

Pray for:

- ✿ 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.
- ✿ That a bookshop might be opened in central London (a property has recently been acquired); that the Lord might use it to reach London's native and international populaces.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ That the college and university students in Montreal have a fresh start with the Lord this year by enjoying Him personally and also pursuing Him corporately with two or three vital companions; that they be built up in the divine life and in the truth; for the follow-up of contacts from the BfC distribution last week.
- ✿ 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 62, *2 Cor 10:7 – 13:14*
- ✿ HWMR: Living a Life for the Fulfillment of God's Eternal Purpose, Week 5
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Economy of God*, Chapter 13

Announcements

- ✿ We would like to announce the **2011 International Chinese-speaking Conference** to be held Friday, February 18 through Lord's Day, February 20, 2011. It is open to the public and there will be translation into English, Korean, Spanish, Cantonese, and Portuguese. The deadline for registration, Jan. 31, 2011. Contact Monica for further information.
- ✿ For the 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

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
30	✿ Serving: Chinese South (B)
	✿ Cleaning: English

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Jan 1 -15, 2011, Meeting hall, Montreal: **Winter Video Training**
- ✿ 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

JAN 9 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am to 11am, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	✿ 11am-12:30pm: Winter Video Training, Msg 8
	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
10 Monday	
11 Tuesday	✿ 7:30pm-8pm, Meeting Hall: Corporate Prayer meeting
	✿ 8pm-9:30pm, Meeting Hall: Winter Video Training, Msg 9
12 Wednesday	✿ 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's place: College meeting
13 Thursday	✿ 7:30pm-9pm, Meeting Hall: Winter Video Training, Msg 10
14 Friday	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
	✿ Various home meetings (Chinese/ English / French)
15 Saturday	✿ 4pm – 6pm, Meeting Hall: Winter Video training, Msg 11
	✿ 7pm – 9:30pm, Meeting hall: Young People Meeting,

✿ 7pm-9:30pm, Meeting Hall: Winter Video Training, Msg 12

Meeting

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

IV. THE PRINCIPLES OF MEETING (continued)

The second principle of meeting is that its goal should be for the building up of others. In 1 Corinthians 14 Paul told us that the basic principle of meeting is to build up others, not ourselves. Everything in the meeting should be for the purpose of building up others, not ourselves. Tongue speaking builds up the speaker, but the interpretation of tongues builds up others. In other words, every move that builds up just one person is in the principle of tongue-speaking. The principle of the interpretation of tongues is to dispense into others what we ourselves have been built up with, that others may also be built up. This is why there should not be any tongue-speaking in the meeting if no one can interpret the tongue. No one should speak anything that builds up himself and not others.

Hence, we must consider others when we meet. It is not how much we say, but whether or not what we say builds up others. Whether or not sisters can ask questions in the meeting is determined by the same principle. Asking questions in the meeting is not just for one's own benefit. It is a matter of whether or not the meeting would be dragged down by such questions. Do you want to help the meeting? The clearest indication of whether or not a man's individuality has been dealt with is seen in the meeting. Some only think of themselves. They have a message in their heart which they want to preach, and they must speak it when they come to the meeting. They have a hymn in their heart which they like to sing, and they will do anything to find an opportunity to sing it. They do not care whether the message will help the meeting or whether the hymn will enliven the congregation. This kind of person brings nothing but damage to the meeting.

Some brothers have been Christians for years, yet they still do not know how to meet. They care little for heaven or earth, the Lord or the Holy Spirit; they only care about themselves. They seem to think that as long as they are present, even alone, they can have a meeting. In their eyes, none of the brothers and sisters exist; they are the only ones who are present. This is truly arrogant. When they speak in the meeting, they want to speak until they are satisfied. In the end they are the only ones who are happy; the other brothers and sisters are all unhappy. They feel that they have a "burden" which must be released. But as soon as they open their mouths, others are forced to pick up this "burden" and take it home with them. Some like long prayers. When they pray, others become tired. When someone breaks the principles of the meeting, the whole church suffers. We must not offend the Holy Spirit in a meeting. Once we offend the Holy Spirit, all the blessing is gone. In the meeting, if we take care of the needs of others and try to build up others, the Holy Spirit will be

honored. He will do the building up work, and we will be built up. However, if we do not build up others but talk loosely and offend the Holy Spirit, our meeting will be in vain. When we meet, we should not think of getting something out of the meeting for ourselves. All the activities should be for the benefit of others. If you think your speaking will benefit others, you should speak. If you think your silence will benefit others, remain silent. Always try to take care of others; this is the basic principle of meeting together.

This does not mean that everyone should be silent in the meeting. Many times speaking damages others, but silence also damages others. If you do not care for others, the meeting will suffer whether you speak or remain quiet. Your speaking must be for the benefit of the meeting, and your silence must also be for the benefit of the meeting. Always seek the building up of others. Those who should speak should not remain silent. In the meeting, please remember, "Let all things be done for building up" (1 Cor. 14:26). Everyone should come to the meeting with a goal in mind --he is there for others, not just for himself. We should never do anything that will stumble others. If our silence will stumble others, we should speak. If our speaking will stumble others, we should be silent. We need to learn to speak for the purpose of building up others, and we need to learn to be silent also for the purpose of building up others. Whatever we do, it is for the purpose of building up others, not ourselves. When we are not for ourselves, we will end up being built up ourselves. But when we think only of ourselves, we will not receive any building up.

If you are not sure whether your speaking will build up others, the best thing to do is to check with more experienced brothers. You should ask them, "Do you think I should speak more or less in the meeting?" You have to learn to be a humble person from the beginning. Do not think that you are "somebody." Do not think that you can sing and preach well and that you are great. Please do not make any judgment about yourself. The best thing to do is to ask the experienced brothers. Check with them to see whether your speaking builds up others. Speak more if they encourage you to do so. Speak less if they remind you to speak less. Our meeting will be high if everyone humbles himself to learn from others. When this happens, others will sense that God is in our midst when they come in. This is the result of the operation of the Holy Spirit. I hope we will pay attention to this matter. If we do, our meeting will glorify God.

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