

Thursday



Lanzhou “Brucellosis”

“The Lanzhou Biopharmaceutical Factory used expired disinfectants in its Brucella vaccine production, leading to the incomplete sterilization of waste gas from the production fermentation tank. The waste gas carrying the bacteria-containing aerosols then spread along causing about 11,000 people infected. As the disclosure of this incident came too late, all patients have missed their best time for medication. They got chronic brucellosis at the end of which no effective cure. The drugs prescribed are badly damaging to human liver, kidney, and stomach. Some patients stop taking Western medicine, while hundreds of them would rather go for their private treatment in Inner Mongolia. The most serious complications of brucellosis include paralysis, meningitis, and endocarditis. Patients who have been severely affected by bacteria intrusion appeared to have deformed bones, fingers, and wrists. Patients with severe Brucellosis can even hear their bones gurgling for just a slight move. They are terrified.”

(Sister Wei, Gansu Province)

⌘ Ask God to forgive the sins and save the souls of the infected, young kids or the whole family. May there be medical breakthrough so that they can receive the right treatments timely to get protected from its sequelae.

Safety Misjudged

In recent years, the misuse of laser pointers has made damages to children's eyes and skin over the country. Consumers are not alarmed yet; they see them as toys. An earlier survey conducted by Jiangxi Province found that only about 30% of consumers would read the manual on the usage of laser pointers carefully, while the rest would simply scan or ignore the instruction before using them. Besides, laser pointer products obtain an extensive retail catchment area, amongst some are “Three No’s” products: No proper packaging, No Chinese safety prompts, No verbal warnings to remind them of the risks during use.

(“China News Net”, March 5, 2021)

⌘ Pray that the government will pay attention to product safety and testing procedures so that problematic products will not be released onto the market. Consumers should also be cautious to product warnings and instructions to ensure the safety of users.

Friday



Million in Debt

“I’m a person with debts of over a million! I have hit rock bottom and am struggling if I can start over my business again. Feeling lost in life. What should I do? There are prayers after prayers. And by the messages from ‘Streams in the Desert’ and radio program, I gain the comfort, encouragement, and strength to live on. Three years have gone, I’m still heavily indebted. When I asked the radio for help on this issue, I was doubtful. It is not that I don’t trust Him, I just hesitate if my waiting is by God’s will.”

(Audience “Confused Sister”)

⌘ May God of all comfort grant “Confused Sister” peace and strength and let her face her responsibilities bravely and actively in dealing with her debt crisis. Whether on her debt or business may she has peace of mind and blessings of God within and all along.

Biblical Truth

Over oceans, mountains, and streams, Christian missionaries from afar came to Nu River in the 19th century. Many Nu people were led to believe in the Lord. Churches were raised and despite their remoteness in location that attracted not much support from outside, their faiths sustained and passed on. However, when the young generation leave their hometown for work, the continuity of religious belief becomes a concern to the church. In fact, issues of gambling, alcohol abuse and divorce cases are deteriorating in the region. Besides, the church has been greatly troubled lately because pastors who preached justification by faith were banned from the lectern. Instead, a false sense of salvation saying both faith and deeds are required is emphasized.

⌘ Please pray for the challenges faced by the Nu churches. Pray that the Lord will lead His faithful servants through and brave them to preach the Biblical truth for the wellbeing of His believers. Also pray for the ongoing production of our gospel programs and the co-workers in doing manuscripts, recording production, and translation (the Nu people do not have their own text). The first stage of production is hoped to have completed by the end of this year and distributed afterwards via flash cards and social platforms.

Saturday



Cancer-stricken Sister

“My fifth sister, who converted to Christ more than a decade ago, has cancer. She keeps serving God despite her leg pain and inconvenience in walking. These two years, she ran back and forth to hospital for chemotherapy. The Lord’s grace has been sufficient throughout. Yet this time when she was in hospital, she got fever, pain, and appetite loss. Became feeble. The blood transfusion taken two days ago therefore made her exceedingly painful. Grateful that we six siblings were all chosen by the Lord, despite our tiny faith. We don’t live together, nor attend the same church. We can only pray for each other online. Sometimes I go to visit this sister and we pray with one heart. I ask God’s mercy and healing upon her to help her recover soon. My mother who is older than 80 has also believed in the Lord for more than ten years.”

(Sister Xu)

⌘ Pray for Sister Xu’s sister. May our healing God help her overcome the pain of illness and be strong enough to face the side effects of cancer treatment. May God remember her and let the care and love of her family become her driving force in life.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **New Programs:** From March 28th, a new program schedule will be carried out of which four new programs of different types are taken in: “Joyous Vine Clubhouse” (radio drama for children), “M&M Conversation” (dialogue between a new believer and his mento), “Whenever I Think of You” (hymn song sharing) and “The Liangyou Pulpit” (pastor quotes, spirituality building).

2 **New Ministries:** The programs “Filmanime Lamp” and “Like The Way You Are” on our mainland podcast – BreakPod - have received favorable responses. In January, the total number of audience listening “Filmanime Lamp” exceeded 40,000. In addition, the average monthly downloads of Sooradio last year was 39,998, with an increase of about 77% over 2019. At the end of March there will be a full launch of Soopodcast, the local podcast ministry. May it be used as a new platform where more potential audiences can be reached.

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Dear warriors in Christ, Shalom!

More than a year into the war against the COVID-19. Everyone has already got used to online conferences and courses. Can we also utilize these platforms into preaching, shepherding, and training His believers?

In response to the need for a holistic theological training for believers, Liangyou Theological Seminary sets plan for the next 5 years on the theme of “Empower the New Generation to Embrace the New Mission.”

1. **Restart:** Restructure one’s life; commit lifelong learning; and participate in ministry.
2. **Renovate:** Best use of various media platforms to optimize our virtual and livestreaming courses to make our teaching and pastoral care best conveyed.
3. **Renew:** “Bachelor of Ministry” program is recently launched; more dynamic and interaction are being emphasized. This new generation is hoped to become new power of ministries who are trained and committed to their mission.

Above mentioned program launched in January 2021 is suitable for church leaders and missionaries. It is aimed to enhance the knowledge, learning and serving abilities of the undergraduates. Moreover, it allows the graduates to pursue their further studies thereafter. After completing a two-phase study, which consists of 36 core and 36 advanced modules, a bachelor degree is presented after passing the graduation exam.

Over 200 students have been participating in this program. Pray for the students and teachers and ask the Lord to use the new program to equip believers for works of ministry. Preach the word of God and spread His good news, be prepared in season and out of season.

“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.” (Colossians 1:28-29)

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Sunday



Pray for My Wife

“Today I have taken her to a hospital to do her check-up. Ask the Lord to choose a good doctor to diagnose her. She always feels pain below her neck. She feels tired and likes sleeping! Please ask the Lord let her be healed if she is sick; and remove her fears, worries and fretfulness if she is not sick! May the Lord make her peaceful and joyful, and let her rely on the Lord to show filial piety and respect to her parents and elders! Also ask the Lord to give me the wisdom to make me pray for her every day, and let us become united and handle everything with one accord. Please pray that I will have a compassionate heart to empathize and bear her weakness. Thank the Lord!”

(Audience “Unworthy Brother”)

- ⌘ Thank the loving Lord for letting the “Unworthy Brother” care for his wife’s body, mind, and soul. Ask the Lord to listen to his prayers and let him firmly believe in the Lord’s promise. Blessed are those who rely on Him. The Lord surely listens to the brother’s prayers.

Construction of Rural Roads

The Ministry of Transport of China issued: “Outline for the Medium and Long Term Development of Rural Roads”. It is proposed that by 2035, more than 5 million kilometers of rural roads will be constructed in accordance with the road standards of Class 3 and improve the transportation network of the whole country to make closer connections between rural areas and urban. The logistics costs will be reduced and transportation efficiency be raised. The “Outline” has also mentioned that the construction should stress on both quality and quantity. This includes upgrading levels of construction technology; strengthening safety protection facilities and road administration; improving passenger and cargo transportation services, service facilities, emergency facilities along the lines.

(“CCTV Network”, March 4, 2021)

- ⌘ Please pray that the rural road network project can be completed as scheduled in order to make it more convenient for people to travel. Pray that the Lord will enable the government to have a perfect supervisory system which will ensure that the construction can meet the safety requirements and specifications and that cutting corners will not occur.

Monday



Developmental Retardation

“We really don’t want to send our child to hospital anymore. The doctor’s diagnosis includes dysplasia of cranial nerves, dysphagia, laryngeal cartilage softening, heart disease and developmental retardation of the demanding physical exercises. Our child’s condition has been pretty good for the recent two months. Although our child has had a high fever, it is God’s grace that makes the fever gone. I think there is nothing difficult for God to accomplish. When my child was in the hospital, there were 3 other children who couldn’t swallow like my baby. Compared with them, my child’s condition was regarded as stable. Although God has not healed the child as I have wished, it is God’s grace that enables him to spend every day safely. Please pray that God will open his mouth to gulp milk!”

(Sister Su)

- ⌘ May Lord heal Sister Su’s child and open his mouth to gulp milk; please help Sister Su get the faith from the Lord, follow the Lord’s footsteps every day, and take care of the child with an entrusting and joyful heart

Positive Power

“To give ordinarily brings about the most extraordinary story.” It is a story about a couple who runs a street stall in Guangzhou. They are patients with rare diseases. The husband is a patient with ankylosing spondylitis. 70% of his joints have been necrotic. He can only walk by holding on a wooden board. The wife has a “porcelain doll” disease. She can neither straighten her arms nor walk. Even though the illness has restricted them physically, it cannot stop their kindness. The couple has not made much money and wants to save money to buy a car for traveling. But they are not stingy with good deeds, including daily donation via an online public welfare platform, etc. It is estimated that they have donated more than RMB\$100,000 so far. The marriage life of the couple is simple and abundant despite their rare diseases.

(“Guangzhou Daily”, March 3, 2021)

- ⌘ God looks at the heart of people instead of their offering amount. Please pray that all of us can love others as ourselves, do our parts willingly, take “a good Samaritan” as an example and use practical actions to love those needy around us.

Tuesday



Brightness Needed

“Recently I have met bad guys and bad things. So I feel panicked. Looking at their ugly and hypocritical faces, I cannot control myself and want to repay evil for evil. Every New Year my heart is full of fears. I don’t want to bring about unhappiness, but some people always touch your bottom line deliberately. I have prayed for the Lord’s presence for countless times. Yet I’m still on my full guard against those wicked people. I need brightness and warmth and the strength from the Lord. My examination results are about to come out. I really want to be admitted. I hope that the Lord will give me grace. What I have dreamed for is obtaining the certificate of admission and becoming the person I want to be. Thank God.”

(Audience “Sister Brightness”)

- ⌘ May the Lord’s love fill the sister’s heart to let her experience His love and mercy. Pray that the Lord will heal and establish her so that she will have confidence and hope, and re-establish her relationship with the Lord.

Illegal Mining of Sand & Gravel

In order to combat illegal mining of sand and gravel for profit, the Ministry of Public Security in China has set up a 24-hour hotline and reporting channel on platforms such as Weibo and WeChat. River sand is known as the “soft gold” and can be sold as a construction material. This has led to rampant illegal sand and gravel mining activities in the Yangtze River Basin. Some of criminals have committed cross-regional crimes to escape from law enforcement officers with more hidden equipment. Some of them, in the disguise of dredging, carry out river dredging during the daytime and illegal mining of sand and gravel at night time. Some dispatch numerous speedboats to surround law enforcement ships blatantly at high speed, attacking them from both sides and seriously endangering their personnel.

(“China News Net”, March 5, 2021)

- ⌘ Illegal mining can change the river bed and destroy the waterways. In the process, pouring in waste materials containing mercury pollutes the river water seriously and threatens the safety of the river ecosystem directly. Please pray that the new policy can be effectively implemented to combat this crime.

Wednesday



Learning To Face Pressure

“My family are all Buddhist. My classmate’s mother led me to believe in the Lord. After that, my academic result improved by leaps and bounds. I felt happy and substantial daily. I slept well after I had read the Bible. After a semester, I began to be arrogant and fall into depravity. I had tried hard to restore my initial faith but to no avail. Although I have entered the best high school, my academic result has been declining constantly after my fall. I’m scolded by the teacher every day. I fail to listen attentively during lessons. No matter how simple the questions are, I cannot do them correctly. My classmates study so seriously, but I cannot study well despite whatever I have done. I have not slept well for 4 years. Various issues such as insomnia, taking sleeping pills, stomach and cervical spine problems, and unhealthy eyes make me exhausted.”

(Audience “High School Student”)

- ⌘ Please pray for the Lord to give her a peaceful mind so as to entrust her pressure to God and keep her physically and mentally healthy. Also pray that she will see a doctor to check her body function.

Is It Bad or Good?

Many factories are worried about the lack of manpower after the Spring Festival. The Dongguan Municipal Government uses the “shared employees” mechanism to alleviate the problem during the epidemic. The mechanism refers to the understaffed companies borrowing staff members from the companies with manpower surplus. It not only avoids layoffs by the enterprises, but also allows the employees to keep their livelihoods and learn more skill. The data from the Municipal Bureau of Human Resources and Social Security, Dongguan reveals that more than 20,000 people have served as “shared employees” since the mechanism was launched last year. At present, this mechanism is only a stopgap measure. Whether or not it will become the norm is still controversial.

(“Xinhua News Net”, March 5, 2021)

- ⌘ Ask the Lord to give the government the wisdom to formulate relevant policies so as to legally guarantee the mechanism. Pray that the rights and interests of employees will be protected in various aspects such as labor relations, liability for labor injuries, salary payment and liability for breach of contracts.