

Please pray:

- ✿ Winter Training in Anaheim, December 23 to 28.
- ✿ Lisbon, Portugal: follow-up of Bible distribution in early December with 765 Bibles given out, 415 recipients open to contact, and 32 very open; that many of these recipients would be gained for the church life in Lisbon and become building members of the Body of Christ.
- ✿ Sweden and Norway: follow-up of recipients of the Bible and literature distribution in early December; for all the saints in the churches to be brought into a normal life of fruit-bearing as branches of Christ, the true vine.
- ✿ Bibles for Canada: that saints in the churches throughout Canada might eat and be constituted with the Bible, with the truths in the Recovery Version, and with the ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee; that the saints might build up a habit of regularly distributing the free Bibles for Canada materials to friends, colleagues, family members, neighbours and strangers throughout Canada; that through the participation of each saint, the goal of 7,000 Bibles distributed by the end of 2013 might be met.
- ✿ 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:
1 Cor 7:1 – 10:4
- ✿ HWMR: The Completing Ministry of Paul, Week 5
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 61 - 63

Announcements

- ✿ Here is the schedule for the English and French video training (two messages per day):
 - Dec 24 (Tue) - 4pm, 7pm Prayer meeting 7:30pm
Video training
 - Dec 25 (Wed) - 10am, 1pm
 - Dec 28 (Sat) - 10am, 1pm
 - Dec 29 (Sun) - 11am, 1:30pm
 - Dec 31 (Tue) - 4pm, 7pm Prayer meeting 7:30pm
Video training
 - Jan 1(Wed) - 10am, 1pm
- ✿ For those attending the live winter training, please remember to pay your \$150 to Monica. For the video training, please put a donation in the offering box.
- ✿ Lord's Move for Europe (LME) is coordinating donations to help saints and churches affected by the disastrous typhoon in the Philippines. In addition to praying, if the Lord leads you to give to care for these members of the Body, you can either: 1) give directly to LME online, by mail or bank transfer, following instructions on their

website at <http://www.lordsmove.org/offerings.html> (donations should be designated for "Philippines Relief"); 2) give to the church, and the church will forward the gifts to LME.

- ✿ Bibles for Canada has a goal to distribute 7,000 Bibles this year. So far 5,000 have been distributed. That leaves 2,000 more by the end of December. Montreal has been asked to help by giving out 500 by the end of December. Currently 250 bibles have been taken by the saints, leaving 250 more to be given out by the end of the year. Please continue to sign out the Bibles so we can track how many are going out. May the Lord bless all these Bibles!

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

DEC	✿ Serving: French / Spanish
15	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
22	✿ Serving: East Chinese ✿ Cleaning: East with YP
29	✿ Serving: West Chinese ✿ Cleaning: North
JAN	✿ Serving: North Chinese
5	✿ Cleaning: West

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Dec 23-28, Anaheim: **Winter live training**
- ✿ Dec 24-Jan 1, Meeting hall: **Winter video training**
- ✿ Feb 14-16, Anaheim: **International Chinese-speaking Conference**

More events are listed on the church website

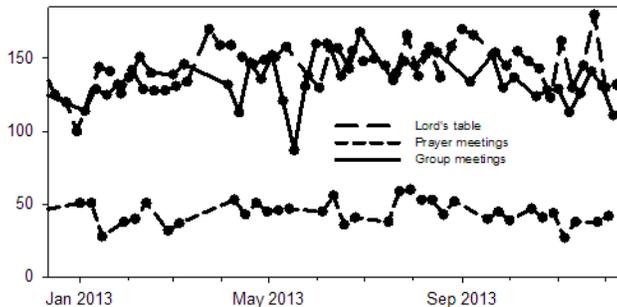
This Week's Activities

15	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
DECEMBER	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
16	✿
Monday	
17	✿ 2:30pm-3:30pm, McLennan Library 3 rd floor, McGill: Bible Study*
Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts
18	✿ 2pm-3pm, Concordia Library 4 th floor, Concordia: Bible Study*
Wednesday	
19	✿ 11:30am-12:30pm, McLennan Library 3 rd floor, McGill: Bible Study*
Thursday	
20	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	

21	☼ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
Saturday	
22	☼ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
DECEMBER	
LORD'S DAY	☼ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

* Since the room number may sometimes change, please contact Dennis or James if you would like to attend

Attendance Statistics



LOVING THE BROTHERS

Scripture Reading: John 5:24; 1 John 3:14

I. THE LIFE OF LOVE (continued)

First John 5:1 says, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten of God, and everyone who loves Him who has begotten loves him also who has been begotten of Him." This is a very precious word. If you love God who has begotten you, it is only natural that you will love those who are begotten of God. It is impossible to say that you love God and yet have no feeling toward your brothers.

This love is proof that the faith we have acquired is a genuine faith. Such unspeakable love can only issue from genuine faith. This love for the brothers is something very special. A person loves for no other reason than the fact that the other person is a brother. He does not love because there is a common bond of interest. He loves simply because the other person is his brother. It is possible for two persons with different educational backgrounds, temperaments, family backgrounds, opinions, and views to love each other simply because both are believers. Both are brothers, and spontaneously they have fellowship one with another. There is an unspeakable feeling and taste toward each other. This feeling and taste is the proof that they have passed out of death into life. We know that we have passed out of death into life if we love the brothers.

It is true that faith brings us to God. Through faith we pass out of death into life, and through faith we are made members of the household of God and are regenerated. But faith brings us not only to the Father but also to the brothers.

Once we have this life, we will have a feeling for the many people throughout the world who also have this life. Spontaneously, this life will draw us toward those who have the same life. This life takes pleasure in their presence; it delights in communicating with them and has a spontaneous love for them.

The Gospel of John and the Epistles of John show us God's ordained order: First, faith brings us out of death into life, and then those who have passed out of death into life have this love. By loving the brothers, we know that we have passed out of death into life. This is a very reliable way to ascertain the number of God's children on earth. Only those who love one another are brothers; those who do not love one another are not brothers.

Brothers and sisters! We must realize that in the eyes of God our love for the brothers is a test of the genuineness of our faith. We have no better way to tell whether a person's faith is true or false. In the absence of this discernment, the more perfectly the gospel is preached, the greater will be the danger of counterfeits. The more thoroughly the gospel is preached, the easier it will be for false ones to come in. The more the gospel is preached with grace, the more careless ones will creep in. There must be a way to discern and recognize genuine faith from counterfeit faith. The Epistles of John show us clearly that the way to differentiate true faith from false faith is not through faith itself but through love. There is no need to ask how great one's faith is. It is necessary only to ask how great his love is. Where there is genuine faith, there will be love. The lack of love proves the absence of faith. The presence of love proves the presence of faith. When we approach faith through the gateway of love, everything will become clear to us.

Whether or not a person is a genuine Christian depends on whether he has a special taste for and attraction toward other children of God. The life which God has given us is not an independent life. It is a life which spontaneously draws us toward those with the same life. It loves and desires mutual intimacy. Those who have such feelings have passed out of death into life.

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