

## Please pray:

- ✿ Mississauga: GTCA from Jan. 24 to Feb. 8; availability of proper venues suitable for distributing Bibles and contacting local residents; contacting of many Bible recipients from the past sowings; suitable weather during those two weeks; that many saints from southern Ontario churches would participate in sowing, watering and caring for the new contacts; that ultimately a golden shining lampstand could be raised up in Mississauga.
- ✿ Europe: gospel trips Jan. 22 to Feb. 5 by approximately 80 FTTA trainees plus serving ones to 16 countries; for the Lord's covering over all the travel and the practical arrangements; for the blending and coordination of the trainees with the saints and full-timers in Europe; and for the gaining of many local seekers for the Lord's testimony throughout Europe.
- ✿ Thessaloniki, Greece: increased spiritual appetite among the contacts and seeing the vision of God's purpose; continued traffic between the nearby localities and the visits of overseas saints; gaining of young, English-speaking Greeks; that the full-time serving ones might obtain a three-year residence permit.
- ✿ Meeting hall in Brampton: that the saints would obtain a suitable, permanent place to meet; the financial need for such a meeting place; that there would be one accord in the fellowship among the saints; that the hall might be a practical means for the increase in life and numbers for the building up of the church.
- ✿ Translation of French hymns: that many more hymns might be translated into French for the sake of a richer Lord's table meeting for all the languages in the church, and for an increased enjoyment of the riches in Christ through the hymns by the French-speaking saints.
- ✿ 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: Jer 10:1 – 18:23
- ✿ HWMR: The Heavenly Vision, week 5

## Announcements

- ✿ There is a need of serving ones to help in the Bookroom and Library. Library service will be starting again this year! If interested in helping serve, please advise Aaron or Monica.
- ✿ The new subscription for the HWMR is starting this month. Please pay your \$60 yearly fee to your designated co-coordinator for your district.

- ✿ All language district HWMR coordinators and helpers should please meet today at 1 pm for a quick service meeting. If others are interested in helping with the HWMR, please come to the meeting also.
- ✿ LSM collects old HWMR and books to send to Africa and India to give out for free. Anyone who has old books (English only at this time), please bring them to the bookroom for saints to take when they go to Anaheim. There is a \$25 fee to take them by air. Anyone who is burdened to help cover that cost, please do so.
- ✿ The saints in the church are being grouped into five districts according to geography (not language) for prayer, building up, church services, and receiving the Lord's burden for gaining remaining fruit and shepherding contacts in all languages. Based on where you live, the districts are:
  - West: Montreal Island west of Highway 13 or 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Lachine
  - East: Montreal Island east of Papineau Avenue
  - North: Montreal Island north of Highway 40 in between Highway 13 and Papineau Avenue; and all of Laval
  - South: South Shore
  - Central: Montreal Island in between Highway 13/32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Papineau Avenue, south of Highway 40 and north of the Saint Lawrence River
- ✿ We are burdened to translate more French hymns so that we have more hymns to sing in all three languages on the Lord's day. We should all pray for this. In addition, if you can serve practically, please contact Ethan. We need saints from all languages who can serve in coordination with the following practical skills:
  - Native French speakers with strong language skills, even if you do not know English or Chinese.
  - Bilingual saints: English-French or French-Chinese
  - Saints with a good musical sensibility regardless of your language

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

<b>18</b>	✿ Serving: South Chinese (A)
<b>January</b>	✿ Cleaning: Central
<b>25</b>	✿ English (C)
	✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning
<b>1</b>	✿ Serving: English (B)
<b>February</b>	✿ Cleaning: East + South
<b>8</b>	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1
	✿ Cleaning: North + West

## Upcoming Events

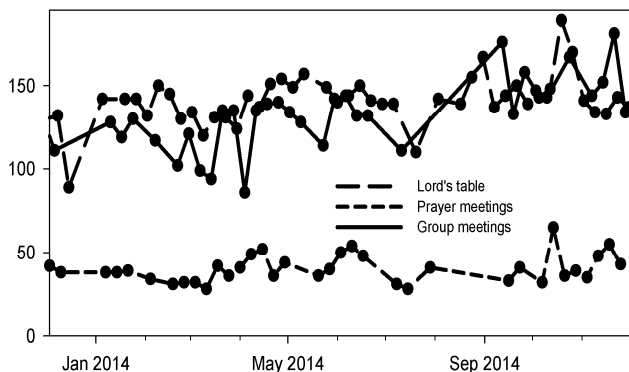
- ✿ February 21-22, Taipei, Taiwan: **International Chinese-Speaking Conference**
- ✿ February 27- March 3, Paris, France: **The French-Speaking YP and University Conference**

More events are listed on the church website

## This Week's Activities

<b>18</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
<b>19</b> <b>Monday</b>	✿
<b>20</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
<b>21</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	✿ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
<b>22</b> <b>Thursday</b>	
<b>23</b> <b>Friday</b>	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>24</b> <b>Saturday</b>	✿
<b>25</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

## Attendance Statistics



## Terminating the Past

### II. NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF DEALING WITH THE PAST (continued)

#### B. Improper Objects Needing to Be Terminated

"And a considerable number of those who practiced magic brought their books together and burned them before all;

and they counted up the price of them and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver" (Acts 19:19). This is another matter which new believers should deal with and terminate.

This is not a command or a teaching; it is the result of the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit moved in such a strong way that the Ephesians brought out all the improper books in their possession. Here it says the price was "fifty thousand pieces of silver," which is a considerable sum. They did not sell their books and give the money to the church. Instead, the books were burned. If Judas had been present, he certainly would not have allowed this. This was much more than thirty pieces of silver which could have been given to the poor. But the Lord was pleased to have them burned.

Apart from the kind of objects mentioned above, there are many other questionable objects that need to be dealt with. Some of them are clearly related to sins. Gambling instruments and improper books and pictures are some examples. These must be burned or destroyed. There may be many luxury items and objects of indulgence which cannot be burned. However, they still need to be removed. Burning, however, is the general principle in dealing with these things.

After a person believes in the Lord, he should go home and check through his personal belongings. In an unbeliever's home, there is always something related to sin. He may have things which do not befit the saints. Things related to sin must be burned or destroyed; they cannot be sold. Luxury items should be converted and altered if possible. If they cannot be altered, we must sell them.

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