

Please pray:

- ✿ Bulgaria and the Balkan countries: for several groups of contacts in Croatia and Serbia; raising up of churches in Bulgaria and in Croatia, Serbia, and the other countries in the Balkan region of Europe.
- ✿ Israel: growth in love, life and truth of the young people; a strong testimony of love among all saints regardless of language (Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, English); shepherding of contacts in Eilaboun and Maghar of the Galilee and protection from negative speaking; obtaining and renewal of visas for various saints in the churches.
- ✿ Political situation in Canada and Quebec according to 1Ti 2:1-4: I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; on behalf of kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Savior God, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.
- ✿ 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: 2 Pet 3:1 – 1 John 1:2
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Genesis, vol. 6, Week 32

Announcements

- ✿ There will be renovation activities in the meeting hall during the month of April as we add some bathrooms and build the needed place for the book room. Some brothers will be working during the week from Tuesday to Friday each week from 9 am to 5 pm. Saints who are available to join are welcome. On Saturdays, the renovation work will be from 10am to 4pm. Any saints available are welcome to join in.
- ✿ The 2015 Summer Training in Anaheim will be held from June 29 to July 4. There is a registration donation of \$150.00 USD per trainee and the registration deadline is May 1, 2015. Please contact Monica for registration.
- ✿ If you have not yet received your government receipt, please pick it up at the service office. If there are any errors, please indicate the correction on the paper and return the envelope back to the service office.

- ✿ 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

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

5	✿ Serving: South Chinese A
April	✿ Cleaning: North + West
12	✿ Serving: English C ✿ Cleaning: Central
19	✿ Serving: English B ✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning
26	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1 ✿ Cleaning: East + South

Upcoming Events

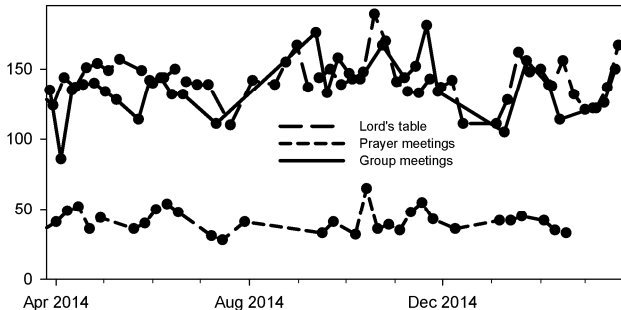
- ✿ Apr 11: **96 Lessons** — CANCELLED
- ✿ Apr 17-19, Toronto, Ontario: **East Canada Parents & Serving Ones Conf.**
- ✿ Apr 25: English/Chinese 2-5 pm in Meeting Hall; French 10 am to 1 pm in Ste-Adèle: Re-speaking of Parents & Serving Ones Conference
- ✿ Apr 25-26, Paris, France: **International French-speaking conference**
- ✿ May 2, Ste Adele, Quebec: **Montreal Serving brothers retreat**
- ✿ May 9 : **96 Lessons** — English/Chinese 2-5 pm in Meeting Hall; French 10 am to 1 pm in Ste-Adèle
- ✿ May 15-17, Martinique: **Conference in Martinique**
- ✿ May 16-17, Toronto, Ontario: **Canada Victoria Day Conference**
- ✿ May 22-25, St. Louis, MO: **Intl. Memorial Day Conference**
- ✿ June 13: **96 Lessons** — English/Chinese 2-5 pm in Meeting Hall; French 10 am to 1 pm in Ste-Adèle
- ✿ June 29 -July 4, Anaheim, CA: **2015 Summer live training**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

5	☼	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
APRIL		
LORD'S DAY	☼	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
6	☼	
Monday		
7	☼	7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
8	☼	7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
April		
Wednesday		
9		
Thursday		
10	☼	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
11	☼	9am – 4pm, meeting hall: Renovations
Saturday	☼	
12	☼	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
APRIL		
LORD'S DAY	☼	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



Separation from the World

Scripture Reading: Exo. 10:8-11, 21-26; 12:6-11, 37-42; 2 Cor. 6:17

I. THE TYPE OF ISRAEL'S EXODUS FROM EGYPT

B. The Many Frustrations from Pharaoh

The story of Israel's exodus from Egypt shows us how difficult it was for them to leave Egypt! Egypt tried to hold them back again and again. When the Israelites first wanted to leave Egypt, Pharaoh only allowed the strong men to go; the young and the old had to stay back. Pharaoh knew that if he could hold back the young and the old the strong men would not go far. After a while they would come back. Satan's strategy is to

prevent us from having a thorough separation from Egypt. From the very beginning, Moses rejected Pharaoh's delays. If we leave one thing or one person behind, we cannot go too far; eventually we will turn back.

You may recall what Pharaoh told Moses the first time: "Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land" (Exo. 8:25). Later, he told him not to go too far. The third time he told him that only the strong ones could go. The fourth time, he told him that all the people could go but the cattle and the sheep had to remain. Pharaoh's way was to persuade them to serve God there in Egypt. This was his basic premise. He was willing to allow a person to be God's child as long as such a one remained in Egypt. He knew that if a person served God in Egypt, he would not have a testimony and he would have to serve Pharaoh in the end. Even though one wanted to be God's servant, he would eventually end up being Satan's servant.

If you try to serve God in the world, you will surely end up being Satan's slave. You will have to make bricks for him, and he will not let you go. Even if he does, he will not let you go too far. If he lets you go, he may only allow the strong men to go; the rest will have to stay. Satan is quite familiar with the words in Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The treasure and the person go together. He knew that if Pharaoh held back the cattle and the sheep, the people would not go too far. The people eventually would follow the cattle and the sheep. But God wanted the cattle and the sheep to follow the people. He wanted the people to be saved from the treasure.

After a person is saved, he must go out to the wilderness. Moreover, he has to bring all the people and all his treasures with him. Otherwise, he will eventually go back to Egypt, and there will be no separation from Egypt. God's commandment is that those who serve Him must separate themselves from the world.

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