# Pray for:

- International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones in Anaheim, March 30 to April 1.
- Bulgaria: Translation work and the translators; the Lord's preparation of the hearts of the seeking ones, that they be gained for His testimony.
- Halifax: strengthening of the saints to practice the Godordained way through the vital groups; migration of saints to strengthen the testimony; the Lord's gaining of unbelievers and seeking saints for the church; the Lord would bless the planned visit from Montreal and other cities at the end of April.
- The Lord's leading and one accord in considering sale of the land behind the meeting hall.
- Renovation of Toronto meeting hall: Continued progress in the renovations, including building a suitable baptismal and a kitchen; continued provision of the financial costs; that the Lord bless the hall to be used for the building up of the church in Toronto and the blending of saints throughout Eastern Canada.Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

### Weekly Readings

- Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Matt 23:1 – 25:30
- HWMR: The Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery, Week 1

# Announcements

A developer has offered to purchase the land behind the meeting hall (where we currently have the parking lot) to build condos. If there is one accord to sell this land, we could use the proceeds for the sale to completely renovate the meeting hall and build a new parking lot in front of the hall. Today at 1:30 pm in the meeting hall, we will have a fellowship time to discuss this consideration with all the saints and seek the Lord's leading.

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

March	₿	Serving: Chinese West		
25	₿	Cleaning: Central English, Spanish, College		
April	₿	Serving: Chinese North		
1	₿	Cleaning: Chinese District Two		
	₿	Whole meeting hall cleaning		
8	₿	Serving: Chinese South		
	⇔	Cleaning: Non-central English, French		
15	⇔	Serving: English (B)		

### Cleaning: Chinese District One

## **Upcoming Events**

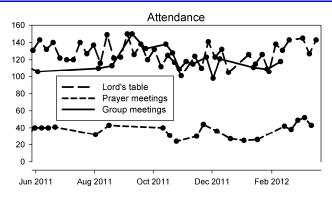
- March 25, 1:30 pm, Meeting hall: Fellowship concerning offer to purchase land behind meeting hall
- April 7 and 8, Meeting hall: Local Spring conference
- May 19 and 20, TBD : Victoria weekend Conference
- May 25 to May 28 in Bellevue, Washington: International Memorial Day Conference

More events are listed at the church website

## **This Week's Activities**

MARCH	₿	10am - 1:302pm, Meeting hall: Lord's
25		table and prophesying meetings
Lord's Day	⇔	12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
	⇔	1:30pm, Meeting hall: Fellowship
		concerning offer to purchase land
		behind meeting hall
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Monday		
27	₿	8:30-10:3am, Meeting hall: Campus
Tuesday		coordination meeting
-	⇔	7:30pm: District prayer meetings at
		various homes
28	₿	10am-12pm: Chinese ministry book
Wednesday		pursuing meeting
29	⇔	
Thursday		
30	⇔	Various home meetings (English /
Friday		French / Chinese)
31	⇔	3pm – 5pm, Meeting Hall: Chinese
Saturday		speaking PRSP
•	⇔	3pm – 6pm,: Young People Meeting

### **Attendance Statistics**



# Forgiveness and restoration

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Scripture Reading: Matt. 18:21-35, 15-20; Luke 17:3-5

# I. FORGIVING ONE'S BROTHER

### B. God's Measure (continued)

It is difficult for man to understand clearly what grace is and what the gospel is. Man often thinks that he may not be able to repay today, but that he will be able to repay someday. He may not make it today, but he will make it someday. In these verses, however, we see a slave who, even if he were to sell all that he had, would not have had enough to repay. He said, "Be patient with me and I will repay you all." His intention was good. He was not trying to avoid his debt. He was only asking the Lord for more time. He intended to repay all. Such a thought can only come from those who have no knowledge of grace.

"And the master of that slave was moved with compassion and released him and forgave him the loan." This is the gospel. The gospel is not God working for you according to your idea. You may say, "Lord, be patient with me, and I will repay You all," but the Lord does not respond by saying, "Pay what you have and repay the rest later." The Lord forgave all of your debt. Man's prayers and requests do not even come close to the grace of the Lord. Our Lord works for us and answers our prayer according to what He has. The master of the slave released him and forgave the debt. This is God's grace; this is His measure. Anyone who asks for grace will receive grace from God, even though his knowledge of grace is very limited. We should be clear about this principle: The Lord loves to bestow grace on men. As long as we have a little desire for grace, the Lord will pour it out on us. He is afraid that we will not ask. As soon as a man hopes a little and opens his mouth to say, "Lord, be gracious to me," the Lord pours out His grace to him. Moreover, this grace from the Lord is given to His own satisfaction. We may think that one dollar is enough, but He will give ten million dollars, not just one dollar. He acts for His own satisfaction. His acts are compatible with Himself. We would settle for one dollar, but God cannot give anyone such a small sum. Either He does not give at all, or He gives according to His own measure.

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