

Please pray:

- ✿ Bulgaria and the Balkan countries: Several groups of seeking ones who are reading the ministry have been contacted in Croatia and Serbia. In addition, the Lord is moving to raise up His testimony in Bulgaria, particularly in Sofia, the capital city. That the Lord would raise up churches in Bulgaria and in Croatia, Serbia, and the other countries in the Balkan region of Europe.
- ✿ FTTA: that the Lord would strengthen and direct those who are currently in the training who are sent from Montreal, and the four saints from Montreal who will attend the short-term training at FTTA for one week.
- ✿ Mississauga: that the Lord would send workers to follow-up on the Bible recipients for the church life, especially for a couple who will move there temporarily for one month to follow-up. That the follow-up would result in a harvest of home meetings, a club on the UTM campus, and the eventual raising up of a testimony in Mississauga.
- ✿ Full-time serving ones in eastern Canada: that the Lord would strengthen them into their inner man, to shepherd and guide them personally for the building up of the Body.
- ✿ 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.
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- ✿ 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: 1 Pet 2:1 – 4:6
- ✿ HWMR: *Crystallization Study of of Gen. vol. 5*, week 26

Announcements

- ✿ Please pick up your government receipts outside the service office after lunch today. If there are any errors, please indicate the correction on the paper and return the envelope back to the service office.
- ✿ 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.

- ✿ New subscription for HWMR has started already. Please make sure you have paid your \$60 fee to your district coordinator.
- ✿ 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 32nd 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 13/32nd 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

22	✿ Serving: South Chinese B
February	✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning
1	✿ English (A)
March	✿ Cleaning: East + South
8	✿ Serving: French / Spanish
	✿ Cleaning: North + West
15	✿ Serving: East Chinese
	✿ Cleaning: Central

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Feb 27 to Mar 1, 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
- ✿ March 20 - 22, Sacramento, CA: **Russian-speaking conference**
- ✿ Mar 27-29, Anaheim: **Spring ITERO**
- ✿ Apr 3 – 5, Upper Canada Camp, ON: **East Canada Young People's Retreat**

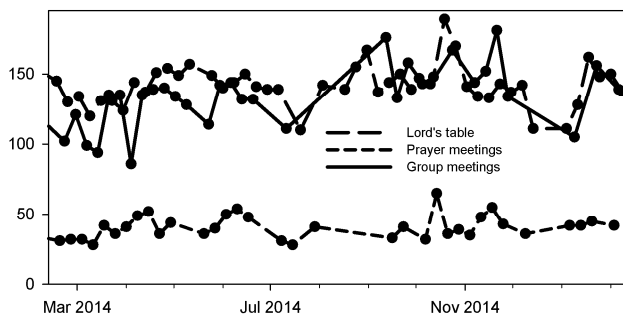
- ✿ Apr 17 – 19, Toronto, Ontario: **East Canada Parents & Serving Ones Conf.**
- ✿ Apr 25 – 26, Paris, France: **Annual Conference of the church in Paris**
- ✿ May 16 – 17, Toronto, Ontario: **Canada Victoria Day Conference**
- ✿ May 22 – 25, St. Louis, MO: **Intl. Memorial Day Conference**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

22	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
FEBRUARY	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
23	✿
Monday	
24	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
25	✿ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
Wednesday	
26	
Thursday	
27	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
28	✿
Saturday	
1	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
MARCH	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 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)

Please remember that in the course of giving your testimony, you may be affected by personal problems. But you cannot avoid dealing with these problems. You still must deal with the problems. You can have a testimony before men only after you have dealt with your problems.

Some have committed murder in the past. What should they do now? This is a part of their past. In the Bible there are two murderers who were saved. One was involved directly with the act of murder, while the other murdered indirectly. The first one was the robber on the cross. It is clear in the Greek language that the word robber does not just mean an ordinary robber; it means a criminal who engages in such acts as murder and arson. He was not just a thief but one who robbed and killed. After he believed in the Lord, his sins were forgiven. The Bible does not tell us how he terminated his past. The other person is Paul. He was not involved in any direct murder. However, he was an accomplice in the murder of Stephen, and he watched over the garments of those who killed Stephen. After Paul was saved, nothing was said about how he dealt with this matter.

In principle I believe that once a murderer has believed in the Lord, his sins are behind him. There is no sin which cannot be cleansed by the blood. The robber did not have to do anything to terminate his past. In fact, he had no opportunity to do anything. The Lord said to him, "Today you shall be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). Therefore, when we encounter such cases, we should not overly burden the conscience of others, unless of course God has first worked in that person's heart. This is because in the two New Testament cases that deal with murder—one directly and the other indirectly—God did not pay attention to the rectification of the past. However, I believe that some have no peace in their conscience, not because they are suffering from ordinary accusations, but because God is working in them. In such cases, we should not stop them from expressing their regrets to the victim's family.

Note: The content is extracted from New Believers Series: #2, Terminating the Past by Watchman Nee, published by Living Stream Ministry, available at <http://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm>.