

Pray for:

- ✿ GTCA: Bible distribution in Hamilton and St. Catherine, Ontario, Jan. 25 to Feb. 11; distributions and visitations in other cities in the United States and in Europe during the same period.
- ✿ Africa: Propagation of the New Testament ministry in French-speaking West Africa; establishing of the new FTT in Pretoria, South Africa starting in February.
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- ✿ French-speaking saints: Growth in life and numbers; shepherding of French-speaking contacts; blending and building up with each other outside of the regular meetings; integrating children into Friday group meetings.
- ✿ Campus club at McGill: Pray that the meeting with an interest group coordinator might gain an advocate to help craft the constitution; that the Lord would establish a club at McGill University as a tool for building up His testimony on that campus.
- ✿ 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: John 7:1-8:44
- ✿ HWMR: The Genuine Oneness of the Body, the Proper One Accord in the Church, and the Direction of the Lord's Move Today, week 5

Announcements

- ✿ The 2013 International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held from Friday, February 15- Lord's Day, February 17 in Anaheim, CA. All saints are invited to participate in this gathering. Please see brother A. Chen to register.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

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| 27 | ✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1 |
| | ✿ Cleaning: French and Young People |
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| FEB 3 | ✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2 |
| | ✿ Cleaning: Chinese 1 |
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| 10 | ✿ Serving: N.D.G. |
| | ✿ Cleaning: Chinese 2 |
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| 17 | ✿ Serving: English (A) |
| | ✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning |

Upcoming Events

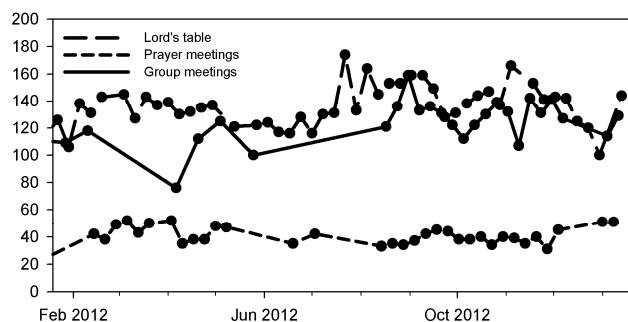
- ✿ February 15-17, Anaheim, CA: **International Chinese speaking conference**
- ✿ March 15-17, Belleville, ON: **Working & College Saints Conference**
- ✿ March 22-24, Toronto meeting hall: **Parents & Serving Ones Conference**
- ✿ April 12-14, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

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| 27 | ✿ 10am –12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meeting |
| LORD'S DAY | ✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast |
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| 28 | ✿ |
| Monday | |
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| 29 | ✿ 7:00-9:00pm, English, French, Chinese prayer meetings by districts |
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| Thursday | |
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| FEB 1 | ✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese) |
| Friday | |
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| 2 | ✿ 3:30-6pm, Location TBA, Young people's meeting |
| Saturday | |
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| 3 | ✿ 10am–12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings |
| LORD'S DAY | ✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast |

Attendance Statistics



Governmental Forgiveness

IV. GOVERNMENTAL FORGIVENESS (continued) B. What a Man Sows, That He Reaps

Many portions in the Bible point out similar things. For example, Galatians 6:7 says, "Whatever a man sows, this he will also reap." This speaks of God's governmental hand. If a father spoils his children, his children will not grow up in a proper way. A father who does not care for his own family will end up with a tragedy. This is the only possible result. A person who always argues and fights with others and who holds different opinions will have no friends. What a man sows, that he reaps. This is God's government, God's ordained law. No one can change such a law. God's children must be careful not to provoke His governmental hand. It is not easy for God to remove His hand once it is provoked.

C. The Lord's Healing of a Paralytic Being a Governmental Forgiveness

A certain paralytic was carried to the Lord in the presence of the scribes. The Lord Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, child; your sins are forgiven" (Matt. 9:2). If we do not understand governmental forgiveness, it will be hard to understand what the Lord Jesus was saying. The paralytic did not express his belief; it was others who bore him on a bed to the Lord. Yet the Lord said to him, "Take courage, child; your sins are forgiven." Does this mean that the paralytic was saved when he was carried to the Lord? If he were, salvation would have been too easy. One would only have to be carried to the Lord, and his sins would be forgiven. No, this certainly does not refer to eternal forgiveness. It has nothing to do with instrumental forgiveness or even forgiveness in fellowship. This is another kind of forgiveness. The Lord shows us two things here. On the one hand, the paralytic's sins were forgiven. On the other hand, he had to rise and pick up his mat and walk. Please bear in mind that many sicknesses are the result of God's governmental hand. In order for the paralytic to be healed and to rise again, he first needed to receive governmental forgiveness. Such forgiveness is related to

God's government. It is related to sicknesses, not to eternal life. When others carried the paralytic to the Lord Jesus, His forgiveness clearly related to the sickness of paralysis. This man came to the Lord to be healed, and the Lord Jesus said that his sins were forgiven. In other words, his sickness would be healed once his sins were forgiven. His sickness was related to his sins. The Lord Jesus said such a word because the sickness was the result of the man's sins before God. He was sick because he had not settled the issue of his sins yet. When this issue was settled, his sickness was gone. This is governmental forgiveness. Sickness goes away when governmental forgiveness comes. Such a sin clearly involved a governmental offense. The man was sick because he had done something which had offended God's government. Once the Lord forgave him of his sins, he could rise, pick up his mat, and go home. This forgiveness is different from the other kinds of forgiveness. It is the forgiveness which enables one to pick up his mat and go home. This is governmental forgiveness.

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