

Please pray:

- ✿ International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones, Anaheim, California, USA, April 4-6.
- ✿ Quebec provincial elections, April 7: according to 1 Timothy 2:1-4, that the elected provincial government might keep doors open for the spread of the gospel of the kingdom throughout this province; that the environment might remain conducive for the building up of local churches throughout Quebec; that the saints in the churches overcome human politics to live in the reality of the kingdom of the heavens.
- ✿ Our second generation: that the Lord might bless all the children who grow up in the church; that their parents' faith might become their own living faith; that they might go farther than their parents in loving the Lord and giving themselves to Him for His purpose; that we might treasure our second generation as the heritage of Jehovah; that even at a young age they might become pillars in the church.
- ✿ Shepherding: that we might receive the Lord's heart to love Him by feeding His lambs, shepherding His sheep, feeding His sheep; that our church life might develop to have a normal practice of genuinely caring for each other with the Lord's love; that we might regularly seek out the weak ones, the backslidden ones, and the new ones to recover them to the church life.
- ✿ Renovations: completion of the work to maintain and improve our meeting hall; 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: Psa 59:1 – 74:23
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Genesis (I), Week 12
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 106 – 108

Announcements

- ✿ There will be a meeting during lunch on Lord's Day, April 5th for saints who are interested in serving young people either on Saturday or Lord's Day.
- ✿ In order to shepherd the young people in an adequate way, we need more homes for our Saturday young people's meetings. If your home is open, please let Aaron or Phoebe Chao know.

- ✿ There has been some confusion concerning the four regional groups for the hall cleaning each week. To make things simpler, you can identify your service group based on your regular weekly group meeting:

- **WEST**
 - West Island English
 - West Island Chinese
 - Central Chinese 2
- **EAST**
 - East Chinese
 - East French
- **NORTH**
 - North Chinese
 - Central Chinese 1
 - Central French
- **SOUTH**
 - Central English
 - South Chinese

- ✿ The 2014 Summer Training in Anaheim will be held from June 30 to July 5. There is a registration donation of \$150.00 USD per trainee and the registration deadline is May 1, 2014.

- ✿ The Full-Time Training in Anaheim needs to move from its current location on Ball Road to a new dedicated training centre to be built in the Ministry Conference Center on La Palma Avenue. The current facilities are now insufficient for the increasing number of trainees (well over 300 trainees); the new centre is necessary to meet the present and future growing needs. Living Stream Ministry can contribute \$2.5 million to this project, but there is a need of an additional \$5.5 million by August 2014 to complete this project. If the Lord leads you to participate in this grace, then you can send a donation through the church or directly to LSM designated for "FTTA Training Center."

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

MAR	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2
30	✿ Cleaning: East with YP
APR	✿ Serving: NDG
6	✿ Cleaning: North
13	✿ Serving: South Chinese (B) ✿ Cleaning: West
23	✿ Serving: English (C) ✿ Cleaning: South

Upcoming Events

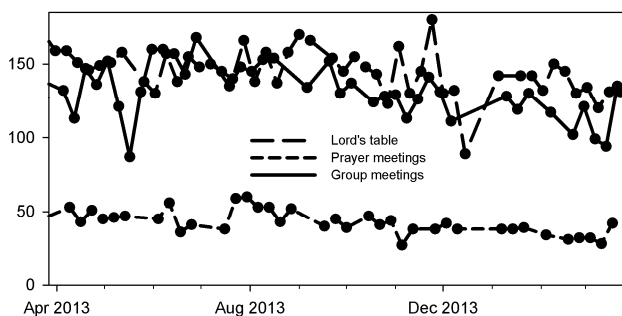
- ✿ Apr. 04-06, Anaheim, CA: **Spring Intl. Training for Elders & Resp. Ones**
- ✿ Apr 11-13, Palgrave, ON: **East Canada Young People's Retreat**

- ✿ Apr 19: **96 Lessons Training**
 - ✿ Apr 25-27, Wickliffe, Ohio, USA: **Regional Blending Conference in Cleveland**
 - ✿ Apr 26-27, Paris: **Conference in France**
 - ✿ June 30-July 5, Anaheim, CA: **2014 Summer live training**
- More events are listed on the church website*

This Week's Activities

MARCH 30	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast ✿ 1:30pm: Parents & Serving Ones Conference, Msg 5
31	✿
Monday	
APRIL 1	✿ 7:30-9pm, English / French / Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
2	✿
Wednesday	
3	✿
Thursday	
4	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
5	✿ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
Saturday	
MARCH 6	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



The Priesthood

IV. THE CHANGE IN THE PRIESTHOOD (continued)

C. The Church Being a Kingdom of Priests

The same word can be found in Revelation 1:6, which says, "And made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father." Originally, the whole nation of Israel were priests. Later, this changed. But what about today? Today the church is a kingdom of priests. What the Israelites lost in the presence of the golden calf, the church has fully regained through the Lord Jesus. Today the entire church has become priests. God's ordained kingdom of priests has now been fully restored.

D. The Unique Occupation of a Christian—Serving God

What God could not secure among the Israelites, He is now securing through the church. The church today is the kingdom of priests. The church is a priesthood. What does this mean? It means that everyone who has tasted God's grace has only one occupation left, that of serving God. I have said this before to the young people: If a person is a doctor before he believes in the Lord, his occupation is medicine; if he is a nurse, his occupation is nursing; if he is a teacher, his occupation is teaching; if he is a farmer, his occupation is farming; if he is a businessman, his occupation is business. But the moment one becomes a Christian, his occupation completely changes. Every Christian has only one occupation—serving God. From the time we were saved, we became priests to God. Henceforth, we have to serve God in His presence. This is our lifelong spiritual goal.

Every Christian has only one occupation, that of serving God. A Christian doctor can no longer expect to make a name for himself as a famous doctor; his practice as a doctor is only useful in sustaining his living. His real occupation is to be a priest to God. A professor or a teacher can no longer strive to be a famous or outstanding academician. Rather, he must now strive to be a proper priest before God. His teaching becomes merely his vocation; his main occupation is to serve God. Craftsmen, businessmen, farmers, and all the other professionals are no longer living for their own professions. There is now only one profession for everyone, that of serving God.

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