

Thursday



Manifesting Christ

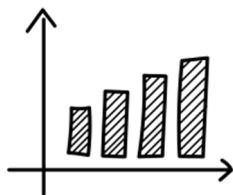
“My job falls under civil service management guidelines as my work is affiliated with the public sector. Both my colleagues and superiors are aware that I’m a Christian. I strive to live out my faith and not cause harm to the name of Christ, though I’m far from perfect with my many flaws and moments of weakness. Thankfully, God continues to watch over me. Recently, my workplace conducted a survey of employees’ religious beliefs. I heard rumors that openly admitting one’s faith could lead to unfair treatment in some cases. However, on this matter I had no hesitation. I saw this as a good opportunity to share my faith. In the section on reasons for belief, I cited passages from Genesis, John, and Acts. With faith, I trust the Lord’s guidance every step of the way.”

(Sister Xue)

⌘ Thankful for Sister Xue who bravely shared her witness for the Lord. May the Lord continue to help our sister actively live out her faith in Christ and keep her in peace at work and in relationships with others.

Economic Census

The Fifth National Economic Census has been launched on 1 January. The census involves all legal entities, industrial activity units, and self-employed households engaged in secondary and tertiary industry activities. The main content includes the organizational structure, personnel wages, production capacity, financial status, production management, R&D, IT development, and e-commerce transactions. The census takes place twice every ten years starting from 2004. Four previous censuses were conducted. Statistical information support has been provided to formulate planned services for national economic social development.



(“CCTV News”, January 2, 2024)

⌘ Pray that this economic census can reflect the people’s livelihood in reality and government officials have wisdom to work out better economic policies so that resources and wealth can be allocated to the needy people who can improve their lives.

Friday



Eager for a Breakthrough

“A university graduate in 2023, I got a job after having gone to all the trouble. Being a newcomer in the company plus an introvert, I have faced with many challenges and sometimes felt hopeless. Thinking negatively about myself, I have been engulfed by inferiority feelings. Unable to express myself and interact with others, I know that I do not have a healthy mind. My parents pray for me every day. I have been going to church and hope that Christ can change me. I’m adapting to my new job and hope for better interpersonal relationships. I know that I should glorify God at work but it is really difficult. Colleagues will think I’m alienated if I don’t follow suit.”



(Brother Deng)

⌘ May God give Brother Deng wisdom to handle his relationship with colleagues and his job on one hand, and hold his faith in God on the other. Pray that brother Deng can impact the lives of others through God.

Fulfill a Mission

Many missionaries who loved God preached the Good News to ethnic minorities such as Miao and Lisu in remote areas over the years and the preaching was effective. However, as time passes by and things change, many missionaries cannot continue their missions. God then empowers local believers to preach with boldness and conviction. It was heard that many Han Chinese and ethnoreligious groups had made significant contributions without others knowing. They did not give up despite difficulties and obstacles. There have been co-workers seeking to preach to different ethnic groups through more language media due to the popularity of flash cards and players that make duplication and storage extremely easy. We have, therefore, started to produce audio gospel pamphlets in different languages for our missions.

⌘ Please pray for the fruits of the gospel to be borne. May God allow ethnic believers to produce excellent audio materials in their own languages to spread the gospel more extensively and effectively.

Saturday



Be Thankful to Give

“I have been a Christian since I was young and have seldom encountered any difficulties under God’s protection. As a listener of Radio Liangyou since the 80s, I have been living a spiritual life that helps me a lot. My husband is a Christian. We have a daughter have the same spirit of faith. God’s grace is so big. We have different views or beliefs that clash but will pray together. Christ is greater than any problems and we could solve all peacefully. I have learnt the importance of the family altar. Thank you Jesus. Listening to Radio Liangyou every day is fruitful. May God continue to use Radio Liangyou to reach and win over more unbelievers!”

(Sister Feng)

⌘ Happy to learn that God is glorified by Sister Feng’s family. May God keep leading the family and let the second generation to take up her cross to bless others.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Ministry Plan:** As we contemplate the ministry plan for 2024, even though we anticipate numerous challenges and limited resources, we dare not retreat or shy away from difficulties. This is because we know that according to God’s will, we are called to “preach the word; be instant in season, out of season.” (2 Timothy 4:2) There are still thousands of millions unreached people in China that need salvation!

2 **Program production:** In this new year, new segments will be introduced to different programs. We pray that the producers and hosts of these programs will have boundless creativity, making the programs more diverse and achieving breakthroughs. Additionally, we seek God’s guidance for online interactions with our listeners, that they may be grateful and that the network connections remain smooth.

3 **New CE Appointed:** Under God’s guidance, Pastor Daniel Chow will assume the position of Chief Executive of FEBC Hong Kong starting from March 1. We earnestly request prayers for Pastor Chow, that he may lead the staff with the wisdom and courage, and uphold the mission of our organization, spreading the gospel message through broadcasting to the Chinese community in China and around the world.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

Feb/Mar 2024



Dear Warriors in Christ,

Last year, there was a news reported that: a single working woman felt stressful being pressured to get married by her senior relatives. Six matchmaking dates were arranged for her during the seven-day Spring Festive holidays. Finally, she was diagnosed with having “pre-holiday syndrome”.

Young people are becoming increasingly resistant to these pressures. The tensions between younger and older generations are caused by their different values of marriage. Many parents think that their mission is to help their children build their own families and that pressures to get married is the “life KPI set by parents”. On the contrary, children consider marriage in a more rational manner. How can we solve the problem of these divided ideas?

Many our audiences are young people. They are reluctant to go home for the New Year and do not know how to get this through holding on to their religious faith. Please pray for the following:

1. The singles can have wisdom to face the pressures to get married and treasure the time being together with their families at home.
2. Parents can communicate with their children. Both parties can have mutual understanding so that family harmony can be maintained.
3. Our program “Counselling in the Air” targeting families, marriage and parent-child can be helpful to the needy audiences.

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Sunday



Husband-wife Relationship

"My husband works in a foreign place. I have found that he has watched the channels of beauty influencers frequently and would pay them money while watching live. He has had an affair. There are a lot of women in his communications software. He has spent all his money on the mistress. Without any choice, I quit my job and stay with my husband. However, it is difficult to have a broken relationship repaired. He admitted that he had an abnormal relationship but has never repented. Sometimes he says sweet words but still acts in his own way. He said that he stayed in the marriage only because of our youngest son. We have three children. The eldest is a university student. I love him with God's love, but cannot forgive him for treating me badly."

(Sister Zhou)

✂ May God comfort Sister Zhou. May God change her husband, save his life, help him repair his relationship with his wife and be a good example to their children.

New Trains Set Sail

Starting from 2024, the Guangzhou Railway Department will implement a new train timetable. A total of 119 additional passenger trains will be added. After the implementation, Guangzhou Baiyun Station will handle the operation of 104 train services, mainly including northbound Beijing-Guangzhou high-speed trains, southbound Guangzhou-Shenzhen intercity trains, and regular passenger trains. Guangzhou East Station will only handle the operation of other high-speed trains. The new train arrangement will further optimize the capacity distribution of Guangzhou's transportation hub, reassign functions to Guangzhou South Station, Guangzhou Baiyun Station, and Guangzhou East Station, alleviate the transportation organization pressure on Guangzhou South Station, and meet the needs of domestic and international logistics industry.

("China News Net", January 1, 2024)

✂ May the Lord keep the development of inland railways in our country, increasing train transport efficiency while also ensuring passenger and cargo safety. May it promote urban-rural interactions and allow the gospel to spread more widely through convenient transportation.

Monday



Soaring with Wings Spread

"I became a Christian three years ago. My spouse had been sharing the gospel with me for a long time, but I didn't believe. In earlier years, while visiting another city to see my grandchildren, someone shared the gospel with me. With a skeptical attitude, I went to the church and God's love captured me, transforming my life. Previously, I am unwilling to do the housework for grandchildren, and the relationship between my daughter-in-law and my spouse wasn't good either. However, my churchmates saying that I was doing it for God. Later on, my perspective changed, and the family relationships became very harmonious. When I returned to my hometown, the church was short of helpers, so I joined in serving. This is truly God's grace."

(Brother Liu)

✂ Thank God for finding this lost sheep. Repaired Brother Liu's family relationships. His life is now being used by the Lord. May glory be given to the Heavenly Father.

Labor Rights Protection

The Human Resources and Social Security Bureau in Shenzhen (the Bureau) has verified a video circulating on the internet which claims that a senior executive of a company in Shenzhen illegally terminated an employee. It was confirmed that the employee involved in the dispute had filed for labor arbitration, and it was found that the executive had made inappropriate remarks during the handling of the dispute. As a result, the labor contract with the executive has been terminated. The Bureau has stated that it will further increase the promotion of legal education, facilitate channels for safeguarding rights, and urge employers to comply with labor laws and regulations in order to effectively protect the legitimate rights and interests of workers. Furthermore, it encourages the public to report any infringements of labor rights by employers to the local human resources department, and the authorities will handle such cases in accordance with the regulations.

("China News Net", January 12, 2024)

✂ Protecting workers' rights is an important social issue. We pray that those who are oppressed receive the help they deserved, and that all people can develop compassionate hearts so that no one infringes on the rights of others.

Tuesday



Doubts and Denials

"My husband is firm in his belief in salvation, while I often have doubts. Ironically, I pray and read the Bible every day, but my husband doesn't. The church asked us to give a testimony of gratitude, but we repeatedly declined. We serve in many capacities at the church, such as cooking, cleaning, repairing the sanctuary, taking care of infants and young children. However, I don't understand why I'm so unwilling to give a testimony. I feel like I haven't manifested God's glory, and I lack peace and joy. My husband has two faces, one in public and another at home. My son is selfish and lazy. We feel like we have failed as parents, and our marriage is filled with arguments. Our work abilities are limited, and we don't do things perfectly. Every day, I feel drained, like a wrung-out towel, and when I lie down, I feel like there's not a drop of water left in me."

(Sister Li)

✂ Lord, please grant Sister Li peace and joy, so that she may truly experience God's love and willingly serve with gladness in her heart. Also help her husband to be consistent in both his words and actions.

Killed by Icicles

The news of a student at Ludong University in Yantai, Shandong Province, being fatally struck on the head by a falling icicle has garnered widespread attention. It has been confirmed that the student was rushed to the hospital for treatment but succumbed to severe cranial damage. The university had hired a management company responsible for clearing snow and ice from the roads surrounding the university buildings. The school has already coordinated with the parents to handle the subsequent matters. In recent years, incidents of icicles falling and causing injuries or damaging vehicles have occurred frequently, leading to extensive discussions on assigning liability. Lawyers believe that, in relation to specific cases, the legal responsibility of relevant entities needs to be analyzed based on legal provisions and the facts of the case.

("China News Net", January 12, 2024)

✂ Please comfort the affected family in the accident and raise awareness among citizens to promptly remove ice dams from their roofs during winter to prevent loss of life and property damage.

Wednesday



Facing Challenges Together

"I'm a visually impaired person living in a nursing home. I met a sister there and shared the gospel with her. Later, we developed a romantic relationship. This sister has had a difficult life. She was born with cerebral palsy and frequently experiences epileptic seizures. She has weak and paralyzed limbs, making her impossible to stand. After her father passed away, her mother remarried, and she lived with her grandparents. After her grandparents passed away, she ended up in the nursing home. Currently, I take care of her. The person in charge of the nursing home says that our situation may not meet the conditions for marriage, and the potential impact of having a child is unknown. Regardless of whether we can get married, as long as my physical condition allows, I will continue to take care of her. I ask for your prayers for my girlfriend's health."

(Brother Wang)

✂ Grateful that Brother Wang shared the gospel with Sister. May the Lord guide them in whether to marry, and enable Brother Wang to discern Your will.

Resuming Classes

In the 6.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Jishishan County, Linxia Prefecture, Gansu Province on December 18, 2023, 32 people were killed and two missing. The post-disaster recovery work has now begun. In this earthquake, some schools and teaching facilities suffered severe damage. In order to quickly resume classes for students after the disaster and ensure a smooth transition to the spring semester, the construction of 1,165 temporary classrooms was completed on December 29. Meanwhile, all local schools have resumed online classes since December 22. Furthermore, repair and reinforcement work has begun simultaneously on 182 school buildings that were seriously damaged as identified through inspection and assessment.

("Xinhua Net", December 30, 2023)

✂ Lord, please help the residents resume their normal lives after the earthquake, comfort those who lost loved ones, and heal those who are injured. Pray that the students in the affected areas will study with greater tenacity in the temporary classrooms, and receive Your help and comfort in times of suffering.