

Thursday



Special Gift

“My child has been diagnosed with ADHD and has gone to various hospitals for treatment. I myself have tried to learn how to accompany such child to grow up. I am so stressed when I face his studies. He is unwilling to learn. He is not interested in doing many things. But he is very concentrated on program designing. I know that a child like this may not be capable of doing many things. I have also accompanied and encouraged him with love. But I do not know how to fully accept him. Seeing his situation, I am still very helpless. I think that he has been wasting time in studying. I am very anxious. Facing my child, I feel perplexed and also indebted. I know that he is special and unique in the eyes of Christ. Please pray for my child.”

(Sister Huang)

✞ It is really not easy to bring up a kid with special needs. Please ask the Lord to help Sister Huang. Pray that she will have great patience and love to help her son grow up and allow his unique gifts continue to develop.

Energy Base Disaster

A fire with explosion occurred at Ningdong Energy and Chemical Engineering Base in Ningxia at the end of January. The cause of the accident is under investigation. The total planned area of Ningdong Base is 4,450 square kilometers, and the core region is approximately 800 square kilometers. There are large-scale coal production and coal chemical industry bases, and China's demonstration area of industrial transformation and upgrading. At the end of October last year, a fixed sewage storage tank of a cleaning company in the chemical engineering base suddenly caught fire. A total of four employees were missing in the accident. After a search and rescue operation, there was no trace of life. The cause of the accident is also under further investigation.

(“Tencent News”, February 1, 2024)

✞ May the Lord have compassion on and comfort those injured and their families. Please pray for the Lord's justice to ensure that the accident will be investigated painstakingly. Also ask the Lord to help the government formulate regulatory policies so as to prevent further accidents from happening.

Friday



Starting A New Life

“My younger brother used to like playing games, drinking and smoking every day. He did not work, and he borrowed money from every source. He had lived in this way for about seven years. He had also hurt all his relatives and friends because he did not even repay them. My mother and I often persuade him but to no avail. We have changed our attitude towards him after communicating with the program host of Radio Liangyou. We no longer lecture at or criticize him, but pray for him earnestly daily. Especially my mother always cries and prays for him. Thank God very much. Later my younger brother believes in the Lord Jesus. He has stopped playing games in Internet cafes. He has also found a job and refrained from those past bad habits. This is really wonderful work of God. Thank God.”

(Sister Miao)

✞ Thank the Lord for changing Sister Miao's younger brother. He has been finally converted through constant prayers by Sister Miao and her mother. Ask the Lord to continue to help her family become a family full of love with the Lord's grace.

Hidden Ministries

Many years ago, we met a Christian brother involving in the bible translation for ethnic minorities. He came out of his remote hometown so as to temporarily leave a place full of stress. Recently we met again on another occasion. Thank God. He has remained faithful to the mission over the years. He has also seized the opportunity to equip himself in order to better serve his own group. Furthermore, many mainland believers have emerged for the past few years. They have no fear of hardships and go to places of ethnic minorities where the gospel has not reached. They may face a certain amount of pressure. It is not easy to see results within a short period of time. They are still committed to their mission flexibly but persistently in order to bear fruits for the Lord.

✞ Please support these co-workers with your prayers. They have served in a hidden way in remote areas. They continue to serve deftly, care the disadvantaged and offer discipleship training. May the Lord protect and strengthen them.

Saturday



Marital Relationship

“My husband's family did not give us any support in the early days of our marriage. My husband and I relied on our own efforts. But my husband is a mama's boy. We have been married for ten years; he has still hidden something from me regarding how he handles his money. That is even when he owes somebody money, he still gives most of his salary to his parents. I think he should take care of our own family first. He ought to be filial to his parents, he should not do this secretly. My relationship with my parents-in-law seems to be estranged because I do not meet them very often. After I have given birth to my two children, my parents-in-law completely ignore me. They do not even call me at all. They have not treated me as a member of the family, resulting in a gap between me and them.”

(Sister Ling)

✞ Please pray that the Lord will bless Sister Ling and her husband so that there will no longer be any estrangement between them. May the Lord give her the wisdom and help her take the initiative to interact with her parents-in-law and to improve her relationship.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Transmission through Internet:** The platforms such as the Radio Liangyou website and Liangyou Walkman are still unaffected in an environment where the Internet is restricted and highly regulated. They can continue to serve our listeners. We dare not boast since this is all God's grace. “I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.” (Revelation 3:8)

2 **Training for Workers:** The cumulative number of students admitted to Liangyou Theological Seminary to take traditional courses has exceeded 20,000 over the past years. The cumulative number of graduates has reached more than 5,000 as at the end of 2023. Currently the number of registered users of the self-study platform exceeds 40,000. Moreover, the co-workers need to learn more about the platform users in the future. The courses will also be updated as needed. Ask God to provide financial needs and manpower for the future development.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

When I went back to my hometown to visit my relatives in my childhood, there were many places which were still very rural and primitive. As time passed and the economy began to develop, small towns began to have modern buildings, convenient transportation and prosperous commercial activities. These small towns developed into small cities.

When I studied in college, I had taken a course related to China. Our lecturer talked about the history of new China's establishment. Therefore China, which was “so close, and yet so far away”, could be understood from different perspectives such as its system, economy, society and culture.

Moreover, church pastors encourage us to visit churches in the mainland. These contacts have allowed me to truly understand the complexity of the mainland society. I have also witnessed how the mainland believers show their purest confidence in God when they are in difficulties. All these collectively enhance my comprehension of the mainland.

Brothers and sisters, how do you create your own knowledge and comprehension of the mainland?

I hope this small intercession leaflet will help you in this creation process. You will understand the pressure and difficulties the audiences face every day through the messages they send. You will also understand the problems and challenges in their situation via the news in the society.

“When he (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion on them...” (Matthew 9:36)

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Sunday



Walk through the Dark Valley

“Due to my negligence, I was cheated out of more than two million RMB dollars. I reported the case to the police but nothing was revealed by the investigation. Suffering the torture, I lived a life without cause. It looked like the situation was changing for the worse. Charged with drink driving, my son was fired from a job where he worked really well. He and his wife got divorced dealing with the conflict. It was so stressful. I reflected on myself and found that I was drifting away from God. I repented to and reconnected with God. Thank God for not abandoning me. I have survived the tough times by relying on God. Things are getting better. What I want the most now is that my son and daughter-in-law will remarry.”

(Sister Lu)

✚ Thank God that Sister Lu has got out of the abyss and revived her relationship with God. May the Lord keep her and become the master of her family.

Benefits of Blood Donors

The Law of Wuhan City on Blood Donation, effective from June 2023, stipulates that blood donors who meet the specified requirements, donors of haematopoietic stem cells and voluntary donors of blood and haematopoietic stem cells qualify for “three-exemption”, i.e. free visit of parks and some scenic spots, free registration and out-patient clinic consultation in public hospitals and free rides on some public transport. The National Health Committee has published to encourage implementation of the “three-exemption” policy for blood donation in all regions. According to the reporters’ study, the above policy has been implemented in nine provinces. Qingdao has even upgraded the “three-exemption” to “four-exemption” through provision of a free annual basic medical check-up at local community health service centers to encourage blood donation.



(“The Paper”, February 7, 2024)

✚ Thank you for the generosity of blood donors. Pray that the benefit policy can be implemented expeditiously throughout the country to benefit altruistic donors.

Monday



Persecution

“Aiming to undertake the water and soil conservation work of the country, my husband joined the civil service after completing a master’s degree. He was arrested for deception because civil servants in China are not allowed to believe in any religion. He is still held in custody. I questioned God why. I could not accept that, and even considered denying my belief because it seemed that I could get rid of all this stuff. I am afraid of the gaze of others, but at the same time fear that I will bring shame on the name of God. All these thoughts have made me feel suffocated. Nevertheless, I have felt that there is an invisible hand reaching out to grab and hold me. I have been learning to be happy even under challenging circumstances, and to take good care of my family in my husband’s absence. I cannot imagine how helpless and difficult he feels in prison, and can only put him in God’s hands.”

(Sister Ma)

✚ May God help and protect Sister Ma and her husband from losing faith in Him during hard times. Pray that God’s justice will prevail to end the bitter days and Sister Ma can reunion with her husband.

Farm Products of Inner Mongolia

Spring is here. “Changping-Ar Horqin” strawberries are ripe and mainly sold to regions such as Beijing and Shanghai. The farm is located at Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and operated by Beijing and Inner Mongolia. In 2017, a collaboration agreement was signed by Beijing and Inner Mongolia establishing the “Changping-Ar Horqin” Modern Agricultural Farm. Four major industries including strawberry farm, edible fungus farm, beef production farm and corn reserve base have been operated. These projects have focused on unique cultivation with a view to helping villages revive their economies and promote the development of technologies for agriculture, livestock farming and forestry.

(“China News Net”, February 1, 2024)

✚ Pray that the collaboration can continue to increase the income of farmer households and the project can extend further to more villages.

Tuesday



With a Loyal Heart

“My wife and I had been serving in a province at northern China for over ten years. Due to the pandemic and the bad environment, our work was confronted with slow progress. We considered returning home for other development. In the meantime, God has placed us among some university students. We have been longing to serve young people. Our inner fire was ignited again and we decided to stay. The university students gather at our home every week. My wife prepares meals for them. We are immensely happy watching them grow in Christ. We have decided to insist on serving in the ministry by cutting our expenses in other areas.”

(Brother Wang)

✚ Grateful for the loyalty of this couple to God. God will take care of them and supply all their needs. May God build the lives of the students and motivate more people to follow Him.

Spring Influenza

The transmission of respiratory tract infections has been in stable condition recently. Nevertheless, long travel and large numbers of travelers during the Chinese New Year have increased the risk of respiratory tract infections. At present, the clinical capacity of hospitals in Ningxia with increasing pediatric infectious disease consultations has been enhanced to optimize the medical resource allocation. Staff strength in their duty and shift work during the holidays has been improved. Staff has been prepared for dealing with urgent medical requests. Commonly used drugs, antigen test kits, medical equipment and hospital beds have been reserved for the surging cases of flu infections. Staff capacity and supplies of equipment, drugs and vehicles targeted for acute medical consultations have been increased to promptly respond to emergencies.

(“People’s Daily”, February 7, 2024)

✚ The COVID-19 outbreak took place after the Chinese New Year in 2020. May God bless the policy that it can be carried out successfully in all regions during the influenza surge. Hope that public awareness of hygiene after the pandemic will be raised and patients can recover quickly.

Wednesday



Grace of God

“On the day of the car accident, people on the spot thought that I would not survive or would have to be bed-ridden for the rest of my life, and I would need my family taking care of me for the rest of my life. When I still had a weak sense, I felt the Lord was with me and offered my whole self to Jesus Christ. Thank God for His protection, I recovered quickly and could take care of myself about a year after the accident. Physical pain lets us know more about God and understand His will more. I became a Christian after listening to the gospel broadcast and was saved by Jesus Christ. I want to share my experience with you. The Word of God brings me abundant peace and joy. Though I walk in the valley of deep shadow, I fear no harm.”

(Brother Liu)

✚ Thank God for saving Brother Liu at the critical moment in his life and making him recover. It is all God’s grace. May God continue to protect him and allow him to testify for Him.

AI Substitute

Hushang Technology and Innovation Enterprise in Shanghai has started to study and develop the second-generation humanoid robot with the orientation function. The robot stands at over a height of 1.6 m, has a weight of 60 kg and a total of 39 moveable joints (including finger joints) all over the body. At present, oriented logistics are provided to carry out verification work. According to experts, onsite training in the real-world setting must be provided for robots enabling them to perform every kind of different tasks for human. Robots cannot work effectively in the workplace, household and society until they keep gaining enhanced intelligence.

(“China News Net”, January 15, 2024)

✚ Pray for the development of humanoid robots and AI technology. May God teach us to use AI in a proper way. In addition to the convenience and efficiency AI has contributed to our society, scientists and R&D research staff should consider the ethical use of the innovative technology and its social impact.

