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CHRIST TO THE WORLD BY RADIO

With the gradual tightened control over religious affairs on the mainland, the past year has been one of intense pressure and ripple effects for local churches and believers as well as overseas Chinese ministries and co-workers. FEBC Hong Kong being a mass media institution is of course in the frontline, with mounting challenges for gospel broadcasts coming on with the censorship. Yet, we know full well that we have come to our extant position for such a time as this. China is getting strong and powerful for sure, but people's yearnings will not be satisfied except with the gospel and truth. In 2017, as always, we have devoted ourselves fully on preaching the gospel and teaching the truth in our programs with faith in the Lord. Thanks to the Father for His grace and care, and to the churches and believers for their prayer, gospel broadcasting has continued to share in many life changing testimonies and gain advancement in many ministries, despite all the setbacks.

To reinforce broadcasts along the coastal provinces of Shandong, Jiangsu and Zhejiang, we have added a half-hour live program on medium wave Radio Yiyao Channel 1 since late October. To be closer to the listeners and to have more interaction with them has always been our broadcasting rationale. Also starting from late October, we have added four more hours of live broadcasts per week, making the weekly live air time 11 hours in all. Radio Liangyou has also made 10 more new programs throughout the year to cater to the needs of the listeners, among them are new programs for children that are fairly popular. Through partnership with FEBC Thailand, we have launched broadcasts in the Lisu dialect, which have become our broadcasts for the ninth minority group. Through various training courses, Liangyou Theological Seminary has continued to be a blessing to participants. The second batch of The Ways of the Pastors students already graduated in October.

Since the beginning of 2017, we have stepped up our ministries in local Hong Kong. We have been involved in RTHK-Community Involvement Broadcasting Service (CIBS), and this year our applications for all three seasons got accepted. The local Cantonese online radio Sooradio was inaugurated on March 21. Till now, app downloads have reached over 4,100 times, and the average listening figure per month around 10,000. What I am most thankful for is that the four training phases run for young people from various churches and institutions have equipped about half of them to commit themselves to Sooradio program productions.

Looking forward to 2018, we will not allow ourselves to falter, but to optimize on program production, only for the

gospel needs of our fellow countrymen and the establishment of the church.


The advance of gospel broadcasting

With the new religious affairs regulations in full implementation on the mainland in February 2018, churches, believers and Chinese ministries may have to face a "bleak winter". Yet we trust that the Lord sits enthroned over the flood, and therefore have devised in good faith our progress plans. May the Lord's will be done!

After 10 years of unwavering effort learning about new media and applying them in various forms, we have quite mastered the means of broadcasting on new platforms. In the three years ahead, we will focus on program quality, training of co-workers, as well as recording equipment and relevant system upgrades, just so we may present every listener to God with all wisdom. If the Lord wills, we plan to serve one more minority group. LTS has also deliberated on a new Navigation Program for the post-80s and 90s. For local broadcasts, we will keep up with Sooradio to serve and train more youths dedicated to the broadcasting sector. We will also make the best use of RTHK-CIBS program to produce quality broadcasting works to serve and bless Hong Kong citizens.

The entrustment of gospel broadcasting

Passing the baton to mainland co-workers is our broadcasting objective and directive. We are delighted in the past years to have more brothers and sisters joining our team who have vision and passion and are committed and talented. May these young people be able to take over our vision and production rationale through the training they obtain, and shoulder the mission of gospel broadcasting! As some of our co-workers (myself among them) will soon retire, we pray that the Father will raise and send according to His will and time succeeding co-workers who will effect a seamless transition on all areas including administration, program production and training.

2018 is FEBC Hong Kong's 60th anniversary. We give incessant thanks to our Father for the past 60 years' mercy and grace. In the days ahead, we earnestly hope to be able to work much more closely with partner churches, organizations and believers to spread the gospel of Christ Jesus over the whole of Hong Kong and China through broadcasts and the media! 





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Pressing Forward with Passion Broadcast Theme 2018



Peter Tong (Deputy Director, China Ministries Office)


Radio Liangyou has programs fed by a number of production centers and broadcast to China for over 20 hours per day. For a clear directive, we fix a broadcast theme annually so various production teams can play a big part, tap their potential, and tailor-made programs catering to the conditions and needs of our service targets.

After deliberation with program section heads of various regions, Radio Liangyou has agreed on the broadcast theme of 2018 - Pressing Forward with Passion! Our wish is that we can find and nurture devoted friends who will sustain with us the gospel spreading mission through broadcasts, the Internet, social media platforms and associated ministries. In our programs, we will present the life testimonies of gospel preaching successors and missionaries, and encourage the Chinese churches and believers to undertake the commission to preach the gospel locally, in the border areas and overseas, and to do it through the generations, keeping a firm hold of the true faith.

With passion and zeal, our staff work passionately on new programs and different activities to maximize the theme and the messages it encompasses. We ask the Lord for strength and hope in the days to come, to design and mastermind brand new discipleship training courses that help Chinese churches to bring up quality believers. We also hope to work closely with partners to promote multi-media and multi-channel disciple training ministries. Though the broadcast courses are still under construction, our staff are already going ahead to launch the Bible recital activities, so listeners can hide God's word in their hearts, that in the day of evil they are able to stand their ground against the devil with the sword of the word of God.

Another main point in broadcasting is to respond to the missionary zeal in Chinese churches. We learned from different channels that the Chinese church had become very keen on the Great Commission, and we have sent many committed believers over to help. However, many problems have come up for lack of information and comprehensive plans. Radio Liangyou will therefore encourage Chinese churches to launch mission ministries, framed with teaching, preaching and counseling and elaborated with extensive and profound broadcasting with the help of partners.

At the moment there are fewer listeners tuning in to short wave broadcasts, but there are still believers telling Radio Liangyou of their love of lingering beside the radio for the programs. With cautious contemplation, Radio Liangyou has decided to stream our programs onto different platforms for different targets, short wave broadcasts for reaching believers and media platforms for developing evangelistic programs. We will also strengthen our interactivity with listeners, by bringing in more live broadcasts and revamping the interaction system and service for listeners.

Only with the flaming passion in our hearts and the endowment of the grace and power from above will we be able to stand firm in this age of aloofness and indifference. This world needs this kind of flame to bring light to those blinded by Satan; this generation needs this kind of flame to warm people's hearts! Colleagues of Radio Liangyou, be ready for this new year of service to bring our listeners this blaze! 

Nothing is Impossible


Brother Li, Hebei Province

I am a second-generation Christian in my family, and have not completed junior-secondary education.

My first Bible was printed in traditional Chinese. I read with much difficulty but was willing to start from nothing by looking up the characters in the dictionary to learn the Word of God. Afterwards, God prepared some spiritual books sent from Hong Kong to enhance my spiritual life. Later, I started a course at Liangyou Theological Seminary (LTS). The LTS covers a wide range of ministry areas and I have benefited from the course a lot. God was merciful to me and I completed the foundation course. I am studying a diploma course and will be soon graduated.

God has made me the keeper of one of His pastures. For the development of the church, I felt obliged to train the servants of God and teach young children. Although facing with objection

from the seniors, God helped me find faith in Him and solve the problems one by one by blessing me with abundant grace. Besides, God let me see the importance to build an independent church for the Christians who have joined family churches, with a view to meeting the needs of the church development. The staff and seniors of the church did not think it was necessary due to no contributions. Nevertheless, God is merciful and gracious and has fulfilled our dream. Our church has been making steady progress to accomplish His mission and materialise His eternal plan.

I have been much impressed by a line from a spiritual book I read, "God is my master and I am willing to preach His Word." I have added another line to complete the meaning, "Loyal until death." The phrase has given me courage to serve God for over 30 years. Everything is in God's Hands. Trust in God with all our heart and everything will be possible! 







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