

## Pray for:

- ✿ Israel: campus labour at Tel Aviv University; two couples in Galilee considering attending the FTTA and FTTMA; national blending on March 5<sup>th</sup>; literature distribution and follow-up of contacts.
- ✿ Ongoing turmoil in North Africa and the Middle East; that the Lord might bring about fundamental changes in this region that open up the Muslim world to the gospel of Jesus Christ; that the outcome might positively change these countries' attitude towards Israel.
- ✿ Follow-up of 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.
- ✿ Building up of the church in Toronto; sufficient funds to repay loans and renovation of the new meeting hall (\$200,000 per month for a total of \$3.5 million is needed).
- ✿ That the children in Montreal would grow in the church life in a proper way, including their character training; that their parents have grace and wisdom, knowing how to nourish and cherish their children in love in view of God's economy.
- ✿ 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 69, Eph 6:9 – Phil 1:26
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Isaiah, Vol 1, Week 6
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Economy of God*, Chapter 20

## Announcements

- ✿ We will have a local conference on the Easter weekend which is April 22-25. Message 1 and 2 on April 22 for English and on April 23 for Chinese. On Lord's Day (April 24) after the Lord's Table, we will have message 3 separately with Chinese and English.
- ✿ We encourage all the saints to subscribe the HWMR at an annual cost of \$40, equivalent of 40 - 45% discount.
- ✿ The fee for the conference for college and young working saints in Belleville, March 18-20 is \$100. Please pay it to Monica by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

Feb 27	✿ Serving: Chinese YW ✿ Cleaning: English
Mar 6	✿ Serving: Chinese Central (A) ✿ Cleaning: French/Spanish
13	✿ Serving: English (B) ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)
20	✿ Serving: N.D.G ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central) ✿ Whole meeting hall cleaning

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ **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.**
- ✿ April 22-25, 2011, Meeting hall: **Local Easter Conference.**
- ✿ May 12-14, 2011, Karei Deshe on the Sea of Galilee, Israel: **Spring Conference in Israel**

## This Week's Activities

<b>FEB 27</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am to 12:30 pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings ✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
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<b>28</b> <b>Monday</b>	
<b>MARCH 1</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
<b>2</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	✿ 7pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's place: College meeting
<b>3</b> <b>Thursday</b>	✿
<b>4</b> <b>Friday</b>	✿ Various home meetings (Chinese/English / French )
<b>5</b> <b>Saturday</b>	✿ 7pm – 9:30pm, Meeting hall: Young People Meeting

## Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 16:24; James 4:2-3; Luke 11:9-10; Psa. 66:18; Mark 11:24; Luke 18:1-8

## D. Believing

A condition on the positive side for having prayer answered is faith. Faith is indispensable. Without faith, prayer is ineffectual. The story in Mark 11 speaks loudly of the need for faith in prayer. The Lord Jesus said, "All things that you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and you will have them" (v. 24). We must believe when we pray. If we believe that we have received what we are praying for, we will have them. We hope that as soon as a person has received the Lord, even a week after his conversion, he will know what faith is. The Lord said, "Believe that you have received them, and you will have them." He did not say, "Believe that you will receive them" but, "Believe that you have received them." We should believe that we have received what we asked for, and we will have them. The believing that the Lord speaks of here is followed by its predicate you have received. What is faith? Faith is believing that we have received what we have asked for.

Christians often make the mistake of separating believe from its predicate you have received. They place it before the expression you will have them. They pray to the Lord thinking that it is a matter of great faith to "believe...and you will have them." They pray to the Lord that the mountain be taken up and cast into the sea, and they believe that it will be so. They think that this kind of faith is great faith. However, this is to move believe away from you have received and to place it before you will have them. The Bible says that we should believe that we have received, not that we will receive. The two are definitely not the same. Not only do new believers need to learn this, but even those who have been believers for many years need to learn this.

What is faith? Faith is the assurance that God has answered our prayer. It is not the conviction that God will answer our prayer. Faith is when we kneel down to pray and say in an instant, "Thank God! He has answered my prayer. Thank God! This matter is settled." This is to believe that we have received. A person may kneel down and pray and may rise and say, "I believe that God will definitely hear my prayer." The expression will definitely hear is wrong. No matter how hard he tries to "believe" in this way, he will not see any result. Suppose you

pray for a sick person and he says, "Thank God! I am healed." His temperature may still be high; there may be no change in his symptoms at all. But his problem is over because he is clear within himself that he is healed. However, if he says, "I believe the Lord will surely heal my sickness," he will probably need to try harder to "believe." The Lord Jesus said, "Believe that you have received them, and you will have them." He did not say that you will receive if you believe that you will receive. If you turn this around, it does not work. Brothers and sisters, have you seen the key? Genuine faith lies in the phrase It is finished. Genuine faith is thanking God for having already answered your prayers.

We need to say a few words more about faith. Consider the matter of healing. We can find some solid examples of faith in Mark's Gospel. There are three sentences in the Gospel of Mark which bear special significance to prayer. The first relates to the Lord's power, the second to the Lord's will, and the third to the Lord's act.

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