

Please pray:

- ✿ Perfecting Training, August 19-21: that the Lord would burden saints and free up their schedules to register and attend the training; that many saints might have a fresh and living consecration to give themselves for Christ and the church.
- ✿ Israel: that the saints who have migrated for the Lord's move would obtain citizenship or stable immigration statuses to enable them to remain and build the churches long term; for the increase and strengthening of the church in Tel Aviv; that all the saints in the Galilee would be drinking the river of life and eating the tree of life.
- ✿ Full-time training: that many saints throughout the world (especially in Montreal), young and old, would consecrate to be trained full-time for Christ and the church; that current trainees (especially those sent by or related to Montreal) would receive the training inwardly to let the Lord capture and transform them deep within; that past trainees would live a life of continually being trained by the Lord to grow together with all the saints as healthy, functioning members of the Body.
- ✿ GTCA Laval: that key homes would be gained in Laval for the Lord's testimony; that saints in Montreal would be burdened to continue shepherding the contacts; for remaining fruit for the practical building up of the Body of Christ.
- ✿ 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: Num 7:1 – 13:33 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Crucial Points of the Major Items of the Lord's Recovery Today, week 7
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 68

Announcements

- ✿ We will have a perfecting training in the meeting hall from Friday August 19 to Lord's Day August 21. The focus is mainly on consecrating ourselves to the Lord for the building up of His house. You may register with the serving brothers in your district. The cost (mainly to cover meals) is \$30 for full-time attendance, and \$15 for part-time. The schedule is:
 - Fri. 6–7 pm: Registration and dinner
 - Fri. 7–9 pm: Message 1
 - Sat. 9 am–12:30 pm: Messages 2 and 3
 - Sat. 12:30–2:30 pm: Lunch and rest time

- Sat. 2:30–6 pm: Workshop
- Sat. 6–7 pm: Dinner
- Sat. 7–9 pm: Message 4
- LD 9:30–10:15 am: Lord's table meeting
- LD 10:15 am–12:15 pm: Video and Message 5
- LD 12:15–1:15 pm: Lunch
- LD 1:15–2:45 pm: Extra message on prophesying
- ✿ Because of the perfecting training going on that weekend, the Lord's table meeting of the church on Lord's Day August 21 will be held from 9:30 to 10:15 am. All saints are welcome to attend the Lord's day sessions of the training, even if they are not registered.
- ✿ The International Conference will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland from September 10th until September 11th, 2016. Registration can be done on the Amana Trust website under Events.
- ✿ There is a need for some to serve on the Library service. An inventory and rearrangement needs to occur. Please talk to Monica or Bookroom if you are able to help so we can finish checking the books before the summer is over.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

August 14	✿ Serving: Chinese south (B) ✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
21	✿ Serving: French/Spanish ✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiang responsible)
28	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
Sep 4	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: French: (Chitu, Achille, Allan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Aug 19-21, Meeting Hall: **Local perfecting training**
- ✿ Sep 10-11, Lausanne, Switzerland: **International conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

14	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
AUGUST LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
15	✿
Monday	

16 Tuesday	☼ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
17 Wednesday	☼ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
18 Thursday	☼
19 Friday	☼ 6-9pm: Dinner and Perfecting Training Message 1
20 Saturday	☼ Perfecting Training
21 AUGUST LORD'S DAY	☼ 9:30am – 12:15pm: Lord's table meeting and perfecting training ☼ 12:15pm – 1:15pm: Lunch ☼ 1:15 – 2:45 pm: Message on prophesying

CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:10; Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:32-33

II. COMMON MISTAKES (continued)

B. Being Afraid of Failing to Persevere to the End

Some people think, "If I confess with my mouth and then fail to persevere in my Christian conviction, will this not become a joke to others? Suppose I can no longer make it as a Christian after three or five years, what should I do then? It is better for me not to say anything now. Let me wait for several years, until I find out whether or not I can make it." We can tell such ones that if they do not confess because they are afraid of stumbling or failing, they will surely fail. They have already opened a back door and are trying to avoid the front door. They have already made preparations to back out of their own confession. They want to wait to have assurance before they confess. We are sure that such ones will fail. It is better to stand up and say, "I am for the Lord." If you close the back door first, it will become much harder for you to back out or backslide later. Consequently, you will have a much better chance of going forward than of sliding backward. In fact, this is the only possible way for you to go forward.

If you want to wait until you have good behavior before you confess, your mouth will never open up. You will always be dumb. Even after you have good conduct, you will still be dumb. If you do not open your mouth at the beginning, it will be much harder to open your mouth later. If you open your mouth, the chance of having good conduct will be greater. If you want to wait until your behavior is good before you confess, you will

lose both your chance of opening your mouth as well as your chance of having good behavior; both will be lost, and you will fail in both.

One assuring thought is that God is not only the God who redeems us but also the God who preserves us. What should we liken redemption to? Redemption is like buying something. What then is preservation? Preservation is like putting the purchased object in one's own hand. How many people in this world buy things with the view of throwing them away? When we buy a watch, we want to use it for five or ten years; no one buys a watch with the view of throwing it away. God is saving people everywhere. He does not save them and then throw them away. He wants to preserve what He has saved. Since God has saved us, He will preserve us. Since God has redeemed us, He will preserve us until that day. God loves us so much that He was willing to forsake His Son to redeem us. If He had no intention of preserving us, He would not have paid such a great price. It is God's purpose as well as His plan to preserve us. Do not be afraid to stand up and say, "I believe in the Lord." You may say, "What happens if I fail in a few days?" Do not worry about this; God will be responsible for it. It is better for you to stand up and say, "I belong to God." Commit yourself to God. God knows that you need support, comfort, and protection. We have the assurance to say that God preserves man's salvation. This preservation makes redemption meaningful.

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