

Please pray:

- ✿ International Chinese-Speaking Conference, February 14-16, Anaheim, California, USA.
- ✿ 96 Lessons Trainings Saturday 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.
- ✿ Spain: a larger meeting hall in Madrid to meet the needs of increasing numbers of saints; more increase from the university Bible distribution in Madrid; that Bible distribution would be a part of the normal church life in Girona; collaboration of churches to help gain local contacts for the increase in Barcelona.
- ✿ Sweden and Norway: 20 contacts from the Bible distributions in Oslo in December 2013 and January 2014; three of these (two typical Norwegians) who are open to further meetings; continuing distribution of the New Testament Recovery Version (in English) in the two countries and for the follow-up of those who want further contact.
- ✿ 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: 2 Cor 1:1 – 3:11
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Genesis (I), Week 5
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 85 – 87

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 23. It will resume on March 2.
- ✿ 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

FEB	✿ Love Feast Canceled
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16	✿ Love Feast Canceled ✿ Cleaning: East with YP
23	✿ Love Feast Canceled ✿ Cleaning: North
MAR	✿ Serving: English (C)
2	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning

Upcoming Events

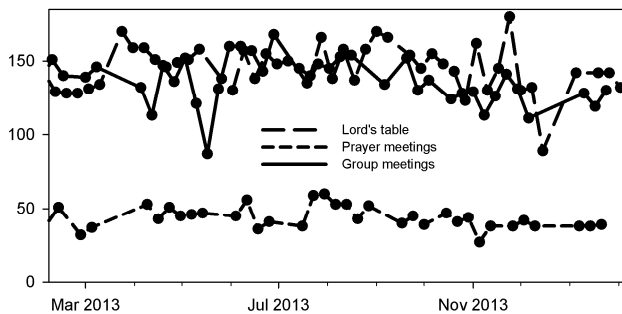
- ✿ Feb 14-16, Anaheim: **International Chinese-speaking Conference**
 - ✿ Feb 15, Ste-Adèle: **96 Lessons Training (French)**
 - ✿ Feb. 21-23, Belleville, ON: **East Canada College Conference**
 - ✿ Feb, 28 – Mar. 2, Lyon, France: **Conference for French-speaking Young People**
 - ✿ Mar. 22-23, Toronto, 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 25-27, Wickliffe, Ohio, USA: **Regional Blending Conference in Cleveland**
 - ✿ Apr 26-27, Paris: **Conference in France**
- More events are listed on the church website*

This Week's Activities

FEBRUARY	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and
9	prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	
10	✿
Monday	

11 Tuesday	☼ 7:30-9pm, English / French / Chinese prayer meetings by districts
12 Wednesday	☼
13 Thursday	☼
14 Friday	☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
15 Saturday	☼ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting ☼ Ste-Adele: 96 Lessons in French
FEBRUARY 16 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)

However, we must not offend our parents in attitude or in words. It is right for us to obey and follow God's commandments, but we must not offend our parents in our attitude and our words. We need to hold fast to God's truth, and at the same time, we need to maintain love. We must learn to be righteous from the very beginning of our Christian life. At the same time, we must not give up love. Do not emphasize the holiness of the life of God at the expense of the love found in His life. These two aspects should balance one another. We want to obey God, but we must obey in an attitude of meekness. Do not offend love in any way. If something needs to be done, do it. But never do anything which offends love. We must be gentle in our attitude. Even when there are differences of opinion among the brothers, we must still remain gentle. We must be full of love when we tell our brother, "Brother, how I wish to see what you have seen. But God has shown me otherwise, and I have no choice but to obey Him." Do not lower the standard of God's Word; neither offend love.

On the one hand, be obedient to God. On the other hand, love. We must show our brother that we are not doing something for ourselves; we are doing it because God has said so. Our attitude must be right, and we must be full of meekness. This will gain many brothers and sisters.

V. THE RESULT OF LOVE

First John 4:16 says, "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him." This is the second occurrence in this Epistle of the phrase God is love. Because God is love, He wants us to love the brothers and abide in love. As long as we abide in love, we abide in God.

Verses 17 and 18 say, "In this has love been perfected with us, that we have boldness in the day of the judgment...There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." First John 4 is the only place in the entire Bible that tells us how to stand boldly before the judgment seat. It tells us the secret: Abide in love. To abide in love is to abide in God. We will have boldness in the day of judgment when this love is perfected in us.

We must have only one thought toward our brothers and sisters—love. We must gain them and seek their highest benefit. There must be no hatred, only love. This practice is an exercise for us. One day our whole being will abide in love, and love will also abide in us. Then our lives on earth will be free from all fear. There is no fear when we love. When we stand before the judgment seat, we will not be afraid of anything. This life of love will operate among us until fear is gone. The fruit of the Spirit—love—will give us the boldness to stand before the judgment seat.

We have already seen that to love the brothers is to love God. Our love for the brothers will cause the love of God to be perfected in us. We can love the brothers to such an extent that there is no more fear in us toward the brothers. Loving God and loving the brothers always go together. We must love the brothers on earth if we want to love God. If we do, love is perfected in us, and we will have the boldness on the day of judgment. This is a wonderful thing.

May we all give ourselves to learn to love the brothers from the very beginning of our Christian life. May the life of love find an outlet in us.

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