth evangelical event last October. I was much encouraged by their enthusiasm and faith in God. I also saw how God developed His work in different ways. This inspired me to think a lot. Our God is omnipotent and above all creations. Unexpectedly we could have held an evangelical event in Ulan Bator Square of Mongolia. Please pray that the Lord will continue to keep my heart."

(Sister Yang)

✂ May the Lord comfort Sister Yang who has lost her chance to travel to the U.S. But She was fortunate enough to participate in the evangelical event in Mongolia where she saw the wonderful work of God and the young people's confidence in the Lord. Please pray that this can enhance the sister's faith in the Lord and encourage her to serve the Lord more.

Toddlers Rush to Study Abroad

Studying abroad during summer or winter vacation is nothing new nowadays. Only that the participants are getting younger! Those who emphasize on parent-child relationship tend to bring children to kindergartens overseas. Thousands of Chinese children fly overseas each year, a trend that will only become more prevalent in the future. Business Executive of Ctrip, Overseas Study said "In the past year, more and more preschoolers, or children aged three to six, participated in overseas study tours. Establishment of international kindergartens and bilingual courses is mushrooming in mainland China."

("South China Morning Post", February 12, 2018)

✂ Pray for God's provision that this wave of children's learning trip will become a gospel opening for these families and their young children as they travel and get contact to gospel and churches. Hoping that the trip not only broaden their horizons, but to open the eyes of their soul, letting them to know and receive His gift of salvation.

Tuesday



I Am a New Believer

"My present condition is poor. I often blame, complain about and dislike myself. I think that I am not good and I always grumble about what God has created. But, if I do not see myself with Christ's view, I will be trapped in such peculiar doubts. I still cannot find a spiritual companion. There are many Christian sisters in my church, but we usually do not contact unless it is necessary. I used to invite them to have meals and chat with me. But they have just treated me as a little sister. They have no intention to regard me as a spiritual companion. They think that I do know nothing. Such feeling is not good."

(Sister Cao)

✂ Please pray for Sister Cao who is a new believer. Ask the Lord to prepare for her a spiritual companion so that they will support each other to pursue spiritual growth together. Also pray that she can see in the Lord's love how adorable she has been created to be and that she can learn to treat herself with God's view so as to get rid of the trap of feeling inferior.

Warmth in the Cold

Yearend is the time when many look forward to reunifying with their families. It is also a time to commit suicide. On February 10, a 28-year-old Guizhou migrant worker jumped out of the Longzihu Bridge because he was ashamed of bringing no money home. After reaching the unbearable icy lake water, he cried out for help. A young university teacher surnamed Zhang was walking and called for emergency. He also found an old water pipe, hoping to reach the drowning with other passers-by. The pipe was not long enough, unfortunately. Several teachers therefore took turns to cheer him up and uplift his desire to fight for his life while waiting for the arrival of the rescues. At last, he struggled to find a water pipe to save himself. What happened that night was a gift of warmth to the very cold winter.

("Tencent News", February 12, 2018)

✂ May the Lord raise the church and His followers to care for the migrant workers who, because of work, have to live away from home. Pray that the warm welcome these workers receive will guide them to know and experience the true peace of Jesus.

Wednesday



Pressurized

"Even at my 29, I still feel living under the great pressure and hindrance from my parents. In church, they made me embarrassed. When I felt confused about my belief and on issue of choosing my partner, they made no time to listen to me. Neither have they provided me a spiritually loving environment to grow up with. Parents are zealous in serving God, but at the same time they become my biggest hindrance. I want to live out my own life. I have not been to church for a year, due to pregnancy, and I found myself so much relieved and at ease. Should I leave my current church and serve at another one?"

(Sister "Calvary")

✂ Pray for sister "Calvary" that by the strength of the Lord she will be able to communicate with her parents openly and walk out the psychological shadow. Pray also that sister can focus her ministry without being affected by her relationship with parents.

Air for Sale

"How much is a ton of air?" This might seem to be a silly question to the villagers in Aoxi Village of Le'an County, Fuzhou City, Jiangxi Province. More than six months ago, however, the village sold 21,000 tons of carbon dioxide emission reductions to Jiangxi Bank at a price of RMB 15 per ton in line with the carbon sequestration project. The bank said it is their corporate responsibility to purchase an amount of carbon dioxide emission reductions to offset their carbon emissions from holding large-scale activities. For Jiangxi government, "selling air" might perhaps be a new direction in materializing their development of the green. Fu Jiake, Chief Engineer of Fuzhou Forestry Bureau, introduced that some enterprises have adopted schemes of afforestation while others, five counties in Fuzhou, have undergone carbon sink project producing an availability of 163.2 hectares of cooperative woodland.

("Xinhua Net", February 12, 2018)

✂ "Carbon sinks" mainly refers to the ability of forests to take in and store up carbon dioxide. People pay the afforestation to finance their own forests in order to offset the carbon dioxide emissions they produced. Pray that everyone in this country is a lover of as well as a participant in environmental protection.