

Thursday



Live My Life for God

"I found life meaningless and withered over the past ten and so years. I went to a church after lots of searching, and thought that I had found God by myself. Now I think it is God who guided me to find the church. I participated in the new believers' class of the church. Growing in spiritual maturity, I started to serve in the church and attended seminary. It is all God's grace. Now I serve in the church by mentoring new believers and sharing my testimony. I love preaching the gospel too. I talk about the gospel with everyone I meet, even pagans. I can share freely and fluently. My pastor said that it is because I have lived my life for God. May God use me to be His witness."

(Sister Xiong)

✞ Thank God the sister Xiong's life keeps growing. May God use her testimony to affect more people and preach the gospel to the unreached to appeal to a wider audience.

Floods of Beiluo River

The largest flood since 1994 occurred in the Beiluo River in Shaanxi Province in early August. Affected by the rainfall, the accumulative rainfall in the Beiluo River drainage area was 90mm, with the maximum location-based rainfall of 224mm in Zhidan, Yan'an. The flow rate once exceeded 3,530 cubic meters per second. The flood water was advancing downstream. Floods above the warning flow rate were predicted to occur in the lower reaches of the Beiluo River. The Ministry of National Defense attached great importance to flood prevention work to ensure the embankment defense and the safety of personnel. In the next step, the Ministry of Water Resources would continue to monitor the situation and instruct local governments to do jobs such as inspections and preventions for the embankment defense, and flood control for the safety of reservoirs in order to ensure the safety of people's lives.

("China News Network", August 11, 2024)

✞ Pray that the Lord will protect the safety of the people and rescue workers along the Beiluo River. Also pray that God will give wisdom and strength to the teams who are responsible for the prevention work so that they can effectively respond to floods, protect people's lives and property, and help them rebuild their homes.

Friday



Seasoned with Salt

"In view of the interaction with my son, I reflected that whether I had acknowledged his emotions. I think that I have given attention to his feelings. My husband told our pastor that he was scared of our son. Our son is also scared of his father. I am always their messenger. Before I was the messenger between my husband and my parents-in-law. The situation has improved in recent years that my son would take the initiative to communicate with his father. I have also encouraged my husband to talk to our son more. My son and I have a little secret that my husband does not know. I have requested my son to pay tithes from his pocket money and I have also paid tithes without telling my husband. I feel so sorry for my husband and hope that Jesus will change his life and make him pay tithes willingly."

(Sister Li)

✞ May God give sister Li wisdom to face the challenges at home and bridge the communication gap between her husband and son. May God save sister Li's husband and make their family be built on Jesus Christ.

Naxi Mission

An ancient city of Lijiang, Yunnan is a famous tourist destination. About 300,000 Naxi people regard this place as their home. Interesting Dongba scripts of Naxi hieroglyphics can be found. In ancient texts of the Dongba religion, the creation of the world and the great flood are recorded. Many Naxi people believe in an unknown creator. A Dutch missionary once preached the gospel to the Naxi people in the early twentieth century. A small church was established in the Lijiang area and there were 300 Christian families. Unfortunately, many of them were persecuted and executed. In addition, missionaries have translated the Bible into Naxi language and recorded audio Bible since early time. The number of Naxi Christians is small, and heresies have been affecting them. More than a thousand Naxi people have joined the "Disciples". It has been established by "Ji Sanbao" who claims himself to be the Second Christ.

✞ Ask the Lord to call missionaries to rise up from all over the world to spread the gospel to the Naxi people. Also pray that they will help the Naxi come to know the truth of the Lord and come under the Lord's name.

Saturday



Amazing Change

"My husband used to be an alcoholic, smoker, gambler and brothel patron. Aged over 50, he had no sense of responsibility. He would become crazy in particular when he was engaged in debts owing others several hundreds of thousand dollar. He oppressed my religious beliefs and repeatedly tore up my Bible. Once I knew he had gone for gambling and then called the Police. He did not change even he was detained for a couple of days. Even our son learned those bad behavior from his father. Crying every day and praying to God, and I so wanted to died when dealing with all these family troubles. Is there any hope for our family? Thank God for his care. My husband has changed so much in recent year: taking up the family responsibility, and no longer attacking my religious views. I have never imagined what is happening now. It is so amazing that God can change people."

(Sister Lei)

✞ God can change people. Something that we are unable to imagine. Sister has kept praying without being discouraged. May God save this family and let the family be His witness.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Power Unlimited:** Looking back our history, our colleagues wrote a hymn, "Power Unlimited", for Liangyou's 75th anniversary. Our founder once went to the Philippines to apply for a broadcasting license. The Philippine government granted the official approval of "Power Unlimited" to our transmitting station. This is not just because the broadcast power of our radio station is unlimited, but also because God is the God of Power Unlimited, who is full of unlimited powers.

2 **Members-Only Platform:** In order to manage the use of platform more effectively, Liangyou Theological Seminary has divided the self-study platform according to functions since June. Now, learners can still listen to our programs freely without registration. In addition, a new members-only platform has been established exclusively for registered users. Registered users are allowed to use this specific platform to do the tests and to connect with the seminary. May the Lord protect all these platforms.

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

The Paris Olympics has been brought to a successful close. How exciting it is for the athletes to achieve great results, but the spirit of the athletes' hard work and struggle is even more fascinating. Whose passionate story has left the most unforgettable impression to you?

As for me, the bright smile of the 61-year-old table tennis player, Ni Xialian, is the most unforgettable indeed. "Aunt Ni", who is known as the "Ping Pong Grandma", has competed in the Olympics for the sixth time. As the oldest table tennis player this year, she met 23-year-old Sun Yingsha, who is the No.1 player, in the Round of 32 matches. Although there was a discrepancy in strength between the two players, Ni was calm and at ease, wearing an amiable smile from time to time. She was indeed enjoying the game and infecting everyone with her happiness in the venue. When interviewed after the game, she said: "My dream has come true.... I have been walking on thin ice. Although my grip style is outdated, I can still improve in terms of my techniques." She still had a passion for table tennis.

Radio Liangyou has been serving Chinese people all over the world for 75 years. In this media industry with keen competition, changes and diversity, we insist on using audio broadcasting as our main ministry. Maybe we do not go to the forefront of this era, or we are even regarded as a bit "unusual", but sound brings about a relationship of closeness and proximity which is indeed attractive to people. Even if there are various external challenges and difficulties, it is hoped that we will face them calmly at our ease and delightfully like "Aunt Ni" so that we can become stronger, wiser and happier. This is because we totally know that this is not our work, but this is still God's work through us.

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Sunday



Unexpected Blessing

“After I had been baptized, I suddenly got the gift of composing music and I wrote the first hymn of my life. After that, the Holy Spirit has also touched and led me to the completion of new hymns one by one. Actually, I am not a music student, and I have never studied composing at all. I have just learned playing the piano for a few years when I was young, and I have learned some basic music theories. It is true that the power of God is made perfect in human weakness. Since my ability related to music comes entirely from the grace of God, it should also be entirely attributed to the Glory of God. God has used me as a humble instrument and given me unimaginable grace. So I want to glorify God through music.”

(Brother Su)

✂ Brother Su’s testimony makes us profoundly realize that if God want to use a person, He will definitely give him sufficient power. May God use the life and works of Brother Su as fine testimony to encourage more people.

Fake Doctors on the Net

Office of the Central Cyberspace Affairs Commission has recently launched rectification of five types of highlighted problems in respect of live webcasting, including pseudoscience and pseudo-Knowledge that misled the public. Some internet celebrities pose as the professional in the financial, educational, medical and health or legal field to conduct marketing fraud by using the excuse of providing professional services. Some healthcare professionals may carry out health science popularization and transmit health knowledge. Even though some internet celebrity doctors are manipulated by a professional team. Some new media operators who provide medical knowledge from a non-professional point of view simply want to increase the internet traffic and give people a buzz. They even design certain scenarios and make up stories, with a view to boosting their influence and popularity on social media to sell products and make a profit.

(“China Youth Daily”, August 13, 2024)

✂ Popularity of the media has turned traffic into a way of making money. May God help people use the social media rationally and make the optimal use of the Impact of the Media as well as useful medical information.

Monday



The Path of Growth

“My daughter is about to enter senior high school; and, she is at the age of puberty. She has a strong desire for fun and has been indulged in video games. I have used different ways to teach her, but she does not listen. I am very angry and don’t know how to communicate with her. It seems that all kinds of things can attract her except that she cannot focus on her study. I have tried to contact Radio Liangyou and the program host has told me that there is something wrong with my approach of education. The host notes that I should live a life of Christ in my family so as to influence my child and that I should not just focus on her academic performance, but also identify with her psychological response. This has let me enlightened suddenly and direct me how to accompany my daughter in her path of growth.”

(Sister Lu)

✂ May the Lord grant Sister Lu wisdom. Pray that she can help her daughter grow up, free from video game control, and lead her to know the Lord, follow the right path, and focus on her studies.

Care for the Elderly

Ministry of Civil Affairs has been actively promoting the development of elderly care projects and the elderly care industry. Serious implementation of the part on consumption of elderly services is the next step. This includes: firstly, facilitating supply of elderly service by further enhancing their home, community and provision of organization elderly service, promoting measures such as meal aid and bathing aid, and development of visit service. Secondly, utilizing smart technology to provide more appropriate elderly services, promoting elderly care service and industry. Thirdly, strengthening the consumption protection of elderly service, enhancing promotion and use of elderly products. Fourthly, further encouraging and supporting participation of social forces such as enterprises and their supply of elderly services.

(“China News Daily”, August 9, 2024)

✂ May government departments promote the quality of elderly care products in an effective way. Pray that elderly persons can age with love and care and all services can meet their needs.

Tuesday



After My Change

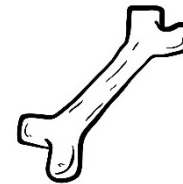
“We always quarrel with each other even we have got married for ten years. I am unable to figure out why my husband’s life is like this as he has believed in Jesus. I have asked my pastor for help. In this process, I have found that the major reason for my marital problem rests with myself. I have tried to change and also prayed for our marriage. Thanks to God’s grace. Our relationship is constantly improving and becomes much better than before. I used to make a resolve to improve my marital relationship, thinking that if it has improved, I could help other people with their marriage problems. But I have found that I could not do it at all on my own. When I turn to God and entrust myself to Him completely, God’s wonderful guidance creates a very good effect on my family. This has made me particularly want to use my personal experiences to witness God.”

(Sister Zhang)

✂ When Sister Zhang is willing to humble and change herself, God brings much improvement to her marital relationship. May God use Sister Zhang’s testimony to help those in need.

Illegal Sale of Corpses

Shanxi Aorui Bio-Materials Co. Ltd. is accused of illegally purchasing human remains and body parts from Sichuan, Guangxi, Shandong and other places for processing into bone grafts by forging documents to prove legality and using the bone grafts to produce allogeneic bone implant materials for repairs of bone defects in limbs and spine. According to a survey, more than 500,000 bone implant cases have been done in China every year. Apart from orthopedics, bone grafts are also used in aesthetic surgery for nose and chin contouring. (“21st Century Business Herald”, August 9, 2024)



✂ Pray that these illegal methods of obtaining and processing human remains can be stopped. May the Lord expose the darkness and bring the justice. Pray that all victims and their families can be comforted and respected, and the innocent can be protected from being hurt.

Wednesday



Built on a Threshing Floor

“Gospel revival has invigorated at the place where I live. Here we have more than ten villages and each has a gathering place. Brothers and sisters gather in our village on weekdays and in the big church in town during weekend. More than 20 pastors take turn to deliver sermons. The only thing we feel sorry is that old people are the majority in the village. However, they have faith in and a good relationship with God. They will go to church regardless of anything, even they are busy with farm work. At present, an elder aged over 60 has led pastors to serve. His life has motivated us so much. Serving in the church without any wage, we support our living by farming. God’s grace is sufficient.”

(Brother Du)

✂ Thank God that there are so many faithful pastors serving at the place where brother Du lives. Praise that believers never stop serving God even during the busy farming season.

Chaos of Recycling

Something wired has happened at the online secondhand shopping platform. Some people clean the milk boxes and sell them in a bundle of 50 or 100. Some other people collect empty pen refills and sell them in wholesale. According to news reports, a number of primary schools made collecting empty milk boxes as homework about environmental issues. Collection of empty pen refills mostly happened in junior or senior secondary schools. The reason for that is to supervise and urge secondary students to work hard on homework no matter in school or at home. Some parents have reflected that not every family drinks that much of milk. Even if family members drink that much, it may not be necessarily boxed milk. The learning quality could not be measured only in terms of the quantity of used refills. However, to be in line with the school’s indicators, parents have no choice but buy the “results” online.

(“China Youth Daily”, August 14, 2024)

✂ Environmental protection and recycling are our way to love the creation of God. However, it is a waste if it is just a formality. May God guide us how to love and treasure the world, touch people to protect the environment by reducing pollution in terms of the trivial things in life.