

Thursday



Listen to Believe

“Please pray for my marriage and my maiden home. I have been listening to Radio Liangyou for over ten years, and indeed it’s where I learned about Jesus and led to His salvation. In my maiden home, my parents argue over everything. My father, as was possessed, shouts crazily at Mom. My elder sister who brought mom to an unorthodox church, has been secretly instigating and inciting mother to do harm to this family. My older brother, who is a non-believer, has disputes with my sister over issues of care and money support to my parents. My family is a mess. The older sister is still churning out new tricks to master my mother to do harm to my brother. She denies all her wrongs though. Please keenly pray that all these terrible and hurtful conflicts will be away from my maiden family soon.”

(Sister “Believer”)

✂ May the Lord pity the family of Sister “Believer”. Grant them peace and remove all disturbance from Satan. Let the love of the Lord cease their conflicts and brave Sister the courage to face her family and witness Christ amid all the chaos.

Audio Works

CAs video products is now all the rage, Tencent Music Entertainment Group (TME) held a long audio strategy conference, at which the long-form audio app “Cool Me Listen” was officially launched. TME will extend its long-form audio services to existing online audio platforms such as Himalaya, LIZHI.FM and QINTING.FM etc. The CEO of LIZHI.FM believes human voice is powerful in two aspects: First, it is highly interactive and socializing. Second, it establishes companionship and brings people warmth. Therefore, online audio platforms can establish strong emotional connections and stickiness with users. It is estimated that the user population of the online audio industry will reach 542 million in 2020. Audio works will become an important direction for paid content, and more than 70% of the interviewed users are willing to pay for it.

(“People’s Daily Overseas Edition”, May 11, 2020)

✂ Please pray for Radio Liangyou and may them use their voice to witness the glory of God, to shine and tell His gospel, and to warm the souls of all.

Friday



Always Go Wrong

“I am a high school student. I am anxious, impulsive, and have bad temper. Despite the goodwill I want to put things right, they always turn out wrong. That made me confused. As everyone was made by God, He asks us to accept others although not everyone is loveable. My difficulty with my roommates is that they are noisy sleepers at night while I am a slight one. I need quietness. I have offended God on this matter because I failed to keep on good terms with my roommates as well as my classmates. I am poor in communication and I made no friends. Study-wise, I don’t do good in Mathematics, which carries a high significant level on examination scores overall. I hardly focus my attention on it. Lord, help me to put my heart into my studies!”

(Sister Wu)

✂ May the Lord guide Sister Wu to rely on Him for wisdom to keep a favorable relationship with others. May Lord help her and make her school-life a witness for the Lord.

Uyghur Bible

At the end of the 19th century, the Swedish Mission sent missionaries to establish a mission station in Kashgar, Southern Xinjiang. This was also the first Protestant foothold in Xinjiang history. The New Testament translation of the Uyghur Bible has been completed for years. Since 2006, the entire New Testament, Genesis and Exodus have been translated into modern Uyghur language and assembled as one volume. There are still nine books of the Old Testament which requires translation. At present, the Uyghur people can download the online Bible in their language. But these online activities are strictly monitored. This makes it increasingly difficult for the Uyghur people to reach the gospel.

✂ It is now possible to send Uyghur scriptures on the file and audio formats through www.hayatnuri.info and the mobile app. It is learnt that tens of thousands of people take risks to log in and browse. Ask the Lord to use these platforms so that those who are eager to seek the Word will receive the spiritual food. Please pray for the translation ministry of the remaining scriptures; and the translation team and their safety.

Saturday



Jesus Is My Lord

“My elder brother’s friend opened a company in Guilin two years ago. He wanted to use my Disability Certificate to register. He also told me that as long as I went to the company for a few days monthly to handle the tax bureau’s investigation, I would take my ease to receive RMB\$5,000 each month. Thank God. I felt uneasy and told my brother that I believe in the Lord and I could not do such a matter offending Him. Moreover, I helped my elder brother look after our mother for three months last year. My sister-in-law said she had to give me RMB\$6,000 as three months’ fees. I prayed to the Lord first and I did not accept the money. I would have accepted completely if it was me before. Thank the Lord for having changed me. I hope my family will change their views on Christianity through these events.”

(Sister Zhang, Guangxi Province)

✂ Thank God for Sister Zhang who prioritizes the Lord in her life. She does not do things which will not please the Lord. Neither is she tempted by money. May the Lord bless her life so that she can live out faith in Christ and let her family see the perfection of the Lord.

Gospel Broadcasting

- 1 Emergency Drill:** Such test run was carried out in late March till early April. The purpose was to evaluate the feasibility for staff to maintain a normal production and live broadcast schedule even when they are not in the office using regular studio equipment and software. With everyone putting forth his/her best effort and team spirit, the drill went well on the whole. This trial has definitely increased our flexibility if some catastrophic mishaps such as this pandemic did arise.
- 2 Web-based Platforms:** Both our text material and audio programs have well been received over social media in the Mainland. However, new religious policies are causing web management to step up with their control. For that reason, some of our articles and programs containing sensitive wordings were taken off. May the Lord help us in keeping our messages available on the web, that listeners may be blessed.

China News and Prayer

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

“Restarting 2020” is a hot topic appeared in WeChat. It is believed to be the heartfelt wishes of many people.

The new coronary pneumonia epidemic has disrupted the situation of various countries and regions around the world in 2020, causing everyone to fall into the prevention tide of the pandemic. At the time of my writing (mid-May), the new coronary pneumonia were still spreading. There were accumulations of 4,293,742 confirmed cases and of 297,075 fatalities caused by the new coronary pneumonia in 215 countries and regions worldwide. Each figure represents a precious life!

When will we get out of the shadow of the epidemic? We are all looking forward to the appearance of the vaccine. Yet a few days ago, experts from the World Health Organization reminded us that the new coronary virus might coexist with humans for a long time. Thus we want to “restart 2020” even more. But it is impossible to make the time go back. We have reached the middle of 2020. We may have to change our mindset and focus on how to survive amid the threat of the new coronary virus!

For Christians, there is no need to “restart 2020” because every day is God’s gift, and there are God’s purpose and arrangement in everything. As Apostle Paul said, “I know who I believe in, and I am convinced that he can preserve what I have entrusted him until that day.” Just like what the hymn, “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”, says: “I don’t know about tomorrow, I just live for day to day. I don’t borrow from the sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray. I don’t worry over the future, For I know what Jesus said. And today I’ll walk beside Him, For He knows what lies ahead. Many things about tomorrow, I don’t seem to understand. But I know who holds tomorrow, And I know who holds my hand.”

Facing the epidemic of the new coronary pneumonia, we are ignorant and helpless. But we believe that “the one who cares for sparrows, He must also care for me”. Let us continue to entrust and look up to the Lord wholeheartedly. We believe that the Lord must guide us to go through the rest of 2020 more and more peacefully!

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Sunday



Flimsy Foundation

"I am a high-school teacher in Beijing. Despite my good education, my faith is weak and small. This was noticed by a brother in Christ whom I met last spring. He then invited me to join their program for spiritual growth. In fact, I have been in a terrible secular life these few years. Easily be tempted. Not only that I didn't do well at my work, my belief was also getting radical. After listening to a program in Radio Liangyou just now, I realized that my problem is neither environmental nor physical, but my lacking understanding of the Lord: God is at the front of me and when I follow Him to walk on, He will always be with me closely. Grateful that I listened to Radio Liangyou tonight."

(Brother Li)

✂ May the Lord help Brother Li live his life in Him. Rooted and built up in Him; strengthened in the faith and pursue for a better spiritual growth.

"Swollen-headed" Infants

Recently many parents in Chenzhou, Hunan have discovered that their children have eczema, severe weight loss and skull deformities resembling "swollen-headed dolls". There were other abnormalities such as slapping on their heads repeatedly. After investigation, it was found that these infants were diagnosed with "rickets" and that they all had taken the specialist milk powder named as "Bei An Min". The infants were diagnosed with milk allergies during their medical examinations. Therefore the doctors advised their parents to buy amino acid-based milk powder to feed them. Then the parents bought the "Bei An Min" milk powder highly recommended by shop managers and workers of the maternal and baby stores. In fact, it is not milk powder, but a protein solid drink which does not meet the nutritional level required for infant growth. But the shop managers have still insisted that "Bei An Min" is the specialist milk powder.

("Beijing News QQ", May 12, 2020)

✂ Please pray that the victimized infants can be healed and they health can restore. Also pray that the manufacturers will have the conscience and will not sell ordinary beverages as milk powder for making profits.

Monday



Misfortunes

"I am grateful that my brother-in-law gave me a bag of rice and homemade sausages this morning to solve our food shortage. My sister's family has not yet believed in Jesus. I keenly shared the gospel with them and prayed for their salvation. They rejected and I was discouraged. She trusts that her god can bring them wealth and health, while Jesus who I believe in would only leave me a poor and sick person. For mother, although she has believed in Jesus for more than a decade, her understanding to Christianity is shallow. My brother who was converted has mental illness and has been in an asylum for more than 20 years. I bring him food from time to time and I blame my sister for not doing the same. Perhaps it's all these family misfortunes that deters my sister from believing in Jesus. I owe God so much and I fail to witness Him by not accepting the weakness of my sister."

(Sister Pan)

✂ May the Lord strengthen Sister Pan's faith in Him. Let her live with the love and joy of God and by such good testimony that her family can receive salvation.

New Local Cases

Recently, there have been sporadic confirmed cases of COVID-19 in many areas of China. Among them, 25 people in Shulan City, Jilin Province has been diagnosed between May 7 and 14, breaking the chain of 73-days without report for local transmission. The epidemic is spreading to its neighboring Liaoning Province through family gatherings to clusters at workplaces. Next, Shulan City will follow the full-scale "wartime" mode to stringently carry out investigation of close contacts to track down sources of infection. Quarantine measure is also adopted to fully prevent and control the epidemic. During such period all clinics and retail pharmacies in the city will stop selling fever medicines, and clinics will not accept fever patients.

("Chinanews.com", May 11, 2020)

✂ Pray for mercy from the Lord that the epidemic of Covid-19 can be permanently away from Shulan City. With cooperation of the people citywide, may the virus be contained, and people's daily life to resume normal very soon.

Tuesday



How To Change

"I am an unqualified Christian. Although I have been a believer for many years, I have always been unable to get rid of sins. I am a salesperson. I have participated in some ministries in the local church. What hurts me is my job nature which makes me often tell lies and talk nonsense to reach my goals. I really do this involuntarily, but regret afterwards. This is really like what the Bible says, 'For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.' I often pray and entrust to God. God has changed me a lot, but I still sin. This makes me very sad. Sometimes I am compelled to sin by my life and work. I do not have complete confidence to look up to him. So I want to know how to completely change myself and become a person after the Lord's heart!"

(Brother Yang, Suzhou City)

✂ Ask the Lord to give Brother Yang the courage to live out his faith and stand firm in his work so that he will not blame himself painfully. May the Lord increase his strength to overcome the temptation of lying.

COVID-19 Vaccine

An extraordinary 110 COVID-19 vaccines are in development, and eight candidates—four from Chinese R&D companies—have entered small trials in people, according to a May 11 update from the World Health Organization. On April 12, the Academy of Military Sciences officially initiated a clinical trial testing its recombinant adenovirus vector vaccine in Wuhan. Around 500 volunteers were vaccinated and are now in the observation period. If everything goes well, it will carry on to the next phase in May this year. In an interview with international broadcast on April 23, the Director of the Chinese Center for Disease Control stated that China is at the forefront of research and development of COVID-19 vaccines, and there may be emergency use of COVID-19 vaccines in September.

("The Paper", May 14, 2020)

✂ Please pray for a successful development of COVID-19 vaccine. Although technology can improve human health, only eternal life can be obtained in Christ. May the gospel be spread timely by the mercy of the Lord.

Wednesday



Being Young and Ignorant

"I am a Christian and was born in a Christian family. I was ignorant when I was young. My family did not accept my boyfriend I dated. But I gave birth to a child for him at that time. Later we broke up and the child was left to him. I had given birth when I was unmarried. Only all my information was found on my child's birth certificate. Subsequently I got married again. My husband didn't know my past history which I had concealed. Therefore he husband didn't know that I had had a child before. Currently I have two children in my present family. Since it is found in my children's registration that I have had a child before, I tell my husband the truth. He has accepted this. If my parents-in-law know this, I don't know what it would happen. I am now very scared. I pray to God every day!"

(Sister Wu)

✂ Please pray for Sister Wu and ask the Lord to forgive the mistakes she has made. Pray that the Lord will release her fear and give her strength to live a new life. Also pray that she will take good care of her family and witness the Lord in her family.

New Anti-addiction Regulations

With the development of mobile Internet, the Internet penetration rate of minors in China is as high as 93.7%. To prevent minors from indulging in online games, relevant departments have formulated clear new measures for anti-addiction in the game industry. There are stringent supervision and enforcement of game time limit, amount of consumption and real-name registration system for game users. Implementation of age-appropriate reminder systems is explored while guidance to parents, schools and all sectors of the society is actively provided to support them to fulfill their guardianship. Up to now, more than 50 games under Tencent have adopted these anti-addiction policies which, as expected will be extended to the operation of all mobile game products by the first half of the year.

("Daily Economic News", May 12, 2020)

✂ Together with active cooperation from different game platforms and promising adult guardians, may this new anti-addiction policy be effectively prevent young people from indulging in online games.