

Pray for:

- Student contacts in Paris: Five active new student contacts would begin to meet in the homes of the saints; 45 open new student contacts would respond to e-mails; gaining of clusters of fruit; students would become vitally related with one or two classmates.
- Bible distribution in 30 cities in North America in January and February; in Canada, the focus is on Hamilton and Guelph, Ontario; Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Coquitlam, BC.
- Video training in Montreal: January 1 to 15
- Bible distribution from January 5 to 7 at four university metro stations in Montreal, and table at Concordia; pray for participation of local saints and gaining of remaining fruit.
- Young people in Montreal: to develop a personal experience with the Lord; to be integrated into the church life by being connected to more saints, especially university students and families; to develop a taste for the Word; to develop a habit of preaching the gospel to their friends.
- Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ☼ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 60, 2 Cor 3:12 – 5:21
- ☼ HWMR: Living a Life for the Fulfillment of God's Eternal Purpose, Week 3
- ☼ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Economy of God*, Chapter 11

Announcements

- ☼ We will have a Bible distribution on January 5th, 6th and 7th in 4 metro stations McGill, Guy-Concordia, UdeM, and Berri-UQAM. Also we will have a table at Concordia university. For those who are interested in helping out with the distribution please get your lunch, and bring your lunch to the fellowship room for an information Session on how to Distribute in Montreal.
- ☼ For the upcoming video training, anyone who has a burden to help cover the cost, please put in the offering box, with the designation 'For Video Training'.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

Dec 26	☼ Serving: Chinese N.D.G. (A)
	☼ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central)
	☼ Whole meeting hall cleaning
Jan 2	☼ Serving: French/Spanish
	☼ Cleaning: English
9	☼ Serving: Chinese East
	☼ Cleaning: French/Spanish
16	☼ Serving: Chinese West
	☼ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)

Upcoming Events

- ☼ Dec 27, 2010-Jan 1, 2011, Anaheim, CA, USA: **Winter Training**
- ☼ Jan 1-15, 2011, Meeting hall, Montreal: **Winter Video Training**
- ☼ Feb. 18-20, 2011, Anaheim, CA: Chinese-speaking New Year's International Conference
- ☼ April 1-3, 2011, Anaheim, CA: International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones.
- ☼ May 12-14, 2011, Karei Deshe on the Sea of Galilee, Israel: **Spring Conference in Israel**

This Week's Activities

DEC 26	☼ 10am to 12:30 pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	☼ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
27	
Monday	
28	☼ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
Tuesday	
29	☼ 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's place: College meeting
Wednesday	
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Thursday	
31	☼ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
Friday	☼ Various home meetings (Chinese/English / French)
JAN 1	☼ 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Video training message 1
Saturday	☼ 7:00pm – 9:30pm, Meeting hall: Young People Meeting, Video training message

Meeting

Scripture Reading: Heb. 10:25; Matt. 18:20; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:23, 26

III. THE FUNCTIONING OF THE BODY MANIFESTED THROUGH THE MEETING

First Corinthians 12 speaks of the Body, and chapter fourteen speaks of the meeting. Chapter twelve speaks of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and chapter fourteen also speaks of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Chapter twelve speaks of the gifts in the Body, whereas chapter fourteen speaks of the gifts in the church. According to these two chapters, it seems that the mutual functioning of the members of the Body is expressed in the meeting. When we put chapters twelve and fourteen together, we see clearly that chapter twelve shows us the Body while chapter fourteen shows us the Body in function. One chapter speaks of the Body, while the other speaks of the meeting. One speaks of the gifts in the Body, while the other speaks of the gifts in the meeting. The functioning of the Body is realized specifically through the meeting. The mutual help, mutual influence, and mutual care of the members (e.g., the eyes helping the legs, the ears helping the hands, the hands helping the mouth) are more clearly manifested in the meetings. Through the meeting, we receive many answers to prayer. We often receive no light individually. But when we come to the meeting, we find light. What we see individually through our own pursuit can never match what we see in the meetings. All the ministries ordained by God operate through the meeting and are for the meeting. If a person rarely meets with others, he will have little opportunity to realize the functioning of the Body.

In addition to being the Body of Christ, the church is also the dwelling place of God. In the Old Testament the light of God was in the Holy of Holies. There was sunlight in the outer court, and there was the lamp with olive oil burning before the veil in the Holy Place. But in the Holy of Holies, there was no natural or artificial light. There was only the light of God. The Holy of Holies is the place where God dwells. Wherever God dwells, there is His light. Today when the church gathers together as the dwelling place of God, we find God's light. When the church meets together, God manifests His light. We do not know why this happens. We can say only that this is one of the results of the mutual functioning of the members. The mutual functioning allows God's light to be expressed through the Body.

Deuteronomy 32:30 says, "How shall one chase a thousand, /And two put ten thousand to flight,/Were it not that their Rock sold them,/And Jehovah delivered them up?" If one could chase a thousand, how could two put ten thousand to flight? This is a strange thing. We do not know how, but we know that this is a fact. According to man, if one can chase a thousand, two should be able to chase only two thousand. But God says two can chase ten thousand, which is eight thousand more. When two chase separately, each can chase a thousand. Putting the two together, we should only have two thousand. But when two are joined together to chase the enemy, we have the mutual functioning of the members, and they can chase ten thousand, eight thousand more than if it is done separately. A person who does not know the Body and who does not care about meeting together will lose the eight thousand. Therefore, we need to learn to receive corporate grace. Do not think that personal grace is enough. We repeat: A special characteristic of Christianity is that it meets. A Christian can never substitute meeting with "self-taught" pursuits. We need to see this clearly and pay attention to it.

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