

## Please pray:

- ✿ 96 Lessons Trainings Saturday February 8 (English and Chinese) or February 15 (French): that many saints might attend; that saints might consecrate themselves to participate seriously in studying the truth in a living way; that saints be perfected so that the church become the base and pillar of the truth.
- ✿ FTT Paraguay: that recent graduates might be living members of the Body of Christ in their respective cities; that the new applicants for the training might be able to attend, especially concerning the finances; that the continuing trainees might be fully consecrated to open their beings to gain the Lord for the sake of the Body.
- ✿ Ontario: establishing of new lampstands in Guelph and in Sault St. Marie; restoration of the Lord's testimony to the cities of London and Mississauga; that the saints in Windsor would be fully in the fellowship of the churches in the Lord's recovery.
- ✿ Children and young people: that the newly saved children and young people might receive the Lord's heart to pray for their friends and bring them to the Lord; that the young people might build up the habit of reading the Bible every day on their own.
- ✿ Renovations: kitchen renovation in January and February; renovating the downstairs stage area; fellowship and building up of saints through the labour of renovation; financial provision for the renovations.
- ✿ 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: Job 42:1 – Psa 15:5
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Genesis (I), Week 4
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 82 – 84

## Announcements

- ✿ For Chinese-speaking saints with an interest and burden to visit Israel, there is a great opportunity to join with 15 other Chinese-speaking saints from the USA March 24-April 3, 2014 for a tour of Israel and Jordan according to the vision of God's economy. Only those Chinese-speaking saints with a US or Canadian passport should apply -- there is not enough time to process visa applications of other passports. The registration payment deadline is February 20, but it is important to register for the tour and purchase airline tickets as soon as possible. Whosoever is interested, please contact Candy.

- ✿ Because of renovations in the kitchen, the love feast on the Lord's Day will be canceled from January 19 until February 9. It will resume on February 16.
- ✿ All the saints who took out Bibles to distribute for Bibles for Canada, please indicate on the form near the bookroom if you have given them all out and bring in any forms you have received that are filled out. We had at least 300 Bibles signed out and would like to confirm what has been given out. Please feel free to continue to sign out the Bibles so we can reach our goal.

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

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| <b>FEB</b> | ✿ Love Feast Canceled   |
| <b>2</b>   |   |
| <b>9</b>   | ✿ Love Feast Canceled   |
| <b>16</b>  | ✿ Serving: English (C)<br>✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning |
| <b>23</b>  | ✿ Serving: English (B)<br>✿ Cleaning: East with YP                |

## Upcoming Events

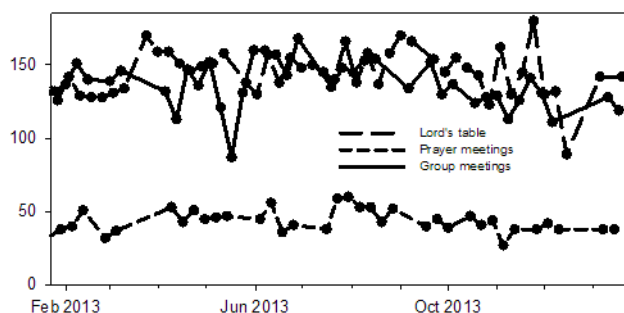
- ✿ Feb 8: **96 Lessons Training (English and Chinese)**
  - ✿ Feb 14-16, Anaheim: **International Chinese-speaking Conference**
  - ✿ Feb 15, Ste-Adèle: **96 Lessons Training (French)**
  - ✿ Feb. 21-23, Belleville, ON: **East Canada College Conference**
  - ✿ Feb, 28 – Mar. 2, Lyon, France: **Conference for French-speaking Young People**
  - ✿ Mar. 22-23, Toronto, ON: **East Canada Teachers' Training**
  - ✿ Mar. 29-30, Toronto, ON: **East Canada Parents & Serving Ones Conf.**
  - ✿ Apr. 04-06, Anaheim, CA: **Spring Intl. Training for Elders & Resp. Ones**
  - ✿ Apr 18-21, Palgrave, ON: **East Canada Young People's Retreat**
  - ✿ Apr 18-20, London, UK: **International Blending Conference**
  - ✿ Apr 26-27, Paris: **Conference in France**
- More events are listed on the church website*

## This Week's Activities

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| <b>FEBRUARY</b>   | ✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting |
| <b>2</b>          |  |
| <b>LORD'S DAY</b> |  |
| <b>3</b>          | ✿  |
| <b>Monday</b>     |  |

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| 4<br>Tuesday             | ✿ 7:30-9pm, English / French / Chinese prayer meetings by districts |
| 5<br>Wednesday           | ✿   |
| 6<br>Thursday            | ✿   |
| 7<br>Friday              | ✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)                |
| 8<br>Saturday            | ✿ 2-5 pm, Meeting hall: 96 Lessons (English and Chinese)            |
| FEBRUARY 9<br>LORD'S DAY | ✿ 10am - 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting              |

## Attendance Statistics



## LOVING THE BROTHERS

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

### IV. HOW TO LOVE THE BROTHERS (continued)

First John 4:10-12 says, "Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God has loved us in this way, we also ought to love one another. No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us." This shows us that our love toward God and our love toward one another cannot be separated. The love of God is perfected in us if we love one another. Today God has put many brothers before us for us to practice our love for God. The love of God is perfected in us if we love one another. We should not say in a vain way that we love God. We must learn to love the brothers in a real way. It is vanity to merely talk about love. Our love for God must be expressed in our love for the brothers.

First John 5:2-3 says, "In this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." If we love God, we must keep His

commandments. Likewise, if we love God's children, we must keep His commandments. For example, God's commandment says that we should be baptized by immersion. But many of God's children hold different opinions. They say, "I do not agree with baptism by immersion. If you love me, you should not be baptized by immersion. This will hurt me." What should we do? God commands us to leave the denominations and not remain in any sects; however, many of God's children promote the denominations. They say, "You should not leave the denominations. You will hurt us if you leave the denominations." What should we do? We must leave the denominations if we want to love God, and we should stay in the denominations if we want to love our brothers. This puts us in a dilemma. But verse 2 says, "In this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His commandments." In other words, we cannot say that we love God's children if we do not keep God's commandments. Suppose a brother is touched by God to be baptized by immersion. He should be baptized if he loves God's children. If he is not baptized, he will affect other children of God; they also may choose not to be baptized. This will hinder them from obeying God. This is not the way to love them. If we keep all the commandments of God, we will know that we have loved His children. We will have taken the way of obedience. Now other children can take the same way. If we choose not to obey just because we are afraid that we may hurt them by our obedience, we will have no way to go on, and they will have no way to go on as well. We must learn to love God, and we must keep all His commandments. It is by loving Him and keeping His commandments that we know we love His children. We must keep all the commandments of God. This is the only way to lead God's children to the way of obedience. Consider another illustration: Suppose your parents do not allow you to believe in the Lord. What should you do? Would you deny the Lord for the sake of loving them? If you listen to them and deny the Lord, you are not practicing love at all! If you do not listen to them and instead believe in the Lord, they may be angry with you for a time, but you have opened a way for them to believe in the Lord. This is love!

*Note: The content is extracted from New Believers Series: #22, Loving the Brothers by Watchman Nee, published by Living Stream Ministry, available at <http://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm>.*