

Please pray:

- ✿ Ethiopia: for continued shepherding of university students during their summer break; that the students would be perfected to be useful to the Lord through the college training; that community contacts would attend the weekly English meetings, see the vision of the proper ground, and enter into the church life.
- ✿ Full-time training: that the Lord might supply and strengthen trainees in all the full-time training centres around the world as they start the Fall term; that the Lord might call many young people to consecrate to be trained for their function in the Body of Christ.
- ✿ Shepherding: that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we all would be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✿ Chinese video training, August 8-18.
- ✿ Districts in Montreal: that the Lord might lead us as He multiplies us into various district meetings; for a clear and controlling vision of the oneness of the Body of Christ; genuine blending between the saints in the districts regardless of language; the Lord's burden and blessing for the propagation of the gospel of the kingdom in each of our neighbourhoods; a way to provide proper spiritual care for our children in the districts.
- ✿ 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: Hosea 13:1 – Amos 2:16
- ✿ HWMR: The Vision and Experience of Christ in His Resurrection and Ascension, week 4
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 17

Announcements

- ✿ Schedule for the **Chinese** video training (held in the meeting hall):
 - Saturday August 8: Message 1 at 2:30 pm, Message 2 at 4:30 pm, Message 3 at 7 pm
 - Lord's day August 9: Message 4 at 11 am, Message 5 at 1:45 pm

- Tuesday August 11: Prayer meeting at 7:30 pm, Message 6 at 7:55 pm
- Saturday August 15: Message 7 at 2:30 pm, Message 8 at 4:30 pm, Message 9 at 7 pm
- Lord's day August 16: Message 10 at 11 am, Message 11 at 1:45 pm
- Tuesday August 18: Prayer meeting at 7:30 pm, Message 12 at 7:55 pm

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

August 16	✿ Serving: West Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
23	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: East + South
30	✿ Serving: South Chinese A ✿ Cleaning: North + West
September 6	✿ Serving: English A ✿ Cleaning: Central

Upcoming Events

- ✿ August 8-18, Meeting hall: **Chinese video training**
 - ✿ Sept. 19-20, Lausanne, Switzerland: **French-speaking conference**
 - ✿ Sept. 25-27, Wesley Acres Retreat Centre, ON: **Eastern Canada College Retreat**
 - ✿ Oct. 1-3, Sao Paulo, Brazil: **International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones**
 - ✿ Oct. 23-25, Montreal: **Canada Brothers Meeting**
 - ✿ Oct. 30-Nov. 1, Antigua, West Indies: **Annual International Conference**
 - ✿ Nov. 26-29, Jacksonville, USA: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
- More events are listed on the church website*

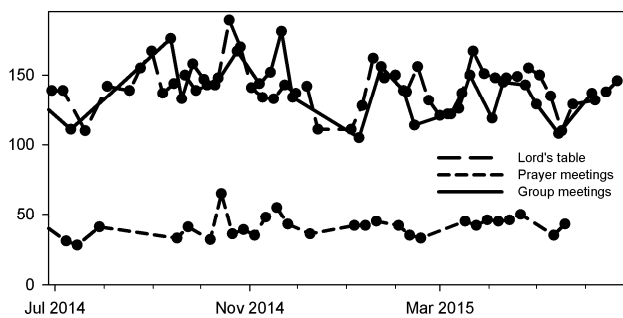
This Week's Activities

16 AUGUST LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 11am: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 11am: Summer Video Training (Chinese): Message 10 ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast ✿ 1:45pm: Summer Video Training (Chinese): Message 11
17 Monday	✿
18 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: West English prayer meeting ✿ 7:30pm, Meeting hall: Chinese prayer meeting ✿ 7:55pm, Meeting hall: Summer Video

Training (Chinese): Message 12

19 Wednesday	☼ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
20 Thursday	☼
21 Friday	☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
22 Saturday	☼ 10am: Meeting Hall outdoor maintenance - grass cutting, and landscaping
23 AUGUST LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ☼ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



Witnessing

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:19-21; 22:15; 1 John 4:14; John 1:40-45; 4:29; Mark 5:19

II. EXAMPLES OF WITNESSING (continued)

Let us consider four portions of the Word. They are good examples of witnessing.

B. Going Home to Tell Others

In Mark 5:1-20 we see a person who was demon possessed. It is the most severe case of demon possession recorded in the Bible. A legion of demons was within this man. He dwelt among the tombs, and no one was able to bind him, not even with a chain. Night and day, he would cry out among the tombs and in the mountains and gash himself with stones. When the Lord commanded the demons to come out from him, they did and entered into about two thousand hogs. They all rushed down the steep slope into the sea and drowned. After the demon possessed man was saved, the Lord said to him,

"Go to your house, to your own people, and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you" (v. 19).

After you are saved, the Lord wants you to tell your family, neighbors, relatives, friends, and colleagues that you are now a saved person. You should tell them not only that you have believed in Jesus but also what great things the Lord has done for you. The Lord wants you to tell others what He has done for you. He wants you to confess and witness to others what has happened to you. Others will be lit when you do this, and salvation will continue on; it will not stop with you.

What a pity that many souls in Christian families are on the way to eternal perdition. Some of our parents, children, relatives, and friends have not heard the gospel of Christ from our own mouths. They have only the blessing and happiness of the present age, without the hope of the coming age. Why should we withhold from telling them what the Lord has done for us? These are the ones who are right next to us. If they cannot hear the gospel from us, who else can?

In order to witness to our family, we must show them the great change in our conduct. We must show our family what a wonderful change has been wrought in our lives since we believed in the Lord. Only then will they listen to us. They will not have confidence in anything less than this. We must be more righteous, more self-sacrificing, more loving, more diligent, and more joyful than before. They will not believe us if there is no change in our conduct. At the same time, we need to witness to them the reason for this change.

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