## Please pray:

- 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 31:1 36:32
- & HWMR: Crystallization Study of of Gen. vol. 5, week 1

#### Announcements

- There is a need of serving ones to help in the 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.
- 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
  - o 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.

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

15	₩	Serving:	Central	Chinese 2	<u> </u>
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February	Cleaning: Central	
1	⊕ English (A)	
March	Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning	
8	<ul><li>Serving: French / Spanish</li><li>Cleaning: East + South</li></ul>	
15	<ul><li>Serving: East Chinese</li><li>Cleaning: North + West</li></ul>	

## **Upcoming Events**

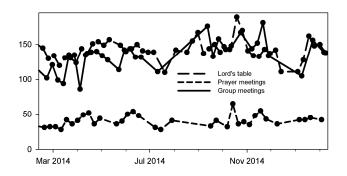
- Feb 13-15, Toronto: Eastern Canada College Conference
- Feb 21-22, Taipei: International Chinese-Speaking Conference
- Feb 27 to Mar 3, Paris: French-Speaking YP and University Conference
- Mar 7: 96 Lessons—English/Chinese 2-5 pm in Meeting Hall; French 10 am to 1 pm in Ste-Adèle
- Mar 27-29, Anaheim: Spring ITERO

More events are listed on the church website

#### This Week's Activities

15	₩	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and
LORD'S DAY		prophesying meeting
	₩	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
16	₩	
Monday		
17	₩	7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English
Tuesday		prayer meetings by districts
18	₩	7:30pm-9:00pm: Central
Wednesday		English/French prayer meeting
19		
Thursday		
20	₩	Various home meetings (English /
Friday		French / Chinese)
21	₩	
Saturday		
22	₩	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and
LORD'S DAY		prophesying meeting
	₩	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

#### **Attendance Statistics**



# **Terminating the Past**

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

# C. Repaying Debts (continued)

As I have mentioned, Zaccheus did not become a son of Abraham by restoring four times as much. Neither did he gain salvation by restoring four times as much. Rather, he restored four times as much because he was a child of Abraham. He restored four times as much because he was saved. By restoring four times as much, he shut the mouths of others. They could no longer say anything. His fourfold restoration went far beyond what he owed, thus shutting the mouths of others and restoring his testimony.

Brothers and sisters, did you wrong anyone in any way before you became a believer? Do you owe anyone anything? Have you taken things home which belong to others? Have you taken anything by improper means? If so, you have to deal with all these things properly. The repentance of a Christian has to do with confessing his past wrongdoings, whereas the repentance of ordinary men only involves a change in his present conduct. For example, as a human being, if I have a bad temper, I need only to refrain from my temper. But as a Christian, in addition to refraining from my temper, I have to apologize for my former temper. Apart from not losing my temper before God, I must also apologize for my former temper before men. Only then can this matter be terminated.

Suppose you stole from others in the past. Your problem before God is settled as long as you no longer steal. Likewise, if you have ever taken things that belonged to others, your problem is settled once you stop doing it. However, this is not enough for you to have a testimony before men. Even if you have not stolen anything in three years, others may still consider you as a thief. After believing in the Lord, you must testify before men; you must deal with all your mistakes in the past. Only then will your position be clear.

But here is a difficult problem. Suppose you stole ten thousand dollars from someone. What should you do if you do not even have one thousand dollars now? In principle you have to confess to the person from whom you have stolen. You should tell him frankly that you cannot repay him at the present time. Whether or not you can repay him immediately is another matter; you should still confess and testify to him. If you do not testify now, you will not be able to testify for the rest of your life.

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