

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.
- ✿ Pray for the Lord to release the approval needed for each distribution site, especially in the target cities in Canada (Hamilton-Guelph, Coquitlam, and Halifax). Pray also that the saints would find favour with the venue management, public officials, security personnel, etc.
- ✿ Pray for the best environmental conditions for the release of the Word. Pray that the weather would be mild, especially in the colder climates, and for the health, transportation, and safety of all the saints throughout the two weeks.
- ✿ Pray for the establishing of contact and further fellowship with the radio ad respondents in each target city.
- ✿ France: A new meeting hall in Paris; that five university student contacts in Paris be remaining fruit; the establishing of the Lord's testimony among contacts in Dieppe, Lille, Montpellier, Cergy, and other cities.
- ✿ 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 65, Gal 5:22 – Eph 1:10
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Isaiah, Vol 1, Week 2
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Economy of God*, Chapter 16

Announcements

- ✿ There is a conference for college and young working saints in Belleville, March 18-20. Deadline for registration is Feb 20. Contact Monica for more information.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

Jan 30	✿ Serving: Chinese South (B)
	✿ Cleaning: English
Feb 6	✿ Serving: English (A)
	✿ Cleaning: French/Spanish
13	✿ Serving: Chinese South (A)
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)
20	✿ Serving: N.D.G

- ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central)
- ✿ Whole meeting hall cleaning

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Jan. 29 – Feb. 14, Halifax, NS: **Gospel Sowing Trip**
- ✿ Feb. 18-20, 2011, Anaheim, CA: **Chinese-speaking New Year's International Conference**
- ✿ **Mar. 18-20, Belleville, ON:** Belleville Conference for College and Young working saints
- ✿ 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 30 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am to 12:30 pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
31 Monday	
FEB 1 Tuesday	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
2 Wednesday	✿ 7pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's place: College meeting
3 Thursday	✿
4 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (Chinese/English / French)
5 Saturday	✿ 7pm – 9:30pm, Meeting hall: Young People Meeting

Meeting

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

V. IN CHRIST

The final distinction is between circumcision and uncircumcision. This distinction has to do with marks of piety in the flesh. The Jews have the mark of circumcision on their bodies. It shows that they belong to God, that they fear God, and that they reject the flesh. Yet they overemphasize circumcision. Acts 15 speaks of some Jews who tried to compel the Gentiles to be circumcised.

Christians also have their "marks of piety in the flesh." For example, baptism, head covering, the breaking of bread, the laying on of hands, and so on can all become marks of piety. Baptism has a spiritual meaning, but it can also be a mark of piety in the flesh. Head covering with the sisters has a spiritual meaning, but it can also be a mark of piety in the flesh. Bread-breaking and the laying on of hands have spiritual meanings, but they can also become marks of piety in the flesh. All of these things have spiritual meaning; they are all spiritual matters. However, we may use these things to separate God's children, boasting about marks which others do not have, and the result is disunity. If we do this, we have downgraded these matters from their spiritual level and made them mere physical marks in the flesh. When this happens, we become, in principle, the same as the Jews who boasted in circumcision; our baptism, head covering, bread-breaking, and hand-laying have become our "circumcision." If we differentiate between God's children based on these things, we have made distinctions according to the flesh. However, in Christ there is no distinction between circumcision and uncircumcision. No physical mark of the flesh can be used to differentiate God's children. In Christ we are made one. The life in Christ is one. All of these things are outside of the life of Christ. Of course, it is good to have the spiritual reality that accompanies these physical marks. But if one has the spiritual reality yet is lacking in the physical marks, we cannot count him out. God's children should not allow physical marks to damage the oneness in the Lord and the oneness in the new man.

We all are brothers and sisters. We are the new man in Christ. We all are members in the Body, and we all are parts of the Body. Once we are in the church, we should not have any distinction outside of Christ. Everyone stands on new ground. Everyone is in the new man created by the Lord and everyone is in the Body built up by Him. We must see that all of God's children are one. There is no place for superiority or inferiority. We must eliminate the denominational and sectarian thoughts from our hearts. If we do this, there will be no division in the meeting of the church of God and in the fellowship between the saints. We have to pay attention to these matters in the meeting, and we have to live out such a life in our daily walk. May God bless us.

is extracted from New Believers Series #10 by Watchman Nee