Thursday

Problem of Affection

"My girlfriend and I both recognize that we are arranged by God. But there is an episode in the process. She has contacted her ex-boyfriend again. She feels that it takes time to overcome her weakness. With prayers in my heart, I know that God has designated her for me. But this circumstance has told me that I should be patient. Now the problem is that she is hesitant at this stage. She also does not want to forsake God. So once I think of her, there is an inner voice telling me to wait and to be patient as the Lord must help us. However, my confidence is not stable. I feel that this case is not accidental because I always want to get rid of my hot temper. Eventually there is such a case. But there are no spiritual leaders whom we can consult." (Audience "Pure Love")

ℜ Ask the Lord to help the brother learn the lesson of waiting patiently in this case; and let his girlfriend understand clearly what her will is and come out of the temptation.

Overloaded High-speed Rail

Hoping to avoid the annoying traffic jams, many drivers chose to travel back by high-speed rail on the last day of their Qingming long holiday. But will overloading cause a high-speed train to delay? A Fuxing train refused to move away from Tonglu Station despite it had been an hour behind schedule: Carriage No. 11 was fully packed with passengers when it was at Tonglu Station! Through announcement, the conductor asked passengers of carriage No. 11 to move to No. 10. He also asked some of those whose destination was Hangzhou East to get off for a Hangzhou East train arriving at 6 o'clock. More than 50 minutes later, the train resumed its operation. According to the station staff, such phenomenon happens because many passengers always "buy short but ride long". Overloading is a breach of regulations on high-speed rails.

("Xinmin Evening News", April 8, 2019)

ℜ Pray for an efficient ticketing mechanism of Rail Department during festivals so that the number of tickets issued can be controlled and the problem of train overloading ceased from the source. By so doing, travelling with high-speed train will become safer and more reliable.

Before Reborn

Friday

"I was uncertain if I was saved. When people asked if I could go to heaven, I said no one had the answer but God! With blind faith, I was trapped in the fundamental doctrines of the Church during the first 10 years of faith. I tasted no love but the fear of God in my heart; extremely insecure, feeling that my sin would never be forgiven! I was madly accused, confused and deceived by the devil. I thus repented diligently for my sin and secular act lest that the Lord would not want me. A pious appearance with a villainous inside, I suppressed myself to a point that of wanting to kill myself; but I stopped the thought after knowing this a God's displeasure. This was the situation before my reborn."

(Sister Zhang)

ℜ Grateful that Sister Zhang can be born again in the Lord to live out His faith and truth. May she help those with similar struggles as hers to experience the reborn in the Lord.

Grace for the Buyi

In 1877, a Chinese Inland Mission missionary, J.F. Braumton, came to Guivang, Guizhou, to preach the gospel to the Buvi. Even a hundred years earlier. Catholic missionaries preached to these people and became martyrs for them. Nowadays the Puyi population exceeds three million and is distributed in Guizhou. Yunnan and Sichuan. It is the 10th largest ethnic minority in China and there are about 5,000 believers. The primitive religion of the Buyi mainly includes nature worship, totem worship, ancestor worship and witchcraft. This may be the remnant of the primitive religion which believes that all creations have spirits. It is understood that the missionaries and local believers have translated the New Testament for the Buvi. Translation of the Old Testament is also in progress. But the missionaries' visas are rejected and the Buyi coworkers need to be hidden; Ministry cannot continue.

ℜ Please pray that the Puyi will have a chance to hear the gospel again. Ask the Lord to keep the believers so that they can uphold their faith. Also ask the Lord to help the co-workers remain faithful to their ministries; and to complete the bible translation and recording of its audio version for widespread distribution.

Saturday

Still Exalt the Lord?

"There is some depression in the environment of Christian brothers and sisters at present. The government has made a series of changes in the relevant regulations. Currently, many churches have found it hard to refuse to follow. Especially in Henan, what model the churches have become makes us feel that our faith in the Lord Jesus is not as simple as before. Isn't only the Lord in this temple? Why are there other songs praising the government? I do not know how should I imagine and explain this or how should the believers keep the will of God? Could it be said that the believers have been led astray? In the end, how should I perceive? The present sermons from time to time include something which is encouraging people to comply with the government. But no government officials come to listen. To our surprise, the government is exalted very much. Subsequently will the Lord still be exalted? I do not understand."

(Audience "Little Brother Guo")

✤ Please pray for Little Brother Guo and the Mainland churches facing the difficulties. Ask the Lord to increase their strength and faith, and to keep the believers so that they can recognize the truth and go through the hard times triumphantly by relying the Lord.

Gospel Broadcasting

- 1 Broadcast Response: The volume of program downloading in the first two months of 2019 is still very impressive, with an average of about 1.4 million times. The listening figure of online streaming broadcast has also exceeded 70,000 hours! The figure of user times on various platforms is more than 570,000! Please pray for our program production team and give intercession to our audience.
- 2 New Production: In response to current needs, we launched some programs especially for young people last October. When the short-wave timetable was updated at the end of March this year, a program for children's growth, "Joyful Tree Holistic Growth Ministry", was launched to enable children to know the Lord Jesus and follow Him at an early age with the encouragement of their parents or teachers.

China News and Prayer

May/Jun 2019

Dear Warriors in Christ,

Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming up. People may expect sentiments around. However, the rhythm of urban life is fast and work is endless. Coupled with the continuous advancement of technology, information can be transmitted to the other end of the Earth in a 3D manner. The objective distance between people has been drawn much closer. But has the distance between people's mind been shortened at the same time?

Sentiment is extremely valuable. Surrounded by a materialized and non-humanized atmosphere, let us maintain sentiments in our hearts and naturally display a temperament of sentiments in our lives and make people around feel warm, respected and treated as "people". When there is love in the world, difficulties can be faced even life is harder.

The heart of our Heavenly Father is very thoughtful and affectionate: "Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant. I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you...Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me." (Isaiah 44:21, 49:15-16)

We are the children of God. Holy Spirit lives within us. By the love of the Lord, we love the people around us and get along with them with empathy in order to make them feel the sentiments and lubricate their souls. If we come closer to the Lord's heart, it will be quite natural to miss people who are far away and we will be anxious about those who are still outside the Lord's salvation. When we pray, we will not think of only a great figure, but also people with blood, flesh and souls. Ask the Lord to help us make good use of this leaflet to become a circulation pipe to infuse the world with warmth, and to let people personally feel the Lord's love and to know the true loving God.

Wish you overflowing love from the Lord!

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Sunday

Not Study Hard

"I am a single mother. My son has bad learning attitude. He is not enthusiastic and He is very rebellious. Every time when I mention studying, he does not listen to me and turns mad. I want to enroll a remedial class for him, but I am worried that he will not attend and my money will be wasted. I really do not know how to communicate with him. He does not make efforts in school. His teacher has questioned if there is something wrong with him? He is smart indeed but he is not paying efforts. I used not to shed tears before. But now I shed tears almost every day. My son does not have a positive and progressive mind."

(Audience "Sad Person")

Please pray for "Sad Person". Pray that her son will grow up and understand the values of studying. Ask the Lord to increase his enthusiasm. Also pray that "Sad Person" can understand his son's needs at the stage of youthful growth and that she will rely the Lord to nurture his son patiently

ASF

The Information Office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs was released on April 8 that an African swine fever (ASF) epidemic has occurred in Yecheng County, Kashgar, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Areas received a report from the China Animal Disease Prevention and Control Center, which was proven by the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Animal Disease Prevention and Control Center, that the ASF has killed 39 animals on a farm of 341 pigs in Yecheng County. Immediately after the outbreak, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs sent a steering group to start the emergency response mechanism and adopted measures such as blockade, culling, harmless treatment, disinfection, etc. Live pigs are prohibited from being transported into the blockade. In eight months, African swine fever has swept over the mainland China, except Hainan which has yet to report any cases of ASF. ("China News Network", April 8, 2019)

Pray that the government can rightly handle the ASF issue. May there be no hiding nor any backroom deals but solid measures on the prevention and control of the spread of epidemics!

Hard to Let Go

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"I'm 43 years old, was married but with no child. Divorced two years ago because of his extra-marital affair. I did have some self-reflection though, realizing of my pride, disobedience, lack of tolerance and understanding. I was baptized in 2013. I am the head of a foreign trade company, through which I made acquaintance with a Japanese-Chinese client who he is married and has children. I clearly expressed my Christians' view on marriage and wished not to ruin others' happiness when I was pursuing mine. He also understood that his doing was inappropriate for all parties. But I find him just irresistible! Despite how well I know about the consequences, I am still unable to get away from this dreadful tangle."

(Audience "Fiona")

✤ Pray for Fiona that she can get over her urge, not making wrong choices out of loneliness. By the truth of the Lord, may she be able to get rid of all ungodly desires and temptation.

Urban residency policy changes

In 2019, major changes in the urban permanent residency policy take place to actively enhance the settlement of agriculturally transferred people who have already been employed in urban areas. The restrictions on permanent residency are completely eliminated for Type II large cities with a permanent urban population of one million to three millions. "Residency requirement for social welfares" no longer exists. The requirements for permanent residency are fully eased for Type I large cities with a permanent urban population of three to five millions. The restrictions on permanent residency for key groups of people are also completely abolished. Key groups are mainly graduates from universities and vocational colleges, and those employed staff members transferred between cities. The new policy also allows the permanent population of rental housing to register with urban public accounts. Settlement in a big city should be easier.

("CCTV Video Penguin", April 8, 2019)

ℋ It is not easy for migrant workers in cities to settle down. Pray that the relaxation of the policy will allow more migrants who have been employed in urban areas to live and work contentedly and happily.

Manic

Tuesday

"My ex-husband is a paranoid. Our first marriage crisis happened at the 3rd year when our child was 3-month-old. He is such a fearless person, rarely could anyone beat him down or argue him over. He scolded at me all the time. With a knife, my ex-husband made a scratch on my daughter's face while he was attacking my brother. Now my daughter is 26 years old and the scar is still noticeable on her face. Every time my ex-husband sees her face, he swears at me. 10 years after our divorce, I got married again for the sake of my daughter. This has been 17 years already. My exhusband would, like a devil, go search my brother and sister for revenge, forcing my family to hide away all the time. I work at a school and he came to my workplace to make trouble, wanting to take revenge on my family. He is crazy and not scared of the law or being in jail."

(Sister Wang)

ℜ May the Lord keep Sister Wang and her family safe from the harm of her ex-husband. Pray to the Holy Spirit to enter the heart of her ex-husband, to let him repent before the Lord and renew his life.

Frequent Forest Fires

Recently, forest fires have occurred in Beijing, Hebei, Shanxi, and Sichuan. On March 29, a major forest fire broke out in Qinyuan County, Shanxi Province. The fire was not yet completely extinguished on the morning of April 2. On March 31, forest fires in Muli County, Liangshan, Sichuan, caused 30 forest firefighters to die. Fires in Muli was re-ignited on the 7th, April. Forest fires also occurred in Yuexi County and Mianning County. A total of 490 firefighting personnel has been dispatched in Mianning County in Sichuan to fight against the fires. The forest fire in Yuexi County was put out on the morning of the 8th when no more smoke was found at the burning site. No casualties over the fire area of about 40 hectares, yet surveillance on the scene is still underway.

("The Paper News", April 8, 2019)

Pray for the safety of forest firefighters. May they be able to contain and put out the fires. Pray that the forest fire station can effectually enhance public's awareness for the prevention of fire and disaster so that the occurrence of forest fires could be minimized.

I'm Confused

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"I was brought to church and to believe in Jesus when I was still a toddler. Regularly did I keep going to church until I left for Beijing for college. In Beijing, I stayed at my uncle's place and I didn't attend church regularly. My uncle is a businessman. Right after my graduation last year, I got a job. That lasted for only half a year, then I have become unemployed for a few months. My mother let me learn driving to hope that I might help my uncle on delivery. Nevertheless, I failed the Paper II of the driving test, five times. In addition, I realized that the girlfriend whom I have related to for three years, is seeing someone else. Being unemployed, unloved, and unsuccessful, I have thought of killing myself. Living like a walking dead, I am really confused!"

(Brother "Little Fish")

In face of all these humps and bumps, may Brother Little Fish have hopes in the Lord and gain the courage to carry on. Pray that Brother can experience the sweetness of God's presence and regain his spirit to carry on his way.

MPQC for Rent

In recent years, some medical students would rent out their Medical Practitioner's Qualification Certificate (MPQC) to intermediary through whom these certificates are sublet to clinics or pharmacies. These clinics would take such MPQC as their doctor's license to "legitimize" their business. A Medical Science student revealed that the attainment of MPQC is painstaking and thus they feel justified if its rental can in some way lessen their economic pressure. Some lawyers pointed out that such move has great security risks and hidden dangers of liability disputes. The documents may be revoked by the health administrative department. If a medical accident occurs, it may also constitute illegal medical practice and bear criminal responsibility.

("China Consumer News", April 9, 2019)

Doctors, which supposed to be saving lives, are now becoming more of saving a fortune. May the Lord have mercy upon them and let all the medical practitioners realize about their honorable responsibilities. For the government, may there be a better supervision system to ensure a halt to medical fraud of all kinds.