Thursday

More Than You Think

"Having Covid-19 last year made me so frustrated and feeble, and too weak to pray. I lost 10kg experiencing the long-term effects of Covid. However, with God I had no fear and left everything in His hands. Like what Paul has said, we, whether dead or alive, belong to Christ. During that period, many brothers and sisters, of my church or online, prayed for me like a family in Christ. God's grace is amazing. He gives me strength to serve Him. Full of vigour and vitality, I drive more than 40km to church every Sunday. I feel so blissful watching dozens of children I have served grow on the path of truth."

(Sister Xu)

✤ God loves His servant who has endured hardship through His grace which is more than she has thought. May God continue to use sister Xu's testimony to affect more people.

Dangerous Toy

A heart-wrenching child accident happened in Hubei recently. When a 10-year-old girl was playing a mini kitchen toy marked "real cooking real eating" with her two younger brothers following the product instructions, the toy caught fire and the fire spread out of control. The children sustained burns of various levels. Such kind of toys has been very popular on e-commerce platforms but there is no warning about their potential risks. According to someone in the business, dangerous toys are popular because they are profitable on one hand and the government regulation is ineffective on the other. It is recommended that the technical standards of toys should be updated, the traceability system strengthened and penalties raised in a timely manner to make a greater cost for non-compliance.

("Legal Daily", January 6, 2025)

May the Lord heal the injured children and restore health to them. Pray that the Department concerned will step up toy safety and monitor the sales channels of toys with a view to stopping the problem toys from being sold through the market to prevent accidents.

A Life of Piety

Friday

"My mother has been a believer for over 30 years. Although illiterate, she serves in the church choir and can understand the Bible. Her longing for God influences me, especially as she kneels daily to pray for nations, the church, our countrymen, and unsaved relatives. Her prayer sessions are quite long; while I'm praying in the morning at home, she's already praying on the couch. Her knees have deformed from kneeling in prayer, but God has truly cared for her; she can walk normally and go up and down stairs. Despite persecution for evangelizing, she never backs down, going out daily to share the Gospel, saying that saving souls can't wait."

(Sister Dong)

The life testimony of Sister Dong's mother is deeply moving. When an elderly sister is willing to work for the Lord, the Lord will become her peace and protection, and her spirit, soul, and body will also be preserved in the Lord.

Gospel to Sui People

The Sui is one of the most ancient ethnic groups in Guizhou, with a population of more than 400,000 people. The Sui people have been served by Sui pastors. In 1884, French Catholic missionaries were the first to visit the Sui in southern Guizhou. In early 20th century, the Sui people established 30 Catholic churches and the Catholic population was about 5,000. However, the Sui church leaders were killed during the Anti-Christian Movement in 1906 and the remaining believers scattered. The Evangelical missionaries first got in touch with the Sui people in 1910. A small group of Sui people showed their desire to learn about Christianity and sent representatives to meet the missionaries. However, few Sui people got to know about God due to insufficient servants to meet their needs. Until late 1990s, God established an energetic Sui church. It was said that there were 600 believers.

May we be touched by God to pray for and support the preaching to the Sui people. Pray that God will supply all the Sui pastors' needs.

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Obey the Call to Action

"The Holy Spirit can overflow out of our spirits and onto our bodies. One day while I was praying, I felt pressed to go to visit a deacon who had been injured and was resting at home. I didn't know the address, and no one answered my calls. At that moment, the pastor came and told me the address. I did visit the deacon finally. The next day, the deacon went abroad for resting. If I hadn't gone, I would have missed the chance to show my love and care. God took the pastor there to help me make that visit. Jesus Christ does everything for a reason. God is sovereign. Just obey and do it even when you don't understand. God will reveal His will and be glorified." (Sister Qiang)

Sister Qiang was touched by God and took action without delay to fulfil the command to love one another. God's love overflows through the sisters. Pray that sister Qiang can experience and live out God's love.

Gospel Broadcasting

- 1 Overseas Chinese: Radio Liangyou is striving to serve overseas Chinese and has co-operated with the FEBC team in different regions preaching the gospel to and cultivating Chinese diaspora across the world for God. FEBC Indonesia has started the broadcasts in Chinese language through its four channels and the web platform since January. May God use the programs to bless the local Chinese.
- 2 Church Calendar Devotion: Grateful that God has built the life of brothers and sisters from 60+ local and overseas churches and fellowships through "Church Calendar Devotion", helping them to establish a "Christ-centered" spiritual life together. It is hoped that more brothers and sisters will join the journey of Lent which will start in March.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

Feb/Mar 2025



Dear Warriors in Christ,

Recently I had an interesting conversation with my daughter about the uniqueness of people. Everyone is like a mobile phone of a particular model with different settings and performance. Some have particularly good camera lenses with high color sensitivity and are fit for design or art work. Some are particularly fast and responsive in computing and data transmission, and play videos without lagging. Some have large memory and storage. Having a terrible sense of direction, I am like a mobile phone without a built-in map and location tracking. By reflection on thoughts, we can better understand and accept people's differences and know about our strengths and weaknesses, and finally find a role that is right for us.

This is true for individuals as well as organizations. Every organization has a mission. The mission functions as a CPU that guides its staff toward the God-given purpose. The mission of FEBC is "Christ to the World by Radio". The gospel is preached through different media relying mainly on broadcasting. Different methods and policies are adopted at different moments in time, yet the goal remains unchanged. Of the same body, we are the mouth that speaks to preach the gospel at all times.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." (John 15:5) Our broadcasting theme in 2025 is "Fasten in Christ, Fruitful in Life!" We are branches and appointed by God to bear much fruit. What is your role? If you are not yet prepared for battle preaching the gospel, please continue to support us in your prayer.

Connie Lam

Officer-in-Charge, Chinese Ministry Office



Sunday

Renewed by the Lord

"When nothing happens, I feel like I have strong faith in God and believe I will always rely on Him unwaveringly. But when challenges arise, I quickly weaken, and complaints follow. I must not overestimate my own faith but instead seek God's strength to sustain me to the end. Through my experiences, I realize I need to fix my eyes on God, trust that His grace is sufficient for me, and accept His best arrangements for His children. Even when I cannot see clearly, I must believe, trust completely, and surrender. I cannot rely on myself alone and need the support of fellow believers. I must learn to let go, surrender, depend on, and look up to Him! God's timing is neither early nor late—it is always just right."

We are grateful that Sister Chen recognizes her own weakness and understands the need to rely on God's power for transformation. Her willingness to seek God is surely the result of His work in her heart. May God continue to help Sister Chen grow in Him.

White-Collar Platformization

In recent years, the rapid growth of platforms has caused significant changes in many organizations. The internet has platformized blue-collar jobs, such as delivery drivers and rideshare services, and is now extending to white-collar professions. With artificial intelligence reshaping industries, some career networking and recruitment platforms are envisioning future hiring trends. By integrating all labor resources, more white-collar workers may work for platforms that distribute varied tasks. These tasks, broken down by AI, are then assigned to individuals for execution. This shift could profoundly alter employment relationships and organizational structures. ("China News", January 7, 2025)

ℜ May the Lord guide the application of AI, not only to drive efficiency and innovation but also to bring about a more just and inclusive work environment. May every industry find equal opportunities and dignity in this new model, fostering mutual love and demonstrating the Lord's mercy and faithfulness.

Facing Challenges Boldly

Monday

"The church community cares about me deeply, especially the elderly members who often introduce potential partners to me, which puts a lot of pressure on me. I have pledged to dedicate my life to God and remain single. Repeatedly declining these introductions has strained my relationship with the church, and I gradually stopped attending. Later, a brother invited me to join an online prayer group. After some time, I felt pressured again and wanted to quit. However, the brother encouraged me, saying that having the opportunity to serve is a blessing. After two days of prayer and struggle, I decided to continue. I realized it was my own pride that caused the tension, so I decided to reconcile with the brothers and sisters in the church."

(Sister Fang)

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Thank the Lord for leading Sister Fang to continue serving despite her struggles. May Sister Fang's decision be in line with God's heart, and may she be anointed in her service. We trust that the Lord will guide her path ahead.

Welfare for the Elderly

Recently, multiple departments in Chongqing jointly issued the "Implementation Plan for Promoting the Development of the Silver Economy and Enhancing Elderly Welfare", which outlines 20 measures to improve the quality of life for seniors. In 2023, Chongqing's population aged 65 and above exceeded six million, with an aging rate of 18.9%, the highest in western China. Aging is accelerating as population demographics shift, healthcare improves, and consumption habits evolve. Seniors are becoming significant consumers. Moving forward, the Chongqing government will collaborate with relevant departments to implement this plan.

("China News", January 6, 2025)

May the Lord grant wisdom and foresight to the Chongqing government, ensuring better welfare and security for the elderly. We pray that every senior enjoys health and joy in their later years. May society increasingly prioritize the needs of the elderly.

Tuesday

Walk Through Hardship Together

"My two-year-old son was admitted to hospital repeatedly due to genetic of cardiac arrhythmia. Being in disarray, I could only cry out to God. I was grateful that fellow sisters had kept my child and me in their prayers. No matter what time throughout the day, they would rise up to pray for us. I was so touched. Finally a treatment has been adapted to my child who has become gradually stable. Feeling lost in handling my eldest daughter who has mental health issues, I have been blessed to have my husband facing the challenges with hope and faith together in God. We have made some adjustments, and take part in parent-child activities with our two children. We are now on the right path in life."

(Sister He)

Grateful that sister He has experienced God's faithfulness as she is willing to seek help from Him during hard times. God will surely work with her family to overcome all the challenges and pass through the storms, and see the rainbow.

Auction Fraud

As the cultural relic market heats up, some unscrupulous individuals have seized the opportunity to weave a web of fraud under the guise of "cultural relic auctions." These organizations create online shopping platforms to sell low-quality cultural relics as "props," profiting through repeated transactions among members. As the number of members grows, the prices of these items soar. However, these high-priced products lack genuine market demand and circulate only within the closed network of fraud. When the influx of new members slows down and the funding chain breaks, the platform collapses, leaving many members at a loss.

("Legal Daily", January 8, 2025)

ℜ The development of technology and the internet has indeed brought many conveniences to life, but it has also led to numerous cybercrimes. We pray that the relevant authorities strengthen the regulation of harmful sales platforms to prevent citizens from falling into traps.

Parent-Child Relationships

Wednesday

"My son is in his teenage years, and I noticed he has been with a female classmate on the way to school and back. I suspected they were in a romantic relationship, but he denied it, claiming they were just friends. I struggled to believe him and found it challenging to communicate with him, so I reached out to Radio Liangyou. The host taught me to trust my son and to avoid lecturing him, instead recognizing his perspective and attempting to guide him. After spending time together, our relationship has improved, for which I am very grateful. I pray that God continues to help me, realizing that I must first change myself. Listening to the radio program has prompted me to reflect on this."

(Sister Xu)

We are thankful that Sister Xu found a way to resolve her struggles and came to understand her need for self-reflection. May God be the head of this family, guiding them to experience His miraculous leadership and become a beautiful testimony.

Hoarding Medicine

According to the latest data from the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the positivity rate for influenza viruses is rising, with over 99% being influenza A. During flu season, the demand for antiviral medications surges, leading to frequent shortages in pharmacies. Many people are stockpiling medications like "Baloxavir" for flu prevention, even though these are prescription drugs that must be used under medical supervision. Hoarding not only deprives patients in need but also risks misuse, potentially delaying proper treatment.

("China National Radio Web", January 7, 2025)

ℜ May the Lord protect all those affected by the flu, granting them calmness amidst the outbreak. We pray that people refrain from hoarding medications, avoiding unnecessary panic. May healthcare workers receive strength, wisdom, and patience as they serve, and may communities support one another through these challenging times.