

## Pray for:

- Bible distribution from January 5 to 7 at four university metro stations in Montreal in English and French, and table at Concordia; pray for participation of local saints and gaining of remaining fruit.
- 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, as well as the receiving of the burden of the winter training in all the local churches.
- French-speaking saints in Montreal: consecration to live uniquely for the gospel; building up of vital companions and vital groups; gaining and shepherding of new ones; thorough blending and one accord with other language groups in Montreal.
- 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 61, 2 Cor 6:1 – 10:6
- ✿ HWMR: Living a Life for the Fulfillment of God's Eternal Purpose, Week 4
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Economy of God*, Chapter 12

## 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

Jan 2	✿ Serving: French/Spanish
	✿ Cleaning: English

9	✿ Serving: Chinese East
	✿ Cleaning: French/Spanish
16	✿ Serving: Chinese West
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)
23	✿ Serving: Chinese North
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central)
	✿ Whole meeting hall cleaning

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ Jan 1-15, 2011, Meeting hall, Montreal: **Winter Video Training**
- ✿ Jan. 5-7: Bible distribution at four Montreal universities.
- ✿ Jan. 29 – Feb. 14, Halifax, NS: Gospel Sowing Trip
- ✿ 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

<b>JAN 2</b>	✿ 10am to 11am, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 11am-12:30pm: Winter Video Training, Msg 3
	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast

<b>3</b>	<b>Monday</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	✿ 7:30pm-8pm, Meeting Hall: Corporate Prayer meeting
		✿ 8pm-9:30pm, Meeting Hall: Winter Video Training, Msg 4
<b>5</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	✿ 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's place: College meeting
<b>6</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	✿ 7:30pm-9pm, Meeting Hall: Winter Video Training, Msg 5
<b>7</b>	<b>Friday</b>	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
		✿ Various home meetings (Chinese/English / French )
<b>8</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	✿ 4pm – 6pm, Meeting Hall: Winter Video training, Msg 6

- ✿ 7pm – 9:30pm, Meeting hall: Young People Meeting,
- ✿ 7pm-9:30pm, Meeting Hall: Winter Video Training, Msg 7

## 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 (continued)

The Lord promises us two kinds of presence. One is in Matthew 28, and the other is in Matthew 18. In Matthew 28:20 the Lord said, "I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age." One can say that this implies His presence in individuals. In Matthew 18:20 the Lord said, "For where there are two or three gathered into My name, there am I in their midst." His presence here refers to His presence in the meeting. Only in the meeting can we have this second kind of presence. The Lord's presence with an individual and His presence in the meeting are two different things. Some only know the Lord's presence as individuals. But this knowledge is insufficient. The more compelling and powerful presence is experienced only in the meeting; we cannot experience such a presence individually. Although individually we can have the Lord's presence, this presence is never as great or as powerful as His presence in the meetings. But when we are among the saints we can touch a presence which we could not otherwise experience as individuals. We have to learn to meet together with the brothers and sisters because it is in the meeting that we experience the Lord's special presence. This is a tremendous blessing. This presence can never be felt by us as individuals. It is impossible to find a "self-taught" Christian who can experience this kind of powerful presence of the Lord.

It is a spontaneous thing for God's children to function in mutuality when they come together. We do not know how this mutuality in the Body works in the meeting, but we know that this mutuality is a fact. When one brother stands up, others see the light. When another brother stands up, others feel the Lord's presence. One brother opens his mouth to pray and others touch God. Another brother speaks a few words and others feel the supply of life. This phenomenon cannot be explained by human words; it surpasses human explanation. Only when the Lord comes back will we really know how the Body of Christ functions in mutuality. Today we merely obey the Lord's ordination.

Perhaps you have not paid much attention to the meeting because you have just been saved. You do not know what the

light of the Body is and what the function and efficacy of the Body is. However, experience tells us that many fundamental spiritual lessons are learned only in the Body. The more you meet, the more you learn. If you do not meet, you have no part at all in these riches. Therefore, we hope that you will learn to meet properly from the very beginning of your Christian life.

### IV. THE PRINCIPLES OF MEETING

How should we meet? The first principle in the Bible concerning meetings is that all meetings are conducted in the Lord's name. Matthew 18:20 says, "Gathered into My name," which can also be translated as, "Gathered under My name." What does it mean to be gathered under the Lord's name? It means to be under the Lord's authority. The Lord is the center, and everyone is drawn to Him. We do not go to a meeting to visit certain brothers or sisters, nor do we go because we are attracted by certain brothers or sisters. We go to the meeting to be gathered together with other saints under the Lord's name. The Lord is the center. We do not meet to listen to someone's preaching but to meet the Lord. If you meet to listen to someone's preaching, I am afraid you are coming under that person's name, not under the Lord's name. Sometimes, men's names are used to attract people. This is to draw men under that person's name. But the Lord says that we have to meet under His name.

We should come under the Lord's name because the Lord is not with us in a physical sense (Luke 24:5-6). Whenever the Lord is not physically present, there is the need of His name. When the Lord is physically present, there is less of a need for His name. The name is present because the person Himself is not present. As far as His physical body is concerned, the Lord is in heaven. Yet He has left us with a name. The Lord has promised that if we meet under His name, He will be in our midst. This means that His Spirit will be in our midst. Although the Lord is sitting in heaven, His name is still in our midst, and His Spirit is also in our midst. The Holy Spirit is the One who upholds the Lord's name. The Holy Spirit is the guardian of Christ's name; He protects and guards the Lord's name. Wherever there is the name of the Lord, there is the Holy Spirit, and there the Lord's name is manifested. Those who want to meet must meet under the Lord's name.

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