

Thursday



Cheated on Husband

“Having been deceived by a man, I cheated on my husband. That man then set me up and haunted me to the point that I almost divorced my husband and committed suicide. Though we haven’t divorced in the end, my husband always ignores me and treats me badly. I am not forgiven! He loses more money on gambling, saving me not even a penny! I must repent and confess my guilt to the Lord to get rid of the evil spirits around me. Now I got no work and no money; life is extremely harsh. I want to get back and be with my two children at my hometown. But due to the lack of money, I may postpone my plan to next year. Right now, I need a job which fits my physical condition.”

(A Sister)

✚ Grateful that Sister has confessed and repented. May the Lord protect her from the attack of the devil Satan; heal the hurts of her husband, and keep him away from the temptation of gambling. May he re-accept his wife and re-build a happy family together.

Forest Fire

On July 11 afternoon, a forest fire broke out in the Abahe Forest Farm in the northern primeval forest area of the Greater Hinggan Mountains in Inner Mongolia. The fire has been basically put out, after an overnight battle by more than 230 firefighters and local fire-fighting professionals. The open fire was extinguished on the 12th and embers in the area were being cleaned up. On the evening of the 11th, the fire broke out in the Jixinggou Forest Farm in Greater Hinggan Mountains. The Inner Mongolia Forest Fire Corps quickly mobilized 100 people from the Greater Hinggan Mountains detachment who had participated in the prior rescue of the Aba River fire. As of 6:50 on the 12th, the Mangui Brigade has arrived at 1.5 kilometers away from the fire and is now marching into the scene on foot. The fire situation is unknown at present.

(“Xinhua News”, July 13, 2019)

✚ Pray for the Lord’s mercy to stop the forest fire and keep the fire-fighting personnel safe. Help the wearied recover after a series of forest blaze and provide enough manpower for their backup and replacement.

Friday



Runaway Girl

“This is an urgent matter which requires your help. Please pray for the girl, Zhenzhen, and ask God to pity and rescue her. I have warned her many times but she does not listen to me and insists on violating God’s words. Please pray that she can stop her relationship with the man who has made her body sin. She is a Christian but that man is not. I do not want to see a person falling into the trap of lust. She has followed that man and left her family. He is engaged in drug trafficking activities. I earnestly ask you to pray for her. I hope that God will raise His righteous right hand to save her.”

(Sister Guo)

✚ Please pray for Zhenzhen. Ask the Lord to save her from the temptations. Please pray for her awakening to let her know that what she has done makes God and her family worried; and to make her determined to evade sins. Ask the Lord to rescue her, and to make her confess, repent and return to the Lord.

Revival of Miao

In 1888, two British missionaries, Dang Juren (China Inland Mission) and Samuel Pollard (The Methodist Association) entered Yunnan and Guizhou Provinces successively, spreading the gospel seeds to the Dahua Miao (Large Flower Miao) people. The most popular thing was that in 1905, Pollard and Miao intellectuals such as Jacob Yang co-operated to create the pinyin text for the Miao people. Pollard created symbols close to their daily life by referring to and adopting the patterns and symbols on their flowery skirts. However, the younger generations no longer learned this Miao language year after year. Even their belief in Christianity has faded gradually. The Christian pastors and leaders of Dahua Miao are very anxious about the indifferent church condition.

✚ Please pray for the efforts of actively training a new generation of Dahua Miao believers and leaders in the two provinces. Pray for the workers who are engaged in the recording and production of the Bible training programs. Ask the Lord to protect the translating and recording co-workers and their environment. Pray that the Lord will revive the Dahua Miao believers for proclaiming the gospel truth to the next generations.

Saturday



Sometimes Good, Sometimes Bad

“I have a child who has started listening to Raido Liangyou at the age of 13-14. Now he is 17 years old. He studies in a boarding school and returns home on Saturdays. He usually goes to internet cafe to play games from day to night. In short, he does not want to stay with us and seldom communicates with us. He may talk when he feels good but he gets angry easily. Apart from asking for living expenses, he is often unwilling to talk. We feel very troubled. I have believed in the Lord for four years. My husband is also learning to believe. But we are very painful because of our child. He once said that he was sad to have such parents. When asked what kind of parents he had, he did not reply. He only got angry and said fierce words. Anyway, sometimes he is good and sometimes bad. But there is little time he is good.”

(An Audience)

✚ Please pray for this listener. Ask the Lord to help the couple understand their child’s emotions, and tolerate and accept his emotional changes. Also pray that the couple can be wise parents.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Broadcast ministry:** Ask the Heavenly Father to bless our broadcast on various platforms such as shortwave and medium wave, internet and mobile applications so that the transmission of the programs can be protected from interference and obstruction. Sooradio broadcast has also made great progress. Compared with last year, the audience figure has doubled! We have just completed a joint project with a local school – training of 16 primary school grade six and secondary school grade one students.

2 **The Ways of the Pastors:** 18 participants joined the latest session of “The Ways of the Pastors” training. They were all able to come to Hong Kong to complete their studies and returned their homes safely. It is hoped that they can apply what they have learned to the challenging Mainland churches. Recently, Liangyou Theological Seminary has enrolled a number of “re-admitted students”. It is believed that they urgently need to receive the training for the truth and ministries under the present situation.

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

Social movements have swept across the world more and more vigorously since the recent era. Earlier there was the “May 4th Movement” in China, recently was the “Yellow Vests” in France and the movement of “Anti-Extradition Law” in Hong Kong with a procession of millions people.

The giant wheel of the era is turning constantly. Churches cannot be separated from the civic responsibility. More and more of them stand by the suffering people; and it is the glory of human nature enhancing the progress. That is also the churches’ common goal of loving neighbors. The most unique element of the churches is participating in a spiritual movement. As Apostle Paul said, it is the movement of struggling “against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (Ephesians 6:12).

We are required to pray more for the kings in authority (1 Timothy 2:1). Like the former prophets, we also need to appeal to the Lord of righteousness for the current difficult situation, and for the unfairness and corruption which are commonly found. What we are asking for is “your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:9-10). Praying is a spiritual movement. But how many active participants are there every day?

“China News and Prayer” is tiny, its participants are all dedicated to the great prayer movement of the Kingdom of God. I think of a theologian’s famous quote: “Clasp your hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.”

Let us always raise and clasp our hands to pray everywhere!

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Sunday



Ineloquent

"There is an urge for me to remedy my lacking in spoken expression. I am sentimental, but can only be seen on paper, never be spotted on the face or through conversation. I found it hard to share any affectionate words and thoughts with others; even in prayers, the cat has got my tongue! Is it out of shyness or self-doubt? I so wanted to pray before people, but I could never be successful. I feel insecure and totally helpless about myself. In fact, since being called to serve the Lord, the situation has greatly eased, but the feeling still exists. When being misunderstood, for instance, I would get mad at them instead of trying to clarify myself! I feel miserable."
(Audience "Weak Brother")

✚ Pray for "weak brother", so that by the grace of the Lord can he overcome his weakness and remove his inner fear; and to face the crowd with the strength from above..

Heavy Rainfall in the South

According to Central Radio and TV Station, heavy rainfall which had continued for many days in the southern region started to weaken on July 15, but the flood control was still severe in many areas. The water level in Poyang Lake District and Wuhewei of Jiangxi Province was above the warning level. The water levels of 22 stations along a total of four rivers in Jiangxi exceeded the warning line. In the Anhui section of the Changjiang, the water in the stations of Datong, Wuhu and Maanshan would approach or surpass the warning level. The flood prevention level-four emergency response had been launched in Anhui Province. More than 3,000 people were moved along the river. Affected by the water coming from Dongting Lake and Poyang Lake, the water level from the Jianli to Jiujiang sections of the Changjian mainstream in Hubei Province was rising continuously. The level-four response of flood and drought prevention had been activated there.
(“China National Radio”, July 16, 2019)

✚ Please pray for the pity of the Heavenly Father to minimize the destruction by the natural disasters and to stop the floods so that the people will not suffer. Also pray that the relevant government departments can carry out the flood control measures properly.

Monday



In-law relationships

"I was born in the 80s. Got married seven years ago; with two daughters. As a Christian, I want to glorify God and edify others. Nevertheless, I always lose my temper when being challenged. My father-in-law is a chronic diabetic patient and must rely on medication heavily. This makes the life of my parents-in-law a torture. My mother-in-law, who is a typical manipulator, has heart disease and will get very sick if she is ignored by other family members. Will she be killed from angry outburst if quick-acting rescue pills is not taken! Despite that we are both sisters in Christ, we both weak in faith. I always have trouble with her, causing it a real trouble to live together. As a middle school teacher, I need her to help bring my daughter. It's indeed difficult to realize our belief in our daily life!"
(Sister Hou, Henan Province)

✚ May the Lord give Sister Hou wisdom and love, and to understand her weakness and illness. Pray that they can put aside their pride and to glorify the name of the Lord whole-heartedly.

Addicted Officials

According to media's incomplete statistics, from 2015 to 2018, more than 400 party members and government officials in Hunan Province were reported of drug taking or drug trafficking. Compared with other provinces, the number of drug abuse by government officials in Hunan seems to be more frequent. At present, there are nearly 400,000 drug addicts registered in Hunan, ranking third in the country. Some government officials said that there were few means for them to vent their pressure from heavy workload. Those who were frail might mistakenly use drugs to de-stress. As officials commonly have a broader network with the public, they are more likely subjected to deception and inducement of drug taking by people with ulterior motives.
(“China Economic Weekly”, July 16, 2019)

✚ Pray for the serious problem of drug abuse in Hunan Province. Hope that the government can perfect their job in drug control while public officials have proper channels for relaxation. May gospel drug addiction treatment become more and more popular in the neighborhood, bringing the addicted real hope of life.

Tuesday



Extremely Charismatic

"When I was young, I believed in the Lord together with my mother. Compelled by my father during my secondary education, I left the church like a prodigal son. Until 2015, God called me back to church again. My church is in Chongqing while my mother's is in Wanzhou. The two churches are connected to each other. Last year, the leaders of my mother's church joined heresy and left. Then my church told us to be careful in receiving the brothers and sisters from Wanzhou's church. Yesterday I saw my mother reading a book called 'Practical Handbook' when I went home. I searched its author via the WeChat and found that he was extremely Charismatic. So I was very worried and I did not want to see my mother being cheated."
(An Audience "Sister Xiaolan")

✚ Please pray that Sister Xiaolan's mother can understand the truth and take root in the Lord's words properly. Also pray that her mother will read the Bible diligently and long for pure doctrines.

Deception by Private Hospitals

The Buddy Program of Shandong University, which purposefully allocating each overseas student with three local counterparts and putting such "making friends with foreigners of the opposite gender" one of the aims of the program, has aroused criticism recently. The buddy program, which was introduced in 2016, has been generally welcomed by students. This time, the focus of the controversy is its improper implication of match-making the local students with their foreign fellows. On the afternoon of the 12th, Shandong University admitted that out of insufficient reviews, the program becomes imperfect. They therefore apologized via an official Weibo for the negative social impact caused by their buddy program.
(“China News”, July 12, 2019)

✚ This was supposed to be a win-win program for both the overseas and local students in areas of languages and cultures exchanges, given that their intention is correct and presentation decent. Pray that Shandong University will seriously make reflective improvement and not to mislead students with wrong motives.

Wednesday



Single Mother

"I am a single mother of four children. Please pray for my son Kaijie who is 19, rebellious, lazy, smoking and doing poorly at school. Being not affectionate nor initiative, he is also negative and has no sense of responsibility. He doesn't like to talk with me nor to his three younger sisters; and acted violently against me, several times, once even with a knife in his hand! Influenced by his violent late father perhaps, Kaijie got furious characters too. Please pray for my son that God's salvation will be unto him and that our family relationship be restored! I am thankful to my family and may our Lord keep and bless His servant."
(Audience "Single Mother")

✚ Pray for "Single Mother" and may the Lord give her the ability to get along with her son. Pray that her son will grow up healthily, and by knowing Jesus he will stay away from his previous rebellion habits, but to re-build a good relationship with his family again.

Foul-mouthed Teacher

A junior high school girl in Shangluo City, Shaanxi Province, was frequently insulted by a teacher for her poor academic performance for nearly half a year. When the girl told her family, no one believed that the teacher would do such verbal abuse. In fact, the teacher involved had been awarded the school's excellent teacher. The girl secretly recorded more than 100 pieces with a total recording duration of up to 20 hours while she was scolded by the teacher between June 14 and July 5. In the recording, the teacher not only abused the student during the class, he even encouraged the whole class to join. In the face of accusation, the managerial board of the school reacted to the incident, indifferently however. After thorough investigation by the district government, the foul-mouthed teacher apologized to the student and her family. He was disciplined and revoked the qualifications of teachers.
(“Shaanxi Metropolis Express”, July 14, 2019)

✚ Please pray for the teachers who stand on the front line of education. May they always keep the passion for "teaching and educating the needed" rather than judging and hurting those under-achieved.