

Thursday



Being Persecuted

“Our church is facing persecution. The church pastor has been detained. A total of 11 church meeting places were closed last Sunday. Dozens of people, like devils, rushed into our church and dismissed the congregation. They also arrested our pastor and co-workers. In such a country which claims to allow religious freedom, Christians’ meetings face a ban at any time because of charges for illegality. I do not know what to face in the future. Please pray for us.”

(Sister Liang)

⌘ Ask for the Lord’s concern for the persecution faced by the churches in the territory, the pastors and co-workers who have been arrested, and the believers and their families whose hearts have been hurt. Please pray that the Lord will comfort and strengthen them. May peace be with the believers and the persecuted churches in various areas.

Junior Live-streamer

It is now very often to see doll faced live-streamers on live broadcast. A high school student who is addicted to such broadcast said, “I plan to drop my college entrance examination and to become a live streamer and make big money.” Live broadcast industry is fiercely competitive. Viewers can tip generously to these online stars and they just film themselves talking, singing or even doing course work. These junior live-streamers are busy making money and earning great sense of accomplishment on the air. By the same token, their junior fans outside the screen are busy spending money to prove their existence. Recently, a 12-year-old boy generously tipped a live-streamer nearly RMB 60,000 dollars during a live broadcast. Similar cases are not uncommon. In fact, the requirement to becoming live streamers is low while the tipping may enable them a comfortable living. As these platforms can rightly meet the needs of youngsters, these young kids thus get “addicted” to live-streaming easily.

(“Beijing Evening News”, September 9, 2019)

⌘ This phenomenon shows a distortion of values amongst the youngsters. Pray that they have a wilder and greater perspective, and may their parents and teachers know how to rightly guide their life ahead.

Friday



My Pregnancy

“I am not young and I got married six years ago. I have known God for ten more years, still a stray lamb though. Three years ago, the church pastor prayed for me and my husband, then I got a twin pregnancy. I quit my job to take rest at home but was saddened to find my babies aborted. I was heartbroken and became very weak in faith. For a long time, I gained no courage to go to church. The fact that I didn’t get pregnant again in these three years affects our relationship, as to the family’s harmony, too. My family feels the urge and suggests us trying IVF, which is our last resort because it is costly, physically painful and with no 100% guarantee. My husband has been terribly sad about the loss of our babies. He has no joy but lots of blame against God.”

(A Sister)

⌘ Pray for this sister and may the Lord give her godly descendants to glorify His name. May she learn to trust and wait for God’s timing.

Revival of Miao

More than 80 per cent of the Large Flowery Miao people have returned to the Lord because of the missionaries’ efforts of sowing and cultivating. The culture, education and living standards of this ethnic minority have also greatly improved. However, many young believers have gone to cities to make a living, and the churches have become ageing and secular with changes of the times. At present, there are pastors who are conceiving the writing of the Miao people’s religious history. The pastors are planning to make an audio program with a view to helping the believers recall and count the Lord’s great blessings, and rekindle their love for the Lord. Please pray for a lot of young Miao people being equipped in their biblical training classes. Also pray for the Large Flowery Miao church pastors who are translating the broadcasted curriculum into the Miao language to train local leaders actively.

⌘ Please pray that the Lord will tremendously revive the Large Flowery Miao church, and that He will bless and empower numerous ministries of production for spiritually nurturing and equipping the believers. Also pray that the Lord will use this ethnic group to bless other ethnic minorities.

Saturday



Can’t Hold On Anymore

“My mother was a rural woman who lived in bitterness throughout her life. My marriage is undesirable and so is my younger brother’s. He said of a divorce when quarreled with his wife who, berated my mother and made her ill and eventually stoke. God saved my mother, but she was left unattended at her maternal home after hospital discharge. Because of difference in belief, my husband didn’t get along with my mother. He didn’t respect or feel thankful to my mother, despite that it was her who paid the down payment for our flat. He took my mother’s favor for granted, and even banned her from coming to our house. Mother didn’t want my brother to pay her medical expenses as his wife was the one in control of the home finance. In the end, my mother chose suicide. I can’t get over my sadness. My husband doesn’t allow me to go to church. I am such a feeble sinner and in the face of all these difficulties, I can’t hold on any longer!”

(Sister Lin)

⌘ Pray for sister Lin’s situation. May the Lord heal her wounds; comfort and lead her out of darkness and self-blaming. By the Lord, may she be strong enough to brave the difficulties ahead.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Transmission Signals:** The churches and believers in the Mainland are in need of our programs to receive spiritual feeding and teaching since last year’s implementation of the new religious regulations. Please pray for our shortwave and medium wave broadcast so that the audience can receive the transmission of our programs clearly. Also ask the Lord to maintain the broadcast of our new media platforms to enable us to proclaim the words of God smoothly.

2 **New Resource Library:** Radio Liangyou has launched a new resource library (r.729ly.net) which allows believers to review the programs and special issues which have been broadcast for a maximum of one year. In addition, the texts of each program have been uploaded to this resource library for more convenient search by the audience. It is hoped that the library can help the Mainland believers!

China News and Prayer

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Why did East Germany collapse overnight without any war? This wonderful event is extremely related to prayer.

The collapse of the Berlin Wall took place in a church, The Nikolaikirche, which was built in 1165. The church let people light candle and pray together so as to push down the Berlin Wall in the way of non-violent wars. This resulted in the “disintegration” of East German in 1989. At that time, a young pastor Christian Führer loved bible study very much. So he privately invited his friends to study the Bible. One day, they read Isaiah 9:2: they thought the people of East Germany were living in the darkness, but there would be a light dawning. So they gathered to pray every week, and more and more people joined the prayer meeting.

Peaceful prayer meetings had been held every Monday afternoon under the auspices of Christian Führer since September 1982. The number of participants exceeded 1,000 in 1989. Then the East German government felt very worried and imposed a ban on October 2, 1989. Unexpected things happened next week. The church was overcrowded and the crowds even gathered outside at the prayer meeting on October 9. More than 100,000 people came out that night, each holding a flag of “Wir sind das Volk”, meaning “We are the people”. The German secret police tried their best to incite the crowds to violence. However, the crowds remained rational and peaceful with candles holding in their hands. The police did not fire any bullet that night. The Berlin Wall collapsed a month later.

The power of prayer is very great from a religious perspective. When we continue to pray for the items in “China News and Prayer” with faith, God’s work is unexpected after all.

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Sunday



Perplexed by Love Affairs

"I have been perplexed by love affairs in the past. I have fallen into the trap of sexual sins and feel that I have been indebted to God. I always want to date a Christian sister but God has not prepared one for me. I enrolled a training course in April and I met a woman classmate in the class. We lived together after I had had sex with her, but I have found that she is not a believer. She is against my religion and often mocks at my beliefs. In the past, she did not obstruct me when I listened to sermons with my headphones. But she opposes me tonight. I have committed so many sins. I have told a lot of lies. I am afraid that she will know these. My psychological pressure is very high. I also watch a lot of movies of horror and murder with her. I feel that I am indebted to God very much! I am going away from God further and further."

(Audience "Sinner")

⌘ Please ask the Lord to help him understand God's will, surrender to the Holy Spirit's reminder, and escape from the way of life that cannot please God.

Facial Recognition at School

Recently, criticism about the use of facial recognition technology in schools has gone viral. Students' behavior such as skipping school, napping or playing on phones during the class etc., can all be tracked under this intelligent facial system. These two frigid eyes arouse the haunting experiences of many who had been "observed" at all times by their high school class teachers in the past. The installation of this technology has thus raised a big discussion related to the intention of education. Facial recognition technology is firstly considered to help improve campus safety, but it also suggests to children that "they are all unpredictable potential criminals." The school should be seen as a safe place for students to enjoy their learning, rather than as a cell where they were closely watched!

("China Youth Daily", September 11, 2019)

⌘ Campus surveillance wouldn't motivate students to learn, nor could it bring peace of mind to students when they learn. Please pray for the education authorities to carefully think of the impact of bringing facial recognition into campus.

Monday



Unimaginable

"I married in 2004, just to hope to be away from home. I didn't expect nor dare to imagine what that followed. Do you know? My heart was broken. I wished desperately to share my bitterness with others, but no one could really help. My father, that is my child's grandfather, thought of a vicious idea: He firstly got me a distant cousin, who wanted a son, to have sex with me. I hurt that cousin and then he left me after taking advantage of me. I was so helpless and I didn't know what to do. I tried my best not to hurt others. But when I am unhappy, I can only talk to my brothers and sisters in Christ."

(Audience "Brokenhearted")

⌘ Pray for "Brokenhearted". May the Lord wipe her tears and comfort her; take her out of the haze and grant her wisdom to turn down unfavorable demands.

Lack of Teachers

At the beginning of the new semester, 11 primary school principals of Xiaoliang Mountain area drove to the Lijiang office of the Northwestern Education Group. There was only one reason for this three-hour ride: to "grab" their teaching corps. The Head of this teaching corps was pleased to see the popularity of their teachers. At the same time, he worried that the total of these 30 long-term teachers from Batch 77 might still fail to satisfy all the needs of the rural. As these mountain schools are remotely located, the number of teachers has always been short. In the past two years, the county has established a new education school in Xiaoliang Mountain. New teachers have been selected from various townships and village schools. In addition, due to a relax on the second-child policy, some female teachers have taken maternity leave etc. which all stretched even more on the provision of teachers. In the worst case, a lack of one teacher would lead to a suspension of one whole class level of a mountain school.

("Tencent News", September 10, 2019)

⌘ Pray for these voluntary teaching groups that the number of volunteer teachers enrolled is enough and the funds that collected is sufficient for their operation so that children in the mountains can receive good education too.

Tuesday



I am Blind

"I don't know why. Before I was married, I was very bold, and I enjoyed singing hymns very much because songs always made me strong. In my ten-more-year marriage, everything has changed. I become very anxious. I am blind. The husband's family seems accepting me, but this is not even close to the truth. My beliefs have been greatly affected and I feel weak in my faith. I am miserable and scare of praying especially. My husband's family dislike me to sing or to pray, and they all point at me, a Christian, when something bad happens. Why do people who believe in Jesus need to face these accusations? Sometimes I reckon those who don't believe in the Lord pitiful, yet they don't realize their wrongs."

(Audience "A blind")

⌘ May the Lord take away her inexplicable fear. Grant her the fulfilment and peace in the Lord. May she overcome the hardship and turn bold to get close to the Lord again.

Gaining Weight to Save Dad

A 10-year-old boy, Lu Zikuan, "saved his father by gaining weight" in Hui County, Henan. He gave his father a "birthday gift": his bone marrow donation. He was taken back to the ward after the operation in Peking University People's Hospital. The doctor praised him for being so strong. When Zihuan was three years old, his father, Lu Yanheng, was diagnosed as having myelodysplastic syndromes at the early stage of leukemia. His father's condition has deteriorated recently. Then Zihuan has increased his weight to achieve the physical standard required for donating bone marrow to his father. He has five meals daily so that his weight has increased from 60 kg to more than 90 kg. With a smile on his face, he looked very easy on his wheelchair when he was pushed out of the surgery department. The doctor said, "such an obedient child is very rare."

("The Beijing News", September 10, 2019)

⌘ Please continue to pray for the health of Lu Zihuan and his father. Thank God for the continuation of the father's life with the bone marrow donated by his son. Please also pray that both of them will have eternal life.

Wednesday



Pity My Family

"My mother does not believe in the Lord. She asks the false gods to pity and save her. When I was young, I followed my mother to worship false gods ignorantly. When someone preached the gospel to her, I just yelled to stop her from believing. Later God has chosen me. I have been praying for God's pity for my family. I ask God to make my parents believe in the Lord; and then they will guide other family members and neighbors to believe. God does listen to my prayers. My cousin's wife and two female cousins and believed in the Lord in 2017. My uncle (my mother's brother) also believed last year. Currently my neighbors go to church one by one. But my mother still does not believe. My elder brother and his wife have not believed yet. But my first bible has been given by him. My sister-in-law has been sick and very stressful. Please pray that God will be merciful to our family."

(Audience "Jireh")

⌘ Please pray for the parents, elder brother and sister-in-law of "Jireh". Pray that they can see the kindness of the believers around, and will be touched and open their hearts to the Lord.

Escaped Tiger

On the evening of September 6, a rural circus performance took place at the entrance of a school in Yuanyang County, Henan. A Siberian tiger rented by a certain animal-raising group in Anhui tried to "prison break" twice during the performance. In the second time, it climbed over a fence about four meters high and jumped out. The audience dispersed and ran for their lives. Immediately, a large search was launched in the area. The next morning in a cornfield, with the help of anesthesia the tiger was captured by the police. It was then sent to the local zoo in Xinxiang. Unfortunately, the tiger died on its way. Two personnel in charge from the circus have been criminally detained by the local police.

("The Paper News", September 9, 2019)

⌘ Fortunately, no casualties caused. Regardless of animal protection or the personal safety of audience, the relevant departments should strictly enact some laws to regulate the performance of animals especially those traveling circuses as in the case.