

Thursday



Marital Relationship

"My husband has a very bad temper and is not good at communicating. When he is distressed, he will curse and verbally abuse me, and sometimes even hit me. I know he is under a lot of pressure because we have three children; plus, I have some mental issues and tend to be obsessive, not giving him enough care. By listening to your programs, the host's patient guidance has helped me strive to change myself. I thank God for answering my prayers, as my husband has changed somewhat compared to before, no longer so irritable towards me, and our marital relationship has become much more harmonious. I am filled with gratitude to the Lord Jesus."

(Sister Cui)

✞ Be grateful for the improved and harmonious relationship between Sister Cui and her husband, believing that this is the wonderful work of God in their lives. May God continue to protect Sister Cui so that she can raise her children healthily.

Drought in Shandong

Recently, videos showing severe drought and crop failure in the Yimeng Mountains of Shandong have garnered widespread attention, with many local residents sending messages seeking help. Regarding the drought, the Emergency Management Bureau of Mengyin County stated that it rained in March, but there has been no rainfall for a long time since then. People throughout Yimeng, whether they grow peaches or grains, are all reporting the hardships of fighting the drought, and they are all facing this dry spell. Water levels in reservoirs have dropped, and some rivers and streams have also dried up. The government is holding meetings to discuss the drought issue and looking into ways to assist the farmers, implementing a series of corresponding measures.

("Sina News", June 11, 2024)

✞ Pray for the Lord's mercy on the farmers in the Yimeng, asking Him to send timely rain to nourish the parched land and save the crops. Pray that the Lord will guide the government and relevant departments to effectively take appropriate measures to help the farmers overcome this hardship and secure their livelihoods.

Friday



A Greater Blessing

"I have believed in the Lord for more than 30 years. When I was young, I incidentally listened to Radio Liangyou. I thought it was ridiculous at the time because the content of the radio program was completely different from the education I received. I listened to it with my father, and I was scolding while I was listening. But I believed in Jesus within a month. I clearly remembered at the time that I was crying while listening. I shed tears unconsciously and I did not know why. Now I think that I have been touched by the Holy Spirit. Initially my father warned me that he would break my legs if I believed in Jesus. But I did not back down and I had also found a church for worshipping. The reason why I believed in Jesus was simple at that time. I wanted God to heal my eyes so that I could see again. Although my wish did not come true, I received a greater blessing."

(Sister Han)

✞ Thank God for changing Sister Han's life. She has received grace from Him by chance. Pray that although Sister Han has visual impairment, she can live a life on earth as in heaven because of the Lord.

Wandering in a Foreign Land

A Buyi Christian leader shared: Many Buyi pastors in Guizhou are having to flee their hometowns under pressure, abandoning their homes for their faith. There are nearly three million Buyi people in Guizhou; as early as 1891, missionary Samuel Pollard of the China Inland Mission entered the Buyi area to spread the gospel and established a mission base in Xingyi City. God's Word has been sown among this ethnic group for over a century, and it's said there are Buyi believers in various places, but there hasn't been a large-scale turning to the Lord among this ethnic minority. Co-workers estimate there are about 4,000 believers among the nearly three million Buyi, meaning only one in 650 Buyi is a Christian; the urgent need to reach this sizable ethnic group with the gospel remains.

✞ Pray for the Buyi believers and pastors who are having to wander as refugees from their hometowns because of their faith. May the Lord send His angels to guard them, help them stand firm in the truth, and provide for the needs of these displaced believers and families.

Saturday



Willing to be Used

"After I had been baptized, my spiritual life was not abundant as thought. I was living even with vigor. Whenever I feel helpless, my thought from the Lord is no need to find anyone to talk to, but talk to the Lord only. When I hit rock bottom; reading scriptures can give me encouragement and comfort. But even so, I am still not sure that God will use someone like me. Whenever I listen to Radio Liangyou, my inner mind urges me to share the gospel, otherwise my psychological pressure will be very high. When I preach the gospel, I find myself deficient and useless. I have neither co-workers nor spiritual companions. I also hate the stubbornness of my old self. Then I have come before God to confess my sins. I have also asked God to guide me and not to abandon me. I wish that I can understand God's will. In whatever ways God will use me, I am willing to obey."

(Sister Wang)

✞ Pray that the Lord will help Sister Wang become strong and courageous so that she will not look to herself, but to the Lord. May the Lord lead the sister, and make her witness and preach bravely. It is firmly believed that the Lord will surely remember the sister's devotion.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **75th Anniversary Celebration:** Radio Liangyou is celebrating its 75th anniversary broadcasting "Praising His Boundless Power" along with listeners. On July 29, there will be a live music concert in the afternoon with young co-workers singing songs suggested by listeners to represent Radio Liangyou. In the evening, a three-hour thanksgiving service and live-streamed program will allow listeners to participate and give thanks together. Pray that the arrangements for that day will be blessed and proceed smoothly.

2 **Internet Controls:** Facing internet controls, co-workers will cautiously assess the situation and consider gradually releasing updated information when appropriate. Ask the Lord for wisdom. Though facing difficulties, it's encouraging to see listeners still able to access the Radio Liangyou website through various means and interact with us.

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

"Look, the Philistines and Tyre and Cush—each one was born there." (Psalm 87:4b)

Psalm 87 is widely acknowledged as a difficult chapter to interpret, with the Hebrew text appearing somewhat fragmented. Translators have had to make various inferences to arrive at the text we read today. However, the mainstream exegetical perspective maintains a certain consensus: it mentions different ethnic groups who will ultimately turn to the Lord and become part of the city of Zion, being "born there."

This reminds me of Hong Kong, a city that has historically welcomed many immigrants, primarily from various provinces of mainland China. Recently, with the launch of different talent admission schemes, a new wave of immigration has surged.

From a faith perspective, this presents an excellent opportunity for the gospel. These so-called "new Hongkongers" were previously the very people we have long been burdened for in terms of evangelizing mainland China. Now that they are in our midst, we have a greater opportunity to preach the gospel directly to them. If they receive grace and come to faith, Hong Kong will become their spiritual birthplace. Moreover, those nurtured here may find it even easier to share the gospel with their relatives and friends back in mainland China.

A few years ago, FEBC Hong Kong established a Local Ministry Department to explore better ways to serve Hong Kong churches and believers. This current opportunity connects our local ministry with our core vision of reaching mainland China. I invite everyone to include the development of this aspect of our ministry in your prayers, asking that God's good will be accomplished and that all glory be given to Him.

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Sunday



Blessed with a Child

“When I was pregnant with my third child, my husband was totally against it. We already had two boys, I didn't have a job, and all the pressure was on him alone. The checkup showed I was carrying another boy, so my husband treated me poorly and sometimes even cursed at me. I knew as a Christian I couldn't have an abortion - this was a blessing from Jehovah - so I insisted on giving birth. My heart wavered at times too, as raising children really isn't easy, and I even considered giving the baby to relatives, but I just couldn't. Thank God for turning my husband's heart around. Now he fully accepts this child and is overjoyed every time he comes home, holding the baby and not letting go.”

(Sister Zheng)

- ⌘ Thank God for blessing Sister Zheng's family with this child. Pray for her family, that God would grant them wisdom and strength, and that her husband can wholeheartedly accept this child and be a loving, supportive father.

Newcomers in the Workplace

Recently, the Ministry of Education has deployed a “100-day Sprint” operation for the fresh graduate employment to seriously crack down on illegal activities. Activities include recruitment frauds and malicious termination of contracts. There are generally three types of malicious contract termination: first, the employer terminates a contract when the laws prohibit; second, when the contract termination is allowed, the contract is terminated unilaterally without fulfilling the necessary obligations; third, the employer should negotiate with the employee to reach a consensus before the contract termination. If the employer makes changes without authorization or increases the workload unreasonably, both cases will be regarded as malicious dismissal in disguise. In the absence of any faults, the employer must give the employee thirty days' notice of termination or pay one month's salary additionally.

(“Guoshi Zhitongche, China News”, June 11, 2024)

- ⌘ May God protect fresh graduates, guide them to suitable employments, and protect them from frauds and malicious termination of contracts. Also pray that they can uphold their own legitimate rights and interests.

Monday



From Death to Life

“I have prayed for many years for my wife and father-in-law to believe in the Lord, but they never did. I was almost ready to give up in despair. Then my father-in-law was diagnosed with esophageal cancer, plunging the whole family into deep sorrow. When I shared the gospel with him again, he was willing to accept the Lord Jesus, and so did my wife. Although it was motivated by a desire for healing, they took that first step regardless. When my father-in-law was so emaciated that he was just skin and bones, the elders and pastors from my church came to baptize him and my wife. I believe my father-in-law's soul is now in God's hands, from death to eternal life, from the power of Satan to Jesus. I have no regrets in my life.”

(Brother Yang)

- ⌘ Praise the Lord that Brother Yang's family has turned to the Lord Jesus. May the Lord comfort Brother Yang and his wife, help them to hold onto their hope in the Lord, and follow Him closely.

New Policy on Property Market

Mainland China has launched a “combination package” for the property market (hereinafter referred to as the “5.17 New Policy”): reducing the down payment proportion, canceling the lower limit of the mortgage interest rate, and lowering the Housing Provident Fund loan rates. As the “5.17 New Policy” has been implemented, more choices are provided for homebuyers, triggering greater purchasing power. The transaction volumes of the second-hand housings have increased significantly. However, the current second-hand housing market still faces some challenges, such as the accelerated listing of housing sources and buyers' anxiety caused by the great price reduction. The realization of the second-hand property market and residents' household assets; and residence replacements and improvements are closely related to the destocking and fund security of real estate companies.

(“West China City Daily”, June 11, 2024)

- ⌘ May the Lord grant homebuyers the wisdom to choose their suitable residence. Pray that the transactions will be smooth and fair, and that the government departments can use smart policies to balance the property market and strengthen the social stability.

Tuesday



Light In the Valley

“I am a person with very low self-esteem. My husband's words have frequently dealt a blow to me after I have got married for so many years. I was injured at work earlier, but my husband did not take good care of me. This made me very sad. Fortunately, my brothers and sisters in Christ prayed for me. God has gradually changed me. My heart has opened up and I am no longer so suppressed. God has also arranged a couple who are doctors to help me. Currently I have had a joyful life. My greatest hope is that my family members will believe in the Lord. When I think of the staff from the radio station praying for me from afar, my heart is touched very much. I have really tasted the sweetness of being with the Lord Jesus.”

(Sister Liu)

- ⌘ Pray that Sister Liu will feel the sweetness of the Lord through the intercession of brothers and sisters in Christ and the help of the doctor couple. Though in a difficult environment, her life will become joyful.

Unmarried Young People

The “China Statistical Yearbook 2023” shows that the number of marriage registrations in 2022 decreased by 808,000 couples when compared with 2021. Why are young people less interest in getting married? In the Internet Age, this issue is no longer a private topic between two people or two families. Some negative voices are often amplified on the network. Negative news about the issue of love and marriage, such as infidelity and domestic violence, is frequently exposed. Young people, then, have unconsciously gradually reduced their expected values for a happy marriage and their trust in the opposite sex. Some young people even gradually believe that “it is good to be alone.” In addition, people nowadays are under great pressure from work and study. They have a fast pace of life and a rigid social circle, etc. All these have kept many young people in a passive single situation.

(“China Youth Daily”, May 30, 2024)

- ⌘ Marriage is a perfect connection God has given to mankind. Pray that the love of the Lord spread throughout the earth so that people will know the Lord and love others with His love. Also pray that people can return to seek the original meaning of marriage.

Wednesday



Emotional Distress

“When I was in senior high school, my grandpa took grandma and me out by driving an electric three-wheeler; and an accident occurred. Subsequently I did not want to make friends with others and liked to be alone in a room. I used to have a very harmonious relationship with my classmates. After that, I have been diagnosed with schizophrenia. I have been on medication persistently, but it does not work well. I do not want to go to work; I feel that I am unable to stand both physically and mentally. It has been six years since the accident. Currently I wander with confused thoughts and my mood is unstable. Dropping of my memory is the side effect of the medication.”

(Sister Huang)

- ⌘ Pray for Sister Huang's mental troubles. Pray that she will have a joyful heart and overcome all disturbances. Pray that her doctor can make accurate diagnoses so that the medication can help her.

Growth Companions

Children's growth companions who accompany children during their study and play have recently emerged in major cities in China. They are mainly hired by parents who have high incomes, busy work and no time for their children. The duty of growth companions is to pick up children from school and accompany them during activities of reading, drawing and doing crafts etc. Growth companions also provide targeted guidance and support for children, including the development of good habits, provision of care and protection during outdoor activities, and enlightening children on their interests and hobbies. In addition, they should also help children overcome difficulties and assist parents in solving problems encountered by children during the process of growth. Moreover, growth companions make up for parents' deficiencies in the aspect of education to certain extent. Therefore, employment of these growth companions is attractive to high-income people.

(“Workers' Daily”, June 3, 2024)

- ⌘ May the Lord give the government officials a keen sense of touch to strengthen the supervision of such emerging industries related to child care. Pray that the Lord will touch parents so as to enable them to care more about their children's growth without resorting to other people.