

Thursday



Tomb-Sweeping Day

"My husband goes tomb-sweeping in his hometown every year. Tomb-sweeping is very important to his family. This makes me unhappy every time and I will argue with him. He is going home with his younger brother this afternoon and will go tomb-sweeping next morning. Please urgently pray for me that I can be patient and have faith in God to win over the disturbance. Pray that my husband will no longer be a blind believer doing things God hates and will be healed from evil spirits. My husband is not Christian. God loves me and I love God too. I pray before sleep every night. My family will be complete in Christ if my husband believes in Jesus too."

(Sister Xiong)

✚ May God give Sister Xiong wisdom to handle the difficult situation and understand that Christians can also pay tribute to their ancestors bringing along with flowers.

Anti-corruption in Sports

In the past few months, anti-corruption campaign has been extended to the entire Chinese football community, and several senior officials of Chinese Football Association have been suspected of serious disciplinary violations. After a meeting of the General Administration of Sports of China, it was announced that a seven-member working group would be deployed to the Football Association to preside over the work to ensure a proper operation and transition of the Association. At the same time, the Central Inspection Group also carried out tactical inspection to the State Sports Administration; through in-depth investigations, remedy for corruption in the field of sports, as well as other institutional problems is sought. In fact, industry analysts regard this a reflection of the government's determination to rectify the chaos in the sports arena.

("Beijing Youth Daily", April 3, 2023)

✚ Those involved are just the tip of the iceberg. Pray that all stakeholders in the sports community will not use sport games as tools for personal gains. Pray also that relevant officials would use a transparent system to fight corruption to make the sports world a fair and just society.

Friday



Godly Contentment

"I focused on Bible reading, praying and church gathering which seemed to have a spiritual nature. However, my negligence to people's situation and difficulties made the believers feel so empty. I was so weak and complacent. God helped me through your programs making me feel grateful. Many brothers and sisters phoned in and said that they had no church, no pastors, no systematic nurture and no personal bible study. Some did not know God's mercy was there for them during difficult times. I have a pastor and co-workers. There are various types of fellowship for me to communicate and exchange with brothers and sisters. I am made whole and content. I have tried to put myself in others' shoes, and the communication is true and honest. With an open heart, I am comforted and strengthened by God and serve at church happily."

(Sister Li)

✚ God is gracious. Sensitive to God's Word, Sister Li has reflected on her condition after listening to the broadcast programs. Pray that Sister Li will serve humbly in the church providing Christian nurture for brothers and sisters, and find happiness in serving.

A Tibetan Christian Testimony

A young Tibetan pastor is serving God in his hometown, providing Christian nurture and taking care of Tibetan widows and their children as well as the elderly people. One late night, an elderly man living alone was sick and the pastor rushed to help. The bedding was contaminated with the man's vomit and diarrhea. The pastor was not disgusted at all, helping clean up the mess right away and staying with the old man throughout the night. In the morning, the old man felt better. The pastor moved the bed to the window allowing the old man to bathe under the sun, and brought the dirty bedding and clothes unwashed for long time back home for washing. The old man could finally rest comfortably in a clean bed. Busy for an entire day, the pastor went home singing hymns to praise God with his family with a smile on his face making no complaints.

✚ Thank God for sending His servant to reach the Tibetans through God's Word and the servant's testimony. Pray for the pastor that he can bear abundant fruit!

Saturday



Radio Kid Listener

"I have been a listener of your radio station since I was a kid. Believing in the same God, my whole family would listen to the radio together. I am working for an old lady who became a Christian a year ago. She has a two-week old grand-daughter. Suffering from the moyamoya disease (a disorder of blood vessels in the brain), she had an operation in Beijing eight months ago. Still feeling dizzy, she requires follow-up in Beijing. She is very supportive of my personal ministry and encourages me to lead church gatherings in my hometown and join the co-workers' meetings which hold once a month. Working at her home for eight months, we have a great relationship. We read the Bible and pray together when she is not dizzy. May God protect her when she goes back to Beijing for follow-up."

(Sister Zhou)

✚ God is love. Sister Zhou has been blessed to have known God through listening to the radio with her family when she was a kid. Spreading God's love, both Sister Zhou and the old lady have established a master and servant relationship supporting each other. May God heal the old sister and bless her consultation in Beijing.

Gospel Broadcasting

- 1 Rooted in the Truth:** Dignitaries change, international relationships reciprocate. In view of these ever-changing elements, we need an anchor for our soul. Only the never-changing Christ the Lord is worth our trust. "Taking Roots in the Truth" is the sub-theme for the second quarter of 2023. Pray that all of us may take roots firmly in Christ's truth, that we may experience the inner strength that comes from rest and quietness, even in this troubled world, and go forth together with steadfast faith and a clear vision!
- 2 New Dialects Online:** Radio Liangyou website will be adorned with programs in various dialects - Cantonese, Hakka, and Min-nan - starting in May. These programs are produced by Hong Kong and Taiwan offices. We hope to show the audience from all corners of the land our care by producing programs in different dialects. We are committed to enhancing our broadcast services to meet the audience's needs.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

"Who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other.... Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, 'The work is extensive and spread out.... Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!'" (Nehemiah 4:17-20)

Theological education takes a long time and a lot of progressive efforts to bear fruit.

A letter from a student writes, "Our thoughts are only bits and pieces of information. I have become more mature after studying in Liangyou Theological Seminary, being trained to think like a pastor without knowing it. These are the greatest achievements of teachers. We are like babies longing for milk at the very beginning and being well prepared for solid food finally. The courses of Liangyou Theological Seminary can fill the gaps in my heart, like the bricks Nehemiah used to build the wall of Jerusalem."

Sometimes we may think about the number of audience and how many of them are helped. Success does not happen overnight. Maybe we can achieve a little bit every day by nurturing them who will become the pillars of the church. We show gratitude to God by serving Him and serving His people. We will not be stopped by the epidemic and will continue the theological education to equip people eager to learn.

Recently some brothers and sisters in Brazil told us that they wanted to enroll. Our service coverage has become more extensive. Pray that we can spread the good news bit by bit through broadcasting and more people can build their lives with God.

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Sunday



Different Beliefs

“A church sister introduced my husband to me, but I didn’t like him at the outset. I even went on a hunger strike to say no to the proposed marriage. However, the marriage was supported by my family, church members and preachers. The matchmaker said although my husband’s family didn’t believe in Christianity, they didn’t object to it either. At that time, my father had just been discharged from the hospital after a car accident. When he knew that I disagreed with the marriage, he was so angry that he got a headache. I therefore let the wedding proceedings commence. I later found out that his family worshipped the Buddha. We have different views, different beliefs and different customs, which led to quarrels at home every day. We have two children. Now that I have left home, and people in church allow me to divorce my husband. But I worry our divorce will make a negative impact on our children.”

(Sister Huang)

⌘ The Lord who strengthens people’s hearts, please helps Sister Huang have the courage to face her marriage. Ask the Lord for mercy, and may Sister rely on Him to make the right choice and seek a way out.

Stress Reliever

Short video clips of primary students playing with Buddhist beaded bracelets have become a hot topic across the web. Parents from different places say that their children are crazy about playing with the colorful bracelets. Almost every young student has one beaded bracelet. Young students compulsively fidget with the bracelets twisting and coiling them into different shapes. A primary student said that the symphonic sound of twisting the bracelet could more or less help him relieve some of the heavy academic stress. Many netizens said that instead of criticizing the kids obsessed with the bracelets, we should try to understand their psychological conditions.

(“Chongqing Morning Post”, April 3, 2023)

⌘ There has been a surge of stress relieving products in the market. Pray that teachers can notice the needs of the kids and parents are willing to listen to their kids’ distress. Support can be given to ease the kids’ burdens so that they can grow up surrounded by people who love and care about them.

Monday



Full-time Preaching

“After this year’s CNY, I first heard your program on my mobile phone. Because of God’s call and guidance, I want to equip myself to be able to share God’s words. Grateful that I have been admitted to a theological seminary, and the church I attend has scheduled me to preach frequently. They pay me a monthly salary of RMB \$700, and our pastor will actually be leaving in September to undergo a three-year theological training. The church has announced that they would train me to become a full-time preacher, but I was worried and didn’t know how to preach. The pastor and his wife have invited me to preach several times, but I turned them all down, feeling very guilty and indebted. Truly, I want to be a God-minded preacher who speaks God’s word, just like a child who yearns for the truth!”

(Brother An)

⌘ God of faith, Brother An needs your words to encourage and build him up. By leaning on the Lord, may he be courageous enough to take the challenges ahead, and be greatly used by God after being well edified through his theological study.

Safety Upgrade

To ensure effective safety on the road, the Ministry of Public Security has released a new version of the National Standard for Helmets for Passengers of Motorcycles and Electric Bicycles. For the first time the requirements for helmet types and technology are set, filling the loophole of the previous version, preventing these life-saving helmets from becoming life-threatening weapons. According to the new amendment, categories related to the size of helmets has been increased from three to five to meet the requirements of both minors and adults. In addition, new standards such as the wear resistance of goggles and strength of helmet surface have been added to enhance their stability and ability to avoid collision, and to offer adequate protection in the event of an accident.

(“CCTV News”, April 3, 2023)

⌘ Pray that the new national standards will be enforced and that manufacturers will make helmets that are up to scratch to help protect drivers and passengers. It is hope that drivers will drive with care and obey the rules of the road to reduce the number of accidents.

Tuesday



Being Scammed out of Money

“Since I was cheated out of money, I always have hatred in my heart. A colleague who had not been in touch for a long time suddenly asked me to lend him money, saying that his wife needed money for thyroid cancer surgery. He said he would pay me back in 10 days. I didn’t have much savings, so he asked me to help him to borrow from the bank. I was negligent; and he kept urging me to help. He wrote me an IOU, and sent me photos of his personal ID and certificates. He has a salary of RMB 7-8,000 per month, so I trusted him and helped. He repaid me RMB 1-2,000 at first, but he went out of contact in the end. My mother blamed me, but helped me pay the loan. I also worked hard to repay my mother. Elders, pastors and Christian seniors have prayed for me, but I still cannot stop being full of hatred.”

(Sister Huang)

⌘ May the comforting Lord will take away the anger in Sister Huang. May she gain wisdom through this experience and turn her hatred into strength, to care for more about God’s family and the serving of the Lord.

Free-trade Countdown

At present, Hainan has made full preparation to ensure that the entire island will be “closed” by the end of 2025. The closure does not mean that Hainan will turn into an isolated island, on the contrary, the whole island will become a free-trade hub, with its own independent customs regime. As a self-contained economic entity, goods from the mainland will become imports, while goods from Hainan to the Mainland will count as exports. Besides, foreign goods entering Hainan will be free from tariffs. It is expected that the policy will attract a large number of tourists and settlers, further promoting the development of local industries such as catering, hotels and tourism, manufacturing industries, as well as its service industries, and supporting financial services such as trade settlement.

(“CCTV News”, April 4, 2023)

⌘ Pray for the wisdom and ability of the relevant officials in formulating appropriate economic policies, so that people can live and work in peace and share the fruits of the economy. Moreover, apart from promoting free trade, may God open a wider door for the preaching of Gospel in Hainan.

Wednesday



Bouncing and Yelling

“I am a Christian in Yunnan. Many churches in the rural areas of my hometown pay major attention to praise hymns singing rather than Bible teaching. They don’t even screen the hymns before singing them. Some of the so-called hymns are songs of popular melodies fitted with faith-related lyrics. In the end, congregations sing to praise like people in square dances, yelling and bouncing. Personally, I think that we should praise God out of our knowledge of Him. But if there is no words of God, or congregations do not bother or willing to learn His words at all, then how can one be saved and His will be done? May God help us.”

(Brother Bi)

⌘ Lord, who gives people hope, please comfort the heart of Brother Bi. Although he sees the downturn of the church, he still has faith and knows that the Lord is always in power. When the time comes, the Lord will fulfill his work. May Brother Bi equip himself well for the service of the Lord later.

Close at Hand

When people have stroke, brain injury, physical disability or illness that affects their mobility, the sooner they can undergo rehabilitation, the better. The Shanghai Health Commission revealed earlier that a total of 91 neighborhood health centers have been upgraded and named as models in Shanghai, making it easier and quicker for patients whose limb function has been affected by illness or accident to receive a wide range of rehabilitation services. In addition to professional doctors and therapists, there is a special team: rehabilitation robots such as exoskeleton robots, active and passive robots for upper and lower limb, balance training systems, sky rail shifter systems and other intelligent rehabilitation equipment, which greatly improve the efficiency of rehabilitation treatment for the needed.

(“China News”, April 4, 2023)

⌘ Pray that provincial and municipal governments will reserve sufficient medical resources to enable people in need to receive appropriate treatment and rehabilitation without waiting too long. Pray that medical teams will take care of patients in a professional and attentive manner.