

Thursday



### Pray for Son-in-law

"Please pray keenly for my son-in-law, 35 years old, from Jiangsu. He fell in love with my daughter when she was 24. He was enthusiastic for church activity at the beginning of their relationship. After married and with a kid, my son-in-law becomes distant from God: no prayers, no bible reading, bad tempered and living self-centeredly with no regards to the Lord and others. His life is in pieces, that he had even once bitten the thumb of my daughter to its bleeding. Save my son-in-law, God! Break his ego and take away all the anger in his life! May God revive his love and respect to his family, to God and to us his elderly, and as wished as his pet name – 'Grace'."

(Sister Tong, Shandong Province)

✚ May the Lord help Sister Tong's son-in-law to see his own problems; let him repent and return to the Lord. Pray for a complete change in his life so that there is familial joy, love and peace again.

### Grassland Polluted by Dust

Laolong Grassland, Chulutu Village, Urad Middle Banner of Bayan Nur City, Inner Mongolia, was originally a natural pasture of local herders. A large amount of dust generated by a local concentrator was dispersed by the wind and covered the grassland. The whole grassland is now turned gray. The dust covering the ground surface is as thick as a man's palm. The slag produced by the ore dressing has been piled up into a tailings pond, and the oozing black sewage has polluted the downstream of Capricorn River. The drinking water along the downstream bank was affected. Some herders claimed that one hundred sheep died in two years. Some environmentalists said that the wastewater in the tailings pond contained a variety of heavy metals which were harmful, but also to the grassland ecology with impossible reversion. Local herders have repeatedly reported to the Environmental Protection Authority but to no avail.

("The Beijing News", February 14, 2019)

✚ Please pray that the environmental protection can be done well consciously and that the government's environmental supervisory work can be really in place. Also pray that a safe and healthy living environment will be returned to the local people.

Friday



### Experience God's Grace

"At first, a female colleague from my new job was friendly with me. Yet she got mad at me after I became the course consultant. She picked on me and teased about me rudely. I have never gone through such kind of bitterness in life. Grateful that the team leader is kind and he once asked me a personal question: 'Is it true that Christians don't celebrate Halloween?' And I said 'yes' despite that I was still seriously making calls to customers at this festival. The team leader thus said they should respect my belief and I could tell him about such things in the future. He also said that some of our colleagues are Muslims who wouldn't order pork for meals. I count this as God's comfort in times of my trouble."

(Sister Luo)

✚ Although Sister Luo has some unfriendly experiences with her colleague, she gained understanding from her team leader for letting her not celebrate Halloween. May sister grasp opportunity to share her experiences with others.

### Broadcasting for the Minorities

Since the 1990s, the FEBC has provided half an hour of gospel broadcasting for the ethnic minorities with larger population in China every day, including Mongolia, Tibetan Kham, Uyghur people, Hui, Yunnan, Bai, Lisu and Zhuang. There are still many difficulties to overcome after nearly 30 years of efforts. Even so, the FEBC still insists on broadcasting good news of the gospel, hoping to lead the ethnic minorities in remote areas to return to the Lord. More prayers and heavenly wisdom are needed especially amid the current grim atmosphere.

✚ Please pray for the co-workers of the ethnic minorities who still produce the programs faithfully under the great pressure. May the Lord give them the wisdom and guidance for the production, and protect them from being interfered. Ask the Lord to call more workers to produce new programs which will meet the different needs of various ethnic groups and help different ethnic groups know the gospel of Christ. Also the Lord to lead the co-workers to seek and extend more broadcasts so as to reach out the tribes which the gospel has not been preached to.

Saturday



### Waiting for Marriage

"I have been waiting for marriage for many years and I am going to 34 years old soon. I insist on seeking a Christian brother but my persistence has started to falter. I have heard your counseling program on being single. But I cannot let go. I often cannot sleep well and escape from reality. I am completely pessimistic and my memory is also declining. I am afraid of remembering things incorrectly when I go to work since my job is involved in law. I am frightened when I think of meeting relatives and friends during Lunar New Year. What troubles me is that I cannot live up to my parents' expectation. My home is located in a rural area. But I work in a provincial capital. I am still unmarried at such age. This makes my parents lose their face in the rural area."

(Sister Yang)

✚ Ask the Lord to help Sister Yang release the pressure in her heart and understand that marriage is not the whole of her life. Also ask the Lord to give her strength to break through the traditional thought and courage to enjoy her single life.

### Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Broadcast Response:** Our broadcast got a better response in 2018 when compared with 2017. More programs were downloaded and listened; more text content was browsed, more listeners responded, and more listeners were served. The statistics in December 2018 indicated that a larger part of the figures recorded the highest in the year. We hope this is the proof that the Heavenly Father is using us to serve our compatriots at present.

2 **Liangyou Theological Seminary:** In 2018, 670 students were admitted and 187 were graduated. The broadcast of the courses on the Internet, WeChat and mobile Apps is generally smooth. Thanks to the Lord. Staff visited students in Sichuan and Chongqing early in last December, and they all returned to Hong Kong safely. As the number of examination papers submitted by the students continues to increase, please pray for the teachers who mark the papers. It is hoped that the Lord will use their services to help the students grow and be cared.

## China News and Prayer

Mar/Apr 2019



Dear Warriors in Christ,

"Soaring Above the Wind" is our broadcast theme in 2019. In order to match up the theme, we will study the Book of Psalms throughout the year and produce a short program - "Study the Psalms and Pray". We want to get the enlightenment from the Book of Psalms together with the audience to meet various challenges.

Many cheers and praises in the Psalms are mixed with struggles and shouts deep in the soul. As for Chinese churches and believers we serve, how true it is to grope forward in the darkness of their life and hold their loyalty under the enemies' threats. When we remember them in our prayers, the words of the Psalms bring about enlightenment and comfort. I would like to share with you here this very rich spiritual experience. I would also invite you to continue to care and pray for the churches amid high winds and waves.

Time flies. This is the 70th year since FEBC has preached the gospel to the vast territory of China by air waves since July 1949. We are preparing for many celebrations intensively. As for our staff, it is natural to offer gratitude. We are also going to interview 70 listeners from different ages and backgrounds to let them count how God has blessed their lives through the gospel broadcasting and depict God's grace vividly. I believe that this will incite more praises and echoes.

I have preserved the conviction card that has driven prayers for China since more than 30 years ago. It is a memory as well as a reminder. If there are neither prayers nor many intercession warriors, how far can we go and how long can we last? May the Lord reward you for your faithful prayers!

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him." (Psalm 98:1)

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Sunday



### I often lie

"I often lie as I do not want others to know me. When others ask me, I just lie, but I blame myself afterwards. Sometimes I say something which make people stumble and I also gossip about others. I don't know how to get rid of these sins. I often listen to the programs which give sermons on sins made by tongues. Every time I listen, I am very touched. I myself also pray for this. I am a leader of my church. I am not only afraid that my sin will be exposed. More of my fear also comes from God's blame. Say, I have a girlfriend. But I have fabricated my stories and told my church-mates that no Christian sisters take a fancy to me. I also gossip with the church guard about others. It is really painful when I return home. I really do not want to bear my selfish desires!"

(Brother Huang)

- ⌘ Please ask the Lord to remove Brother Huang's psychological problem of lying and help him find out the reason. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work on him so that he can rely on the Lord to battle, hold his tongue and live a triumphant life.

### Internet+ Nursing Service

The "Internet+ Nursing Service" – an e-platform where one can book a nurse to serve on-site through mobile phone, was finally launched. On February 12th, the National Health Commission announced that the pilot program of "Internet+ Nursing Service" was affirmed to run in Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, and Guangdong provinces. Through the online application and offline services, nurses provide home care services. According to the National Bureau of Statistics, as of the end of 2017, the number of people aged 60 and over in China was 240 million, the number of elderly people with chronic diseases was 150 million, and the number of disabled and half-disabled elderly was about 40 million. All these has led to a surge in demand for home care services for many elderly people living with illness.

("The Beijing News", February 13, 2019)

- ⌘ Please pray for a fair development of "Internet+Nursing Service". May the experience collected from the pilot project help make better medical policies and measures in terms of quality and safety.

Monday



### A Radio Fan

"I am from Shandong. I have just listened to your program through shortwave. I feel that it is very meaningful. I wrote a letter to you about four years ago. I was just a radio fan at that time. Currently, I have also started to learn Christianity with the help of my girlfriend. She and her parents have been Christians for many years. They study the Bible after dinner every day. They also go to church at weekends. I know that your station is a Christian one. So I have bought them a radio which allows them to listen to your programs. They feel that it is rewarding as your programs make them understand the Bible deeper than they read and study it themselves. Thank you for your blessings. Being affected by them, I have begun to study the Bible gradually this year."

(Listener Liu, Shandong Province)

- ⌘ Ask the Lord to choose Liu so that he can experience Jesus really via his knowledge of Christianity. Also pray that he will be able to receive a new life from God, and that he will have eternal hope and joy.

### Tax Reduction for Rare Diseases

From March 1st, there would be a VAT reduction on 21 drugs for rare diseases. This would alleviate the financial burden of 20 million patients with rare diseases. A few years ago, the "Ice Bucket Challenge" on social network had made ALS known to more people. Rare diseases as ALS have in fact more than 6,000 kinds worldwide. According to incomplete statistics, there are about 20 million rare patients in China. The drugs for the treatment of rare diseases are mostly developed abroad. Because of the high costs of these drugs, medical expenses become unaffordable to these rare disease patients. The VAT reduction on these drugs will help related enterprises lower their price, thereby significantly reducing the cost of treatment for patients.

("Daily Economic News", February 12, 2019)

- ⌘ Pray that more measures on tax alleviation of drugs will be introduced. May these drugs be covered by medical insurance so that the financial burden of these patients can further be reduced on the one hand but their health and well-being be enhanced on the other.

Tuesday



### Deeply Touched

"I have believed in Jesus Christ for 12 years. In fact, I heard about your programs when I was in junior high, yet a Christian. In 2006 the year when I converted, I listened to Liangyou with a radio; now, a mobile phone will do the job. Therefore, when I looked back, I was amazed to see this platform which God has raised! In 2009, when I was in Fuzhou, Fujian Province as a soldier, I wrote a letter to you. A reply came later which had inspired and vitalized me greatly on my spiritual direction during my stay at my second hometown. Through the radio I used these days, a line of words: 'the most important person is the person around you. The most important time is the present...' has really touched my heart."

(Brother Wang, Shandong Province)

- ⌘ Thankful to Brother Wang for his support to Radio Liangyou over these years. Grateful that brother was inspired and encouraged through our interaction and may he keep on growing on the spiritual path of faith.

### Heartwarming Escort

On February 10th, Henan suffered in heavy snow. Due to frozen roads, all scheduled buses in Luoyang County of Luoyang City were forced to suspend. This was indeed the worst of times: The Spring Festival travel coincided with the last day of the Spring holiday. Lots of people were rushing back ready for work. Early in that morning, more than 200 passengers were stuck at the bus station. To ensure passengers to travel safely and smoothly, a contingency plan was carried out at Fuyang Bus Station: the county traffic police department was notified swiftly to dispatch seven snow-chained coaches to send away all the passengers. With the escort and guidance of traffic police, all coaches were able to depart and proceed against the wind and snow. All stranded passengers reached Luoyang Long-distance Bus Terminal safely.

("East Day Headline", February 18, 2019)

- ⌘ Grateful to the swift response of Fuyang Bus Station and the heartwarming action of the traffic police that all the stranded passengers could be dealt with properly. Their doings could really warm the hearts of many. May more of these warm-hearted deeds in the society be seen and reported.

Wednesday



### Unable to Let Go

"Owing to some land disputes, my father and brother were killed by their village brothers. I therefore lost two relatives in one day, leaving mom and a nephew at home. Dad believed in the Lord, but my younger brother not. After the incident, I have tried to be reconciled with my mother and make plan for my nephew. The fact is, I have left home for the last five years: married to a guy I loved even without the blessings of my parents! I am home now, but only the corpses of my father and my younger brother that I could see. I am so painful. I often suffer from insomnia, yet hard work awaits the next day. I now need to take care of my family, my mother and nephew. I still feel extremely regretful and cannot let go."

(Sister Ding)

- ⌘ May the Lord comfort Sister Ding, her mother and nephew. He knows about their wound. Pray that sister will be strengthen by the Lord to brave the challenges ahead. May also the relationship between mother and daughter be repaired soon.

### Social Payment of Upbringing

A few days ago, the news of "A migrant couple was forced to pay Social Payment of Upbringing" caused a storm on the Internet. Couple Wang from Heze City, Shandong Province, illegally gave birth to their third child. The county's Health and Family Planning Commission decided, to levy a total of RMB 64,626 dollars for the couple's Social Payment of Upbringing. As they failed to pay within the time limit, the court filed a lawsuit and frozen a total of RMB 22,957.86 in their bank account. Many netizens think that such punishment is inhumane. In response to the criticism, the relevant person in charge responded that the move has a legal basis and is not suspected of violating the law.

("The Beijing News", February 12, 2019)

- ⌘ Even though such punishment is abided by the law, the relevant department could have compassionately considered the couple's case and offered appropriate allowances, such as pay in installments, to show their care for the needed. Please pray for the relevant departments to have the wisdom on the expropriation of Social Payment of Upbringing.