

Thursday



Yearned To Be Understood

"I have really experienced God's grace and have changed a lot in the past 3 years. I have worked in a company for 2 years and found a new church near my home. I started to participate in my church ministry a year before. There is small scale church. Their residences are close to one another, so they will get together a bit more. But I cannot attend Sunday services because I have to work. Other people do not understand how I feel when I cannot attend the services. This is often the case throughout 4 or 5 years after I have believed in the Lord. So I have been very sad. Whenever I go back to attend the services of my church after a month, I have the feeling of strangeness. I hope they will build up a relationship with me more."

(Sister Liu)

⌘ Ask the Lord to comfort Sister Liu and help her become more open to let her church members understand her needs. Also pray that she will actively participate in the church ministry so that she can interact with others.

An Accident Happened Again

An accident occurred during a process of construction at a mine in Jixi City, Heilongjiang. A large amount of coal and gas spouted out. Eight miners working in the mine failed to rise to the surface through a shaft and lost connection for a while. The authority activated an emergency plan and search the miners. It took 32 hours for the rescuers to save all people and send them to hospital. It was reported that an accident did not happen for the first time in that mine. In 2014, there was an explosion accident in the abandoned passage. In April 2018, there was also an incident in which coal and gas spouted out. It led to 5 deaths and 5 injuries. The mine was suspected of concealing the incident. The head of the mine and the current secretary of the party committee were dismissed from their posts.

("Heilongjiang Daily", June 8, 2021)

⌘ Thank God for the successful escape of the miners. Ask God to help them have peace in their hearts and overcome their mental shadow which may be caused by the accident. It is hoped that the accident will become an alert which can make mining companies no longer neglect various safety laws and protect the safety of their employees.

Friday



Preaching Gospel To Family

"Your programs are my indispensable guidance and help every day. The host offer great help when I do not understand the scriptures and mysteries of the Bible. Along this path of my belief, my heart is more determined to follow the Lord until the day He returns. My family members have not believed in the Lord yet. They are indulged in smoking and drinking. I really want to spread the gospel to them. I hope that God will fulfill my wish and strengthen me so that I can preach more people. Please pray for me more because I am the only Christian in my family."

(Brother Zhang)

⌘ Thank the Lord for allowing Brother Zhang to receive the Lord's teaching and nurturing through the radio programs. Ask the Lord to give him other believers' support in his life and move his family members so that they will repent and accept the Lord.

Bible Translation

Missionaries never enter Southwest China until the beginning of the 20th century. They were not afraid of dangers and deficiency of material things in the southwest region. They encountered hardships when they were preaching to some ethnic groups, learning the local dialects, and even creating characters for the ethnic groups without written words. They also translated the Bible and promoted literacy education for them. The Amity Printing Company in China has published bibles in different languages of many ethnic groups since 1987. These ethnic groups include Miao, Dai, Lahu, Jingpo, Lisu, and Yi people. Some biblical books of many ethnic groups have been published in separate edition. Currently there are bible translation experts who are still constantly working hard to translate for the ethnic groups. The efficiency of translation has been improved with the assistance of technology. But bible translation is still an arduous task.

⌘ Many missionary teams are no longer able to stay in the areas where they serve. They need to work with local believers to translate God's words in a remote way. This is a greater challenge. Please pray for this ministry so that more ethnic groups who have not heard of the gospel can have their own bibles to read. Also pray for the production of audio bibles.

Saturday



A Bolt From The Blue

"My husband is a soldier in the army. Our relationship has been bad after our marriage. My husband criticizes, dislikes and insults me just because of small matters. He even uses severe domestic violence. There have been too many grievances, pains and sufferings in my 10 years' marriage. I have gone to a church with my mother and have been baptized since my childhood. Moreover, I always think that the army training led to the strange personality of my husband. Perhaps he may be changed under influence. But I have accidentally learned that he is gay! I have to admit that I have been tricked into getting married! We also have a 9-year-old child. He never touches me after pregnancy. I have been still thinking of what aspects in which I have done incorrect things. I have tried to please him patiently. Currently I want to divorce him, but I am afraid that my child will be affected. What should I do?"

(Sister Wu)

⌘ Ask the Lord to have mercy on Sister Wu and help her bravely communicate with her husband to deal with their marital problems so that they can reach a consensus for their future life. Also ask the Lord to give her wisdom and strength to handle her pain.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 Audiences Hearing Broadcasts:

It was learned from the statistics in April that the overall audience figure of our broadcast could still be maintained and there was no reduction. The audiences continue to listen to our programs through different channels. When the situation is not ideal and the ministry is like treading on thin ice, we need to advance carefully every step of the way. Please pray that the Lord will give us the wisdom to face a wave after a wave.



2 **Power of Youths:** FEBC Hong Kong is committed to the training of young colleagues by giving them practices in different projects. Please pray for the Lord's grace to let the future ministry be taken over by the younger generation. Also pray that they can continue with the past and open up the future for the ministry.

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Dear warriors in Christ:

Prayers Before Work Every day

FEBC Hong Kong has morning assembly before work every day. We worship together, brings our audience's needs and colleagues own needs, and our ministries to the Heavenly Father in a united way in their prayers. I remembered a morning assembly in which one shared the Gospel of *Matthew* which mentioned how Jesus calmed the storm. After that, I thought of a hymn, "My Thanks", that was often sung by me when I first became a believer.

Church Official WeChat Accounts Blocked

Recently, many of Christian WeChat official accounts have been blocked and messages have been frequently deleted. In the winter storm, we have to put on more clothes to warm our bodies so as to protect ourselves to face the coming spring. We are convinced that spring is right ahead.

Pray for Ourselves

Pray that we will not lose faith and understand that everything is in God's hands. This is because He has the sovereignty beyond all things, surpassing all rulers and authorities in heaven and on earth, and in ancient and modern times. All nations are submitted to the head of the church, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for China

Ask the Lord to help us learn how to rely on the Lord in cold winter so that we can experience the Lord's presence and we can resist the cold wind in our difficulties. This is because our Lord Jesus is on the boat and we are not afraid of danger...

Jesus replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. (Mathew 8:26)

We need companions and comrades in arms. Let us pray for this in unity. Please pray with us!

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Sunday



Out from the Flames

"I must say that your programs have made drastic changes to my life. I was born in a Christian family passed down from my grandmother. But being edified with Marxism-Leninism since childhood where Science was much upheld, I queried that the elders going to church was simply for spiritual comfort. Back in 2011, after graduating from college, my father died. I was troubled by the thought that I had to shoulder the burden of my entire family henceforth. After that, I hurried into the society and started working in a bank. This was nine years ago. From scratch there have been tears and bumps, and others' helping hands happened in my career path. Grateful for God's guidance and I'm getting baptized in August this year."

(Brother Huang)

⌘ Grateful for Brother Huang that he has been growing in the Lord through experiences of setbacks and helps in Him. May he continue to work with the Lord to witness more of His wonderful deeds.

“More” Babies Wanted

China's birth rate has fallen for a fourth consecutive year. A major policy of raising the limit to three children per couple was announced at the Politburo of the Chinese Communist Party meeting. Detailed requirements for supporting measures include escorting young people to correct views of marriage and love, rectifying some ill-suited social customs such as unreasonably costly dowry. They also encourage people to get timely pregnancy. Inclusive childcare service system will be developed to bring forth fair distribution of educational resource and lowered family's expenditure on education. Policy on maternity leave and maternity insurance will be modified as well as women's housing and employment protection. Lastly, single-parent families will be concerned and supported to alleviate childcare anxiety.

(“People.cn”, June 2, 2021)

⌘ Pray that all these measures are working plans that will be implemented shortly to solve issues such as high cost of raising children and high-pressure living. Children are a heritage from the Lord, may they grow up in an environment where God is known.

Monday



Shall Not Want

"My friend had told me that he spent RMB 600,000 on decorating his new house. As a volunteer working for the church, this was unbelievable that that would ever happen on me. My parents are simple villagers living in rural areas; my wife is at work with an income of only RMB 2,000 a month. Although I could save some money every year, I dare not think of earning such a fortune. My friend had made himself wealthy, but I was so ordinary. In 2015, out of my expectation, God gave our family a new house. He didn't let our family be lacking. He is abundance and He grants us everything I need. He even arranged for me a well-paid job but without my service at church be affected. May all the glory, honor, and abundance be unto the Lord."

(Brother Fang)

⌘ Grateful that Brother Fang has experienced the Lord's provision. From scratch to hatch, they are all by His grace. God is faithful, and we can trust Him with no worries. He will answer our prayers in His timing.

Urban Beasts

The recent intrusion of a herd of 15 Asian elephants to the Kunming city area has aroused great social concern. In fact, more wild animals are home to cities, such as raccoon dogs, the national second-class protected species. They have been found in about 150 Shanghai residential communities in 2020, growing a double in number of five years ago. Another statistic in the same year noted thousands of complaints about wild animals harassing the people in Shanghai. Some of them were troubled by raccoon's excrement and noise, while some were frightened by their presence. Fudan University is conducting a survey on “animal residents”, and the team hopes to conclude a demonstration plan for urban wildlife management through one or two years of follow-up observation.

(“Xinhua Net”, June 8, 2021)

⌘ Because of the continuous expansion of urbanization, habitats of wild animals are getting destroyed each year. Pray that the government will pay attention to the protection of the natural environment, and through legislation may the work of protecting wild animals be carried out by relevant departments.

Tuesday



Lupus Erythematosus

"I have systemic lupus erythematosus for eight years. I have gastric trouble since young age and started to get constipation and diarrhea when I grew older. Last year, I had constipation for several months, followed by diarrhea for more than half a year. My health problem has relapsed, and for 18 days I haven't had any bowel movement. Having been hospitalized for three days and fasted for two days with nutrient solution, I feel distressed. Is it because I refuse to entrust myself to God that He halts His work? I have faith in the Lord, but I don't pray to Him always. I'm not sure what I have learnt from my suffering. Perhaps it is my big ego. I would grumble over the dissatisfactory arrangements of the hospital, but to the gains at work I would quickly credit them to my hard work. I have been working too fast to chase my dreams but reacting too slow to thank my Lord."

(Sister Li)

⌘ Ask the Lord of Healing to heal Sister Li's body and mind. To help her be humble and learn to get close to God's will and give thanks to Him in everything. May she also learn to follow doctor's advice on treatment.

Behind the Success

There is a class of “curve-wrecker” in a college in Chengdu because all its students have been pre-admitted by undergraduate colleges. What is more, they all have visual impairments. These five students have been classmates from junior high to high school. They said that the courses they studied are same as their counterparts at ordinary school, only that their textbooks are translated into Braille which weighs more than ten times that of the ordinary ones. Therefore, they have worked very hard to achieve such achievement. One of them, Liu, said that when any of them has difficulties, the rest will offer help and show support. They are good partners and will continue to struggle unremittingly in the future.

(“China News Net”, June 7, 2021)

⌘ Remember students with special needs. May they be widely accepted by the public and have their strengths contributed to the society. Pray for their parents and hope that by trusting in God, their burden on education and care for their children will be lightened.

Wednesday



Three to Three Thousand

"I'm 40 years old, and my child is five. I pray to God to change me because I often sin and offend God. The Christian church I attend is in a remote area where teaching staff is lacked. Our teacher has established a Christian church since 1980 and over the years through the many storms, God has been calling him to serve. With the blessing of the Lord who leads and guides, our church has expanded from three to the present 3,000 people. It has never been easy to be God's servant. At the end of April this year, our teacher slipped and broke his hip bone during a heavy snowfall in our area. He has undergone a fracture surgery. Our whole church is praying for God's healing. Please pray for our pastor too."

(Sister Yang)

⌘ Pray earnestly for God's protection and healing upon His faithful and kind servant. Pray that the operation is successful, and our teacher can recover speedily. May the Lord's blessings be with our teacher and His church especially at difficult times.

Mobile Apps Money Scam

In the hope to get a high download rate, some apps would make strong claims on how profit-making they are disregarding their potential pitfalls. Such apps proclaim that users can make money by watching advertisements, playing games, and even walking, eating, sleeping, etc. In the end, many people get addicted to swiping their phones in order to complete the “money-making task.” Not only is it time wasting, but the so-called benefits are also delayed and hard to be realized. Some viewers are even induced by false advertisements to making wrong consumption decisions. Some may encounter problems such as personal information leakage. Revealed by some users that soon after they downloaded the app, they started to receive frequent harassing calls.

(“Workers' Daily”, June 7, 2021)

⌘ Pray that regulations on ceasing mobile apps to make money from users through solicitation and deceit will be drawn up by the government. Pray to God to let the addicted users understand the meaning of “greed is the root of all evil” and overcome the temptation of money with wisdom.