

Thursday



Sense of Crisis

"I feel that the practice and traditions in the church have been secularized. The spirituality of the church is going downhill. I even have the feeling that it has gone out of control. I requested the church to hold a pastoral staff meeting on gospel work but the chance of its being held is very remote. As the church members grows, there are a lot more divided opinions. The original pure faith of looking upon the Lord is lost. I deeply feel a sense of crisis in the churches. Coupled with the persecution from external forces, it seems that the situation is getting more and more difficult. Please pray for the spiritual condition of the churches in the Mainland and the younger generation of Christians. Pray that God will help them so that they are nurtured and rooted in their faith. May the churches value these youths and give them the chance to serve the Lord. Pray also that God will use them to pass on the gospel as commissioned."

(Brother Song)

✚ Thank God for giving Brother Song a heart to love the church and youths. May he have the chance to nurture the new generation of believers in the church. Pray that the young will be built up, and the church is willing to value them and pray for God's making a way for them.

Unscrupulous Business

Recently, in Chengdu, Sichuan, an animal rescue center received a report from a concerned individual regarding 160 cats and dogs being packaged as "Pet Blind Boxes" to be delivered on an express delivery truck. They were trapped inside plastic boxes wrapped in burlap bags. Because of the lack of oxygen or food and water, many cats and dogs were dying upon rescue. Among them, four were already dead. After the case has been revealed, there are still merchants selling live animals with free shipping on online purchase platforms.

("The Beijing News", May 7, 2021)

✚ Pray that we all learn to cherish life, have love and compassion for animals and will not abuse them. Pray also that the government will formulate effective measures, take the responsibility to investigate and prosecute unscrupulous merchants so that the sale of lives as commodities can be eradicated.

Friday



Umbilical Cord Around the Neck

"Since the umbilical cord was around the neck when the child was born, both mother and child were in danger. However, we thank God for saving my child and myself through the efforts of the doctors. We should thank God for watching over us and granting us peace which transcends all understanding. As a result of these experiences, I treasure and care for the child all the more. May the child grow up in God's protection, with both the wisdom and stature like Jesus and with the favor of God and men."

(Sister Zhu)

✚ The Lord of Peace protected Sister Zhu who experienced His blessings of turning perils to safety during her childbirth. Life is a gift from God. May the child grow up healthily under the Lord's protection and may the Lord use their testimony to glorify His name.

Unreached People

According to the survey results of missionary organizations, there are more than 180 ethnic groups in China which have not heard the gospel. They are classified as the "Unengaged, Unreached People Group (UUPG)", the definition of which is that among these groups, there have never been any strategies nor actions for spreading the gospel or planting churches. These ethnic groups are neglected and the names of some of them we have even not heard of. Most of these groups are not large and they are scattered over vast areas which are remote and neglected. At the end of the last century, there were missionary organizations which started to pay attention to these ethnic groups and silently served in some of them.

✚ For various reasons, many missionary organizations have to reluctantly evacuate or suspend their work. Please pray for this. One of the major factors for gospel broadcast is that there needs to be a certain population size to make the wide frequency coverage worthwhile. Now through different platforms, the spreading of the gospel to different ethnic groups can be done more effectively. Please pray for God's enabling us to produce audio gospel messages for these ethnic groups. This is a great challenge. May we be solely faithful to the Lord's commission.

Saturday



Rest of My Life

"I was baptized during a family meeting in Shanghai and I'm willing to offer the rest of my life to God. After graduation, I was in Fuzhou with the army which prohibited our participation in religious activities and going out on holidays. I went back to Quanzhou after I retired from service. Although I was a believer since I was small, I was baptized in Shanghai. My family is now going to church with Watchman Nee's group and we have left the three-self church. I thank God that I have begun to listen to Radio Liangyou for 5 hours every day since April. Although I have continued my pursuit of Christ through the Internet, I don't have any fellowship with other believers for many reasons. I think that my life needs Christ's renewal. May God's will be done in Quanzhou, in my heart, and in my family."

(Brother Guo)

✚ Thank God that Brother Guo is willing to offer the rest of his life to Him. Pray that the Lord will prepare a suitable church for Brother Guo to have a stable church life, to build relationship with other brothers and sisters, to have pastoral care and to equip himself in the Lord so that he will be used by Him.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **247 Prayer Wall:** To encourage audiences to pray more, Radio Liangyou's program "Throne of Grace" launched the "247 Watch Over Prayer Wall": to pray continuously for 24 hours every day that audiences from different regions will sign up to commit at least 15 to 30 minutes a week to pray with undivided attention for oneself, the family, the church, the country and worldwide missionary work.

2 **Bachelor of Ministry:** Liangyou Theological Seminary has received more than 400 applications from undergraduates, graduates of Advanced Diploma and new students for enrolment in the new program "Bachelor of Ministry" to be offered this year. The response is overwhelming. The new program aims to enhance the knowledge and the learning and serving skills of the students. It is hoped that they can become more holistic spiritual leaders so that the effectiveness of pastoral work in the Mainland can be enhanced.

China News and Prayer

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Dear warriors in Christ:

Statistics of China's 7th National Census were released on 11 May. China is still the most populous country in the world with a total of 1.412 billion people which include a working population of 880 million aged between 16 and 59. The average age of the population is 38.8. Some news media has the following highlights:

- 1) Although the population has increased to 72.06 million in 10 years, the rate of growth is slow.
- 2) The average family member is 2.26, revealing that the size of the family continues to shrink.
- 3) 39.93% of the total population lives in the east while 27.12% lives in the west. The population further concentrates in the economically developed regions.
- 4) The male and female ratio is 105:100, with 34.9 million more male than female.
- 5) Aged 60 years above exceeds 260 million. The aging of the population continues to accelerate.
- 6) There are 218 million people with university education. People receiving education and the quality of the population continues to improve.
- 7) The urban population has increased by 236 million. Urbanization is developing rapidly.
- 8) The floating population is 376 million which concentrates in the cities.

How should the gospel broadcast respond to the above data? Radio Liangyou already has programs catering for the elderly, women and the young. However, it has not yet developed men's programs, especially single men. In a Friday morning live program "This is the Day", a listener from Jiangsu called in. He shared excitedly that he listened to our programs all through the two weeks after he had been converted. Pray that the Lord will grant us the wisdom to guide our colleagues to make good use of this report to produce programs that are suitable for our fellow countrymen in China.

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Sunday



I Still Have Heartache

"I have heartache as my boyfriend has hurt me repeatedly. Yesterday he said on the phone that he would not blacklist me again. He mentioned that he wanted to live in the Lord after marriage in the future. But he blacklisted me the next day. I felt that staying alive was too painful. Last year, my boyfriend wanted to break up. I can't sleep well and felt depression. So I took antidepressants. God comforted me through Joseph's experience. I was refreshed and I did not want to die. But I still have heartache. Although I cannot fall asleep easily, the problem is not too serious. Please pray that God will guide my path ahead. Also pray that I will not rely on my own will, but just trust God alone."

(Sister "Hannah")

- ⌘ Please pray that the Lord will help "Hannah" deal with the problem of her relationship with her boyfriend wisely and face her own emotions squarely. Pray that she will let go of her mind, get close to the Lord more and become a strong person by relying on the Lord.

Frauds Involving Cheap Property

A man lied to claim that he had a resettlement house to sell in Jiangsu Province. He defrauded 13 victims and the total amount involved in the frauds exceeded RMB 10 million. He was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment and fined RMB100,000 by the court. The so-called resettlement houses are those houses built by the government for resettling the demolished households when the government carries out construction projects of urban roads and other public facilities. If there are remaining resettlement houses, the government will sell them through authorized auctions. The prices of these houses are generally lower. The criminals also make use of forged seals and contracts to deceive victims who think there is no danger of frauds.

("Prosecution Daily", May 7, 2021)

- ⌘ Please pray that the government will take measures to help people solve the difficulty in purchasing their property and to establish open channels for people to grasp correct real estate information. Also pray that consumers should remain rational to carefully discern advertising and publicity so that they will not suffer losses for the sake of petty gains.

Monday



The Worst Added To The Worst

"We has already owed a lot of debts because of my daughter' medication expends. My husband's failure of running his business has made it worse. His temperament has changed drastically. He doesn't make money to support the family anymore. He often spends the borrowed money for his wine-and-meat friends. I'm so disheartened. I have intended to commit suicide with my daughter for many times. My confidence was very weak at that moment. Sometimes I complain to God and ask why these things have happened to me. Why doesn't God listen to my prayers? Why does God forsake me? Why doesn't God save me from the sufferings? I feel very miserable. Now I have learned to accept all these with confidence. God's grace is great under my abundant and smooth circumstances."

(Sister Su, Hunan Province)

- ⌘ Please pray that the Lord will help Sister Su live a victorious life by relying on Him. Pray that the Lord will touch her husband so as to lead him to return to God. Pray that she will have strong faith to take care of her daughter. Ask the Lord to strengthen her confidence.

Who Is More Irresponsible?

In Henan, a grade-3 student's hair was dragged by a teacher in a primary school because the student spoke during the lesson. After that, he suffered from headache, head swelling, low-grade fever, vomiting and semi-coma. Doctor's diagnosis revealed that his scalp and skull were separated. He was hospitalized for 22 days. He had undergone seven "puncture operations". It was revealed that he had a level-2 minor injury. The teacher involved was detained by the police. After the incident had been disclosed, negligence was also found in the decision of the school management. They didn't look into the teacher's accountability for the incident. It was not until more than two weeks later that the teacher's duty was suspended.

("The Paper", May 7, 2021)

- ⌘ Please pray that teachers can try their best to educate and nurture every student and help them grow up according to the standard of God's will. Pray that there are more educators who will love the Lord, and bring justice, truth, and holiness into schools.

Tuesday



A Tumor Developed

"My 81-year-old father-in-law suddenly developed a tumor above his nose a few months ago. The doctor found that he couldn't undergo surgery as the tumor was malignant. His tumor was growing quickly and it was so big that it completely covered his right eye. Half of his left eye was left uncovered and he sheds tears constantly. The tumor pressed his nose and hindered his breath. He has not believed in Jesus yet. I'm very worried about his lost soul. I often pray for him tearfully. Moreover, the people in our hometown are hardhearted and don't believe in God. Please pray for the salvation of my father-in-law."

(Sister He, Jiangxi Province)

- ⌘ Please ask the Lord to choose Sister He's family and her father-in-law so that they will become children of the Lord. Also pray that the Lord will remove the hardened hearts of her family and the people in her hometown and heal her father-in-law.

Be Prepared For Danger in Times Of Peace

An accident occurred in Guangxi last month. A house in Tianyang District, Baise City exploded suddenly, killing one person and slightly injuring three persons in the accident. The windows of many nearby houses were smashed and fell down. Many vehicles on the roadside were damaged. The pictures at the scene were circulated on the Internet. They showed that the mushroom-shaped cloud rose up to the sky after the explosion. Some residents pointed out that the loud explosion noise could be heard as far as 10km away. It is believed that the accident has been caused by a batch of thermal expansion materials which was stored in the house and supposed to be non-explosive. The government is still tracing the source to clarify the cause of the explosion.

("China News Net", May 7, 2021)

- ⌘ Please pray for the residents affected by the explosion. May the love of the Lord be with them. Also pray that the government can find out the cause of the explosion as soon as possible so that similar accidents will be avoided in the future. Please pray for the home safety in various places of China so that the public will be safe everywhere!

Wednesday



How To Teach My Nephew

"I have known Radio Liangyou through the introduction of my church sister and downloaded Radio Liangyou App in my mobile phone. I have listened to your programs while going to work in recent few days. So my feeling is really good. There is much enlightenment for me. Currently my 20-year-old nephew has been asking for money from us since the end of last year. He has been raise up by my parents since his childhood and lived in a discordant family environment. His personality is very introverted and he is usually unwilling to communicate with others. Moreover, he has been divorced already. I'm worried that he hangs around with bad guys and that giving him money constantly will be harmful to him. But I'm afraid that if I don't give him money, he will apply for a credit card himself since he has been an adult. Please guide me. What should I do?"

(Brother Wu)

- ⌘ Please ask the Lord to give Brother Wu love and wisdom to enable him to get along with his nephew. Please pray that the brother will love his nephew with more communication so as to let him feel the love from his uncle and Jesus.

Improper Financial Education

A report was issued by an investigative agency which announced that the sales of books about the financial management skyrocketed. There are some series that emphasis shortcut learning which have sales increased by about five times. Some institutions launch training courses on investment and financial management. However, there are varying quality courses due to the lack of supervision. There are complaints related to exaggerated publicity techniques, courses which are inconsistent with their costs and participants being defrauded. Some organizations are disguised as providers of "financial and commercial education". But they actually violate the regulations by recommending stocks and financial products to the public.

("Economic Daily", May 7, 2021)

- ⌘ May God give the public the wisdom to understand that there is no shortcut to learn financial management. Also ask God to help everyone remember that everything belongs to God. Pray that they will handle their finance with gratitude and wisdom.