

Thursday



Husband and I

"My husband and I have been married for 8 months. He loves to do his own things, like playing basketball, watching games, reading books and playing online games, but most important is that he is not focused and he is messy. Asking him to tidy up is rather difficult, and he thinks I am bothering him. Once he was sick, I stayed home with him. But he just kept playing online games all day at home. Earlier this year, he started a business with his friends and only having very little income which is not enough for paying rent and food. Actually I pay for the rental and other utilities expenses, and it takes up half of my monthly salary. I am now so penny-pinching. I'm so glad that we are not broken yet."

(Audience "Heart-broken")

✂ Pray that sister "Heart-broken" can have wisdom and be a wise wife and get along with his husband according to the bible teaching. Be a good steward taking care all the affairs and be wise in money management.

Student's Vision Problems

Director of State Oceanic Administration: "Micro-plastics is now found in organisms 4,500-metre deep in the sea! Plastic waste in the ocean is gradually broken down into plastic particles of less than 5mm in diameter, which is known by scientists as "PM2.5 in water". It is exigent that this oceanic pollutant is wide spreading beyond our imagination these recent years. According to an UNEP survey, the ban on single-use plastic bags is a useful measure whereas reducing upstream demand for plastics will be an effectual solution in the long run. To cope with the problem of micro-plastic pollution, there requires a new legally binding framework to address the issue from a global perspective.

("Guang Ming Daily", August 20, 2018)

✂ Pray for the health of our younger generation in China. May their parents know how to protect their children's vision. May the government officials draw up proper policy to effectively reduce the short-sighted rate. May the teenagers have self-control on their usage of electronic devices.

Friday



Inner Suffering

"I'm 17 and in the last year of my high school education. I have been studying at home but not attending school. It is such a suffering. I find that I am not very disciplined. I am always into TV and online entertainment. Every time I am so regret. I always pray and ask for a holy life but I fail and fail again. I think I have depression as well. I am always so sensitive to others' comments and feedbacks. I only thirst for an easy life but I know for being Christian, I need to carry my own cross, and thirst for the heavenly spiritual things. But I just cannot, I just want an earthly, peaceful life without suffering anymore. I have not done my revision but the examination is coming up. I don't know what to do. I want to sacrifice myself to the Lord and not to hanker after an easy and comfortable life."

(Audience "A Suffered Guy")

✂ Pray that "A Suffered Guy" can handle the pressure from examination, depression situation and struggle of his Christian life. May the Lord give him peace and strength to frighten against all the temptations.

Gospel for the Bai

Bai people mainly stay in the Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan with a population of 2 million. As early as in 1881, Christian missionaries came among them and preached. Now, over 50 thousand Bai people believe in God. Bai people has its own language, which belongs to Loloish languages of the Sino-Tibetan languages. The interaction between Bai and Han people is very intimate. Bai language uses a wide range of vocabularies from Han. Once, the Bai people use Han Chinese characters to mark their language and called "Han characters in Bai language". However, it is not very popular among Bai people. In 2013, broadcast for Bai people started but the program production has not been easy and cannot be sustained. By now, we can only replay most old programs. But thanks to the Lord, production may now resume and post-production work is under progress.

✂ We thank God for His love among Bai people. May the Lord revive Bai believers to spread the gospel to their own people. Pray that the Lord will make use of the Bai gospel programs, and let it be the blessings to Bai people.

Saturday



Having an Affair

"My sister-in-law wants to file a divorce because she has an affair and bears someone's child. My brother and she have a 7 years old daughter. He has cerebral hemorrhage due to high blood pressure. It has affected his speaking abilities and results in memory loss. He now needs to take medication for long-term. He is honest and pure, but now becomes self-abased and depressed. He has not been a Christian yet. I'm afraid that when he cannot stand with the situation, he may commit suicide one day. May the Lord help him to overcome his problems especially the relationship with his wife. Pray that he can enough grace, strength and wisdom to tackle with all his issues! Also pray that the Lord will disperse the promiscuous and evil spirit in my sister-in-law's mind. All the ricks from the demon are in vain. Let her come before the Lord and repent."

(Sister "Look Up")

✂ May the Lord help the family of sister "Look Up" brother, may them find God in this difficult time. May the whole family turns to God. May all the crisis be a blessings to them. May the Lord heal her brother and give him strength to overcome this challenge.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **LTS App:** The new LTS mobile app launched in early January has been installed by over 30,000 users as of early August! May the Lord put the ministries of Liangyou Theological Seminary to greater use, so that more mainland church leaders and believers can be trained up and get well-prepared to correctly handle the word of truth. Also let us not forget to pray for church members and believers on the mainland having to face ever tightening regulations.

2 **Children Programming:** When the children are now prohibited to join the Sunday School at churches in China, we target to produce radio programs for children of various ages. At the moment, we are praying for partners who can provide good teaching materials and we will come up educational broadcasts in near future, so that many children can be led to Christ while they are young and their lives nurtured with the Words of God.

China News and Prayer

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

Even though we had prepared so much for the coming of Super Typhoon Mangkhut, we cannot expect its damages it brought to Hong Kong. Over 14,000 trees were brought down, the public traffic was seriously affected. "Mangkhut" has broken many records in Hong Kong, which is far beyond our government's prediction.

Churches in the Mainland are in the storm. After the revised Regulation on Religious Affairs was enforced in February, churches has experienced different levels of interventions. Church leaders are facing pressures from various aspects; they are most helpless, disappointed and frustrated. We need to pray for them earnestly, to support them sincerely. Let them be strong and take courage, and keep and hold the truth they believe.

FEBC Hong Kong are prepared and we are ready for the upcoming storm. Besides the revised Regulation on Religious Affairs, the tighten policy on internet use will soon enforced. If the regulations are strictly executed, many discussions on religious matters through WeChat and on the Internet will be forbidden.

"They" are not strangers to us. "They" are our brothers and sisters in the Lord and it is not "they". In God's kingdom, we need to show our concern for the believers in the Mainland. We also hope that more Christians can come together and pray for our "brothers and sisters" in the Mainland. "They" are part of us. This is what we should do and must do in such difficult moment – remember the needs in our prayers.

In 1 Peter 4:7-8, "The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." We have to be alert and pray, and love each other deeply. FEBC Hong Kong has been in God's grace for the past 60 years walking along with the churches in China. Whatever it comes and whatever it may be, we are here together with all of you to encounter the challenges ahead!

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Sunday



So Blessed

"My hometown is in beautiful Inner Mongolia. When I was still doing my junior high school, father brought home a radio. It became the dearest thing in the family and then, we started listening to Radio Liangyou Radio through shortwave! My belief in Christianity was seeded therefore, and during these three to four decades Jesus Christ is always along, as is Radio Liangyou! By God's grace, I now settle in Shenzhen. I really want to thank those who has been working in the Radio for their effort and love to us audience!"

(Brother Sun, Guangdong Province)

✚ God would use different media in different eras as tools for evangelism. Praise the Lord! May the service of our broadcast keep on, letting more audience share what Brother Sun has experienced: the care and love of God; and become witness and preacher of the beauty of the Lord.

The Ailing Twins

A pair of twin boys from Shixing County, Shaoguan, Guangdong Province, were both diagnosed with a rare chronic granulomatous disease (CGD). Their parents Qiu's then transferred them to a hospital in Chongqing, which is renowned for bone marrow transplant for CGD. A few months after admission, the China Marrow Donor Program informed the couple that they had found matching donors; nevertheless, the medical bills could amount to a minimum of RMB 1 million. After asking among friends and relatives, the money could only be enough to treat one child. The couple were so desperate they made the two boys draw lots to decide which one to stay. When the news spread, volunteers from the China Children's Association launched a rescue fundraising. And the bone marrow donor revealed that the transplantation would soon be carried out.

("Shaoguan Daily News", August 19, 2018)

✚ May the Lord help the twins undergone the bone marrow transplant timely and successfully. Pray also for the issue of costly medical expenses that Chinese people are facing: may everyone benefit after an improvement of our national medical welfare system in the near future.

Monday



If not the Lord

"I stayed in school dorm, where I became rebellious, during my senior high level: I ran away from God and my academic performance plummeted. In my childhood, my parents brawled always; and I was often beaten by my elder brother, sister and my mother as well. I thus considered myself psychologically impaired. Under the impact of various negative emotions, I suffered from obsessive-compulsive disorder. Without God, I realized how worthless I am: faced with a series of blows at the onset of my new job; my father died; mother, who was sick, moved in to live with me. Through mother's illness, I saw a bigger love that church fellows granted to her than anyone else. I then turned back to the Lord as there were so many witnesses around in these ten years. If not the Lord, mother wouldn't have lived so much longer whereas for me, I wouldn't have found my life as it is now."

(Sister Lin)

✚ Thanks for the care and love of the church that Sister Lin was moved and returned to God. Pray for her for a deeper and more intimate relationship with God.

Innocent Victims

At 7:35 pm on September 12, a malignant case occurred in Hengdong County, Hengyang City, Hunan Province. A man in a red SUV deliberately drove into a crowd at Lijiang Square before jumping out and attacking the mass with weapon. As of now, the death toll has risen to 12 with another 43-people injured. Clips from CCTV revealed a scene of brutal massacre: an injured person with a merely attached bloody broken arm, was sent to the hospital. It was reported that the suspect is terminally ill and has previous convictions for crimes. He sought to get revenge on society. On the 14th, the criminal suspect was arrested by the procuratorate in accordance with the law.

("Xinhua News Agency", September 16, 2018)

✚ Pray for the Lord's mercy, kindness, and healing of the people and their families who have suffered and died in this incident. May there be justice against the law-breaker on whom reasonable penalty to impose. I also pray for the mainland to behold the grace and justice of our God so that the public can live in peace with less grievances.

Tuesday



Mild Depression

"I have mild depression; feeling a bit emotionally unstable. I woke up feeling down this morning but was lifted when I heard people talking and sharing on depression over the radio. Grateful to the Lord that after the program, I made some reflections on the problems of my life: I must look up to Him lest I lose the faith! I believe in His words and His love on me will never die! Although often I might be disturbed by depression, I will hold on to the Lord and learn His words as He is my only way out! There is blessing out of suffering and God knows all our situations as He oversees tomorrow. Let's have rest in Him!"

(Sister Liu, Jiangxi Province)

✚ By the grace of the Lord, may God help Sister Liu come out of depression. Pray also for others who are suffering from the same emotional problem, which is commonly seen in cities nowadays. Only God can guide the people out of darkness.

Jiangxi Cracked

Jiangxi Province has been suffering from heatwaves and shortage of rainfall since mid-July, resulting rivers and lakes at low water levels and reservoirs poorly stored. Farmlands in Gongqingcheng are dried and cracked; irrigated ponds have become puddles due to evaporation under high temperature. Since August 3, 18.7 hectares of crops area has been drought-affected while 143,300 people are in need of drinking water. Government has arranged 146 artificial rainfalls and put into RMB 170 million to fight against the drought. Together with the Disaster Prevention Office, an urgent notice has been issued to deploy the authorities' drought and disaster relief work: including collecting drought data, investigating the situation and assessing losses.

("Jiangxi Provincial Government Affairs Information", August 6, 2018)

✚ May there be mercy from the Lord to help solve the drought caused by continuous heatwaves in Jiangxi Province as well as other parts of China. The peasants are directly affected: they lose their harvest and face the pressure from inflation; bringing forward a massive difficulty to the livelihood of people. May the Lord also send down the timely rain!

Wednesday



Leaving the Church

"God is always very dear to me since I believed in Him at 19-year-old. Yet, I left the church this April, simply keeping my faith at home, which can best fit my special needs and ways of living. In fact, people in the church always gossiped about or even bad-mouth me when they saw me there. After a decade's time of church life, I decided to leave all these behind for a return to my carefree way of living. I prefer to put my life on the Lord Jesus and His Word. I adore the Lord for what He has done for us and indeed, He is in my heart and soul at all times. Despite the gossiping in church, our Lord is worthy of my trust and dependence."

(Audience "Xiaoyue", Shandong Province)

✚ Everyone needs supports from church life and fellowship on his spiritual path, but gossiping in the church would drive believers away. May there be mercy and healing from the Lord to the church making it a place with wonderful testimony and amazing inter-personal interaction; and for believers to be embraced with peace and acceptance.

Severe Pressure

Ming Pao reported on September 6 that China's government is ratcheting up a crackdown on Christian congregations including large scale demolition of church crosses in Henan. The authorities have cleared crosses of more than 4,000 churches across the province. A local pastor said that neither the "Three-self" protestant churches nor that of the house church, their crosses were all removed. Some pastors said, "Christians can worship in other churches, but they cannot meet in private; the people who provide the venue will be fined RMB 200,000 otherwise. The government also stipulates that minors under the age of 18 are not allowed to enter the church. Parents have to sign a promise not to let their children get into religion, or else they will be expelled from school while the head of the church will be punished too."

("Ming Pao", September 6, 2018)

✚ Pray for the churches and believers in the Mainland. In the face of such adversity, may the Lord bless them and keep their hearts; by the grace of the Lord they can stay firm on their faith.