

Thursday



A Low Self-esteem Person

"I am a person with very low self-esteem. My husband, held captive by alcohol, completely changed my life in 2014. I lived a difficult life and experienced the Lord gradually. I have suffered from mental illness and want to die with my children many times. I want to give up my husband and take good care of my children. Yet they are rebellious and our relationship is tense. I know I have to rely on the Lord, but I am not confident enough. I always feel humiliated, and I have been ridiculed and bullied in my church. I endure everything desperately. I cry secretly and dare not to communicate with others. I am only eager to learn the Word of God."

(An audience named as "a sister outside")

✚ Please pray that the Lord will give the sister strength to face her life, concentrate on learning the Lord's words and overcome her disease.

Pace of 5G Commercial Use

The "5G+" Smart Security Sunac Development Forum was held in Beijing on January 11. The development and frontier trends of the network security technology in the context of 5G were explored in the forum. Currently China has fully launched the 5G construction with 126,000 5G base stations opened nationwide. The large-scale construction is expected to take place officially in 2020. 48,000 5G base stations will be newly built in Guangdong within 2020. Before the end of June, the Guangdong Provincial Housing and Urban-Rural Development Department will issue standard construction specifications of reserving facilities such as 5G macro stations, micro stations and indoor systems for the construction of new residential and commercial buildings. A continuous coverage of the central urban area of the Pearl River Delta will be basically achieved.

("Xinhuanet", January 14, 2020)

✚ It is believed that the development and popularization of the 5G network can bring a greater opportunity for the media which use the network to evangelize. Please ask God to guide this opportunity to become a booster of gospel preaching. Also pray that there is no restriction on the security of the networks used by evangelical institutes.

Friday



Having an Affair

"I have had an affair with a man. Our relationship ended half a month ago. After I had been with him, I stopped going to church completely. I still had feelings of struggle after I had returned home. Recently I have insisted on listening to your programs. It appears that I am relieved very much when I am listening. But when I return to some related scenes in the reality, my mind is full of the pictures of being with him in the past. I do not have any power to cast aside all these. I repeatedly think about whether it would be better to end my life. It is really living death. Looking up to the Lord also becomes meaningless. I do not know how my situation will become."

(An audience named as "a person in despair")

✚ Please pray for "a person in despair" to let her be released from this situation. Also Pray that she can understand the value and meaning of life not only emotionally. Ask the Lord to give her the strength to overcome the temptation of passion.

The Dongxiang Huihui

The Dongxiang tribe, which has a population of more than 600,000, is named after their living location in Dongxiang of Linxia, Gansu Province. They were formerly named as Dongxiang Huihui. They also call themselves "Saerta" which means "Central Asian people who believe in Islam". They are deeply committed to the Hanafi school which is one of the Sunni Islamic religious schools. There were missionaries who had preached to them before 1949. Yet no obvious fruits were achieved. However, there are evidences proving that the missionary ministry has yielded fruits among the Dongxiang people, and that pastors have been called to actively witness the Lord and translate the Bible.

✚ Believers of Dongxiang people are willing to preach the gospel to their compatriots amid hardship. Furthermore, the Dongxiang people do not have their own characters. Some believers hope that they can produce an audio bible recorded with the Dongxiang dialect. They are seeking God's will to see if FEBC will also be involved. Please pray that if the Lord allows, may the Lord call His workers and supply the funds required for this ministry.

Saturday



Pray for My Younger Brother

"My younger brother's mental condition is poor. He was hospitalized again in June 2019. He was discharged from hospital after more than a month. But he was still sick and refused to take medicine. Currently, his wife is pregnant. He always says that the child's father is another person. He has asked his wife to terminate her pregnancy or to divorce from him. They have a daughter who studies in grade one. They are also divided on her education. My sister-in-law cannot stand this. She wants to return to his mother's residence to live for some time. May God be merciful so that they will have a harmonious family. The money spent by my younger brother is basically drawn from our parents. He tries to look for a job when he is relatively normal but he is picky. Although he has got married for many years, he has not been employed for a very long period. At present I hope that he will take medicine and will not brawl every day."

(Sister Zhang)

✚ Please pray for the family of Sister Zhang's younger brother. Also pray that he is able to take medicine regularly and that his illness can be controlled so that he can take care of his family again and live in harmony with his family members.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Broadcasting Platforms:** Our short-wave and medium-wave broadcasts are quite stable. Yet they are not so stable and reliable on the internet or social media platforms due to the regulations and concerns of the Mainland. Please pray that our programs will be blessed by the Lord and transmitted smoothly to listeners through the air waves!

2 **Gospel Session:** Radio YiYou, AM broadcasting (AM1566) is created as a gospel channel for proclaiming the gospel preparatory ministry and evangelical messages at 9:45 pm-12:30 am. Its broadcast can be received via radios and car radios in provinces such as Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Shandong, Hebei, Henan, Anhui and Jiangxi.

Please pray for the new gospel session. It is hoped that more compatriots can know the Lord by listening to the radio programs!

China News and Prayer

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Dear warriors in Christ,
Are you like me? Although I know that God is in power and that He loves me, I am still full of worry and uncertainty.

I am often worried that I have not understood His mind and I have gone astray in these years of my ministry. Taking up more and more responsibilities, I have greater fear of going in the wrong direction and spoiling important affairs. So whenever a new responsibility is delegated to me, my heart trembles with fear and sometimes I come to a standstill easily.

At the beginning of the new year, I prayed for my anxiety once again. A scene of my daughter playing in a maze appeared in my mind. When she was little, she could not see the whole picture of the maze. I took her hand, followed her to walk around and let her lead me to the way out. She was not panicked at that time since she knew that her mother was always there and would not keep her trapped in the maze forever. God reminds me that He is always present and that He will eventually lead my way.

The Psalmist said, "Direct my footsteps according to your word..." (Psalm 119:133) I would like to encourage you to put efforts into the Word of God. The 2020 broadcasting theme of Liangyou Radio is "Voice Resounding". In the first quarter, co-workers and listeners are encouraged to "read books with voice resounding". They are also encouraged to use the WeChat mini-program, "FengYi Applets: Bible Reading Assistant", to customize their bible reading goals and study hard the Word of God together. Let us make our "wings" strong enough to take off against the wind.

God bless you so that you can read the scriptures with voice resounding and your prayer will be guided step by step in the coming new year!

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Sunday



Church at Hometown

“There are some alterations in the routine of our hometown church that I hardly understood. Many churches in Henan Province have shut down letting Sunday worship available only in a few churches in the province, which might be too far for some elderly to reach. These old people are discouraged to hold worship at home though by some of their villagers. In order to avoid public attention, we now hold Christian fellowship at various places. This troubles me and I wish so much to revert to where we could freely worship and serve God at churches. Am I correct to have such thoughts?”

(Listener “A Believer”)

⌘ Pray for “A Believer” and let him realize meeting-at-church is not easy nowadays. God treasures our spirit and truth rather than the venue that we worship Him. Everything is in the hands of the Lord. May the Lord keep the hometown churches in the Mainland.

Road Collapse

On January 13, a large area of road surface collapsed suddenly in front of a bus station at the Red Cross Hospital, South Street, Chengzhong District, Xining City, Qinghai Province. A bus waiting for passengers was swallowed into a sinkhole. A teenager who bravely rescued an infant was gulped down into the hole by the second collapse while he returned to save others. An explosion followed. The boy was seen saved and hospitalized. As on the 14th, 9 bodies of the previously missing 10 people were found. One is still unknown. There were 17 wounded with no fatal risk. Local government has enhanced the safety of the surrounding environment: the scene of the incident was closed off whereas people within the danger zone were evacuated.

(“Beijing News”, January 14, 2020)

⌘ Ground collapse also occurred in the construction area of Guangzhou Metro a few days ago. This kind of incident is depressingly common these days, causing human casualties sometimes. Pray that related units can thoroughly investigate the causes to avoid further mishaps to occur. Moreover, psychological comfort and rehabilitation work should carry out to the affected families.

Monday



Mindless

“I have learnt about the Lord Jesus since my childhood. I still haven’t known Him very well, yet I am more than 30 years old now. I have always helplessly been caught in all kinds of lust and sins. Despite that God has made me get close to Him, I was indifferent and continued to walk my own way. Now I run up huge debts of several hundreds of thousands of yuan, feeling desperate for my unrepentance. May God free me from the shackles of lust and allow me to live not for myself but for the glory of Him. In the meantime, I am lost. May God help me pay off all my debts. I would rather be poor than be a slave of my worldly desire. May the Lord show me the way.”

(Brother Li)

⌘ Pray for Brother Li. Let him return to the Lord after experiencing the scourge of worldly temptations. May he confess and repent, live out the testimony to honor the name of the Lord.

Teaching Materials

According to the website of the Ministry of Education, there are certain criterion required on the selection of overseas teaching materials. Schools that provide voluntary education are disallowed to use materials from overseas. Apart from either that Chinese-foreign cooperation in running schools or projects, or that approved overseas courses by provincial education administrative departments, ordinary high schools must not use any materials from overseas. Course materials for classes of Ideological and Political, Chinese Language, History or other subjects with strong ideological attributes involving national sovereignty, security, nationality, religion, etc., shall be prepared, reviewed, and used uniformly by the state. Teaching materials for primary and secondary school are subject to political review, focusing on their political direction and value orientation; in short, course materials which are politically incorrect will be prohibited.

(“The Beijing News”, January 7, 2020)

⌘ Pray for the cold winter of the Chinese language publishing industry especially those on religions. Please remember the safety of those who are in the operation of religious books.

Tuesday



Intolerable Headache

“I didn’t go to the doctor for the headache that I had been suffering for a long-time until the October last year. I did a brain MRI at orthopedics and found out four problems: 1) cerebral ischemia, 2) arteriosclerosis, 3) senile changes in the brain, 4) atrophy of the cerebellum. Without full understandings, the director of the Department of Neurology prescribed some proprietary Chinese medicines and sent me away. My illness was then mistreated by his ignorance. I went to an emergency department this January and did a CT which showed senile changes of ischemia in my brain. I was hospitalized the next day. As the doctor there was irresponsible and not that skillful, I later went to Beijing Hospital. My health situation didn’t turn better though. I thus tried Chinese acupuncture and a 4-hour drip treatment at the hospital. I prayed to God and my blood pressure returns to normal now. The pain and stiffness in neck and head keep me from sleeping most of the time. Teacher, please pray for me.”

(An Old Sister)

⌘ Pray for the old sister. May the Lord heal her and help her find a good doctor. Let her hold onto the faith in God and experience the Lord’s mercy and healing.

Wuhan Coronavirus

Wuhan’s unexplained viral pneumonia that has caused widespread concern has been initially determined to be caused by a new type of coronavirus. China will share the sequence information of the new coronavirus gene detected in the case with the World Health Organization. The Wuhan Municipal Health and Health Committee reported till 13th that 41 cases of pneumonia with a new coronavirus infection have been initially diagnosed, All patients received isolation treatment at designated medical institutions in Wuhan. A total of 763 close contacts have been tracked, 76 medical observations have been lifted, and 687 are still receiving medical observations. No related cases were found among the close contacts.

(“CCTV News”, January 12, 2020)

⌘ Pray for health organizations around the world to work together to quickly determine the status of the epidemic and develop preventive measures to avoid large-scale transmission.

Wednesday



Sorry for my Mom

“My mother had an operation on lung adenocarcinoma earlier. The doctor told my younger sister that there are a few lung nodules that needed follow-up surgery. It was impossible to remove so much at a time. Some nodules, not knowing their nature, are also found in her liver! If not working so hard for the wellness of the family, my mother wouldn’t have got such illness otherwise. May my family in Christ pray to God to save my mother’s body and soul. Mother got thyroid cancer in 2016 and had it removed at its very early stage. But now comes the lung cancer, that I don’t know what to do to cheer her up and give her hope again.”

(Sister Zhang)

⌘ Pray for Sister Zhang’s mother. Although she was in the sick, she experienced the Lord’s love and healing. She accepted the Lord with joy and hope. Please remember her children and may they have faith in the Lord.

Heart-warming Service

On January 14th, when Train Homeward was running from Shanghai south to Guiyang, some volunteers and staff gave heartwarming treats to those passengers who were travelling east to return for the Chinese New Year. Amongst all the treats, their New Year’s Eve Dinner in Guizhou style was most popular. Moreover, each of these 40 and more migrant worker representatives on board received a Chinese New Year’s “Lucky Bag” within which were authentic Guizhou-style dishes. At the dining compartment, six train chefs respectively prepared two of their signature dishes presenting a 12-course Guizhou cuisine, letting all these migrant workers relive the taste of their hometown and a re-visit of their happy memories. Their next plan is to introduce similar service onto regular trains and high-speed trains that run from Shanghai and Ningbo to Guizhou.

(“Guiyang Daily”, January 15, 2020)

⌘ Grateful that these migrant workers could have a bite of their hometown dishes on their trip home for the festival. Please also remember the Christians in our prayers as they might face some kinds of conflicts in beliefs within their family when they return for reunion. May God grant them wisdom.