

Pray for:

- ✿ NT and literature distribution during the Olympic Games (May 19 to Sep. 9): Continued distribution during Paralympic Games; that the word of God might be sown and might grow in the hearts of the recipients; follow-up and shepherding of those desiring further contact (60,000 Bibles distributed; 60% desire more contact).
- ✿ Russia: Provision of money for purchase of a meeting hall three minutes' walk from Moscow State University; gaining of students at this university of 50,000 for the Lord's move throughout the Russian-speaking world.
- ✿ Quebec election, September 4: That the heavens rule in the outcomes, according to 1Ti 2:1-4.
- ✿ McGill and Concordia: Gaining of new students during Bible distributions on September 5 and 6.
- ✿ Website of the church: That the new French and Chinese versions might be quickly launched; that all language versions might be developed to serve as a visible testimony of Christ and the church in our proper measure within the Body of Christ.
- ✿ 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:
Num 14:1-20:29
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization Study of the Book of Psalms, vol. 4, week 21

Announcements

- ✿ This year's International Thanksgiving Conference will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from Thursday, November 22 through Lord's Day, November 25, 2012.
- ✿ There will be a conference in Israel from November 15-17. There is also a tour of Israel from November 8-15, with the option of a tour to Jordan from November 18-20. Registration deadline for accommodations at the conference is October 15. See www.ijtravelinIsrael.com for tour information.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

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| Sept 2 | ✿ Serving: English B
✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One
✿ Whole Hall Cleaning |
| 9 | ✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1
✿ Cleaning: French, Spanish |

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| 16 | ✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2
✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two |
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| 23 | ✿ Serving: English (A)
✿ Cleaning: English |
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Upcoming Events

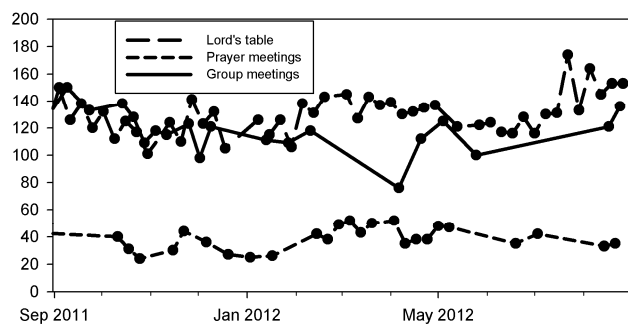
- ✿ Sep 22-23, Bussigny, Switzerland: **International French-speaking conference**
- ✿ Oct 4-6, Yokohama, Japan: **International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones**
- ✿ Oct 26-28, St. John, Antigua: **English-speaking conference** with French translation
- ✿ Nov. 9-11, Toronto, Canada: **All Canada brothers' fellowship**
- ✿ Nov. 15-17, Karei Deshe, Israel: **Fall conference**
- ✿ Nov. 22-25, Oklahoma City: **International Thanksgiving conference**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

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| SEPTEMBER 2 | ✿ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table
✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast |
| LORD'S DAY 3 | ✿ |
| Monday 4 | ✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes |
| Tuesday 5 | ✿ 10am-12pm: Chinese ministry book pursuing meeting |
| Wednesday 6 | ✿ 7:30pm: Young people service group meeting |
| Thursday 7 | ✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese) |
| Friday 8 | ✿ |
| SEPTEMBER 8 | Saturday |
| 9 | ✿ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table
✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast |
| LORD'S DAY | LORD'S DAY |

Attendance Statistics



Our Life

Scripture Reading: Col. 3:4; Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20

II. For to me, to live is Christ (continued)

The day we heard that we did not need to die, we embraced that word as the gospel. Similarly, it should also be a day of the gospel to us when we hear that we do not need to live. I hope that the new believers will pray much for God's enlightenment and will see that Christ lives in us and that we no longer need to live by ourselves.

Unless we see this, maintaining a testimony or living the Christian life is a great burden. It is a great burden to fight temptation, to bear the cross, or to obey God's will. Many believers feel that it is very hard to maintain the Christian life. Daily they try, yet daily they sigh. Daily they struggle, yet daily they fail. Every day they try to maintain their testimony, yet every day they bring shame to the Lord. Many people do not have the strength to reject sin, yet they feel guilty when they do not reject it. They feel condemned when they lose their temper, yet they cannot be patient. They feel sorry for hating others, yet they have no strength to love. Many people are exhausted from trying to live the Christian life. They feel that the Christian life is like climbing a hill with a heavy burden on their back; they can never reach the top. Before they were saved, they had the burden of sin on their back. Now that they have believed in the Lord, they have the burden of holiness on their back. They exchange one burden for another, and the new one is just as tiresome and burdensome as the old one.

This experience clearly shows that they are practicing the Christian life in a wrong way. Paul said, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." This is the secret of Christian living. It is the Lord in you who is living the Christian life, not you living it by yourself. If you live the Christian life by yourself, endurance will be a suffering to you, as will love, humility, and bearing the cross. But if Christ lives in you, endurance will be a joy; so will love, humility, and bearing the cross.

Brothers and sisters, you may be tired of trying to live the Christian life. You may feel that the Christian life is consuming you and binding you. But if you see that you no longer need to live, you will agree that this is a great gospel to you. Every Christian can be spared such a wearisome living. This is a great gospel! You no longer have to exert so much effort trying to be a Christian. You no longer have to bear such a heavy burden for your Christian life! You can say, "In the past I heard the gospel which told me that I could be spared death. Thank God, I no longer need to die. Today I am tired and weary of living. God says that I can be spared living. Thank God, I no longer need to struggle to live."

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