

Please pray:

- ✿ New school semester: that the college and university students would seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and trust the Father to take care of their academic, financial, and other needs; for the re-establishment of contact with students from prior semesters who are returning from vacations; for gaining of new contacts through the Bible distributions and Bible studies.
- ✿ Asia: for three new families and a single sister who recently migrated from Taiwan to India; for the testimony in Araiyan and Youhanabad, Pakistan, that the Lord would gain more solid families who can see the economy of God and pay the price to follow the truth; for the strengthening of the testimony in Papua New Guinea, that the Lord would raise up the church in Port Moresby as a golden lampstand, and that the saints there could start the Lord's Table.
- ✿ Europe: for the radio broadcasts in the UK, Sweden, and Spain and the continuing distribution of the New Testament Recovery Version and other free ministry publications in all the European languages; for the shepherding of the seeking ones and their entering into the church life.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ 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 14:1 – 20:29 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Crucial Points of the Major Items of the Lord's Recovery Today, week 9
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 70

Announcements

- ✿ We need help this Lord's day after lunch at 1:30pm to pack bibles for upcoming distributions.
- ✿ 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 28	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
Sep 4	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: French: (Chitu, Achille, Allan responsible)
11	✿ Serving: Chinese south (A) ✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
18	✿ Serving: English (A) ✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Sep 10-11, Lausanne, Switzerland: **International conference**
- ✿ Oct 6 - 8, Gold Coast, AUS - Fall ITERO
- ✿ Oct. 28-30, All Saints, Antigua - Conference in Antigua
- ✿ Nov 24 - 27, San Jose, CA, USA : International Thanksgiving conference
- ✿ Dec 26 - 31 : Anaheim, CA : Winter training

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

28 AUGUST LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
29 Monday	✿ 8:30AM – 1:30 PM, Meeting Hall: Coordination and prayer for bible distribution on campus ✿ 8:30AM – 1:30 PM, Meeting Hall: Bible distribution at McGill and Concordia Campuses

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	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
31 Wednesday	✿ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
1 SEPTEMBER Thursday	✿ 6:30pm - 8:30pm - Concordia welcome dinner for students at sisters house
2 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
3 Saturday	✿ 1:00pm - 4:00pm - picnic at Mont Royal - Meet at Old Smith house
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CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

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

II. COMMON MISTAKES (continued)

D. Being Shy

Some people are shy. They feel that it is a shameful thing to be a Christian. It is true that this kind of shame may exist when we face unbelievers. If you tell others that you are engaged in technical research, they will congratulate you for having a good future. If you say that you are studying a certain philosophy, others will also say that you are a thoughtful person. You are not ashamed to talk about doing many things. But if you say that you are a Christian, many will say that you are too simple-minded or not intellectual enough. They will not esteem you highly. You are not ashamed to talk about other things, but as soon as you confess your Christian faith, you feel ashamed within. It is unavoidable for a new believer to feel shameful when he opens his mouth to confess his faith. However, we must overcome this feeling. It is true that the world feels shameful about someone becoming a Christian, but we must overcome this feeling.

How can we overcome this feeling of shame? We must deal with it from two aspects:

On the one hand, we have to realize that when the Lord Jesus was crucified on the cross, He bore our sins as well as our shame. When our Lord bore our sins, He suffered great humiliation. Today, in the eyes of God, it is only proper that we suffer humiliation from men. The humiliation we suffer before man can never be compared with the humiliation our Lord suffered on the cross for us. Therefore, we should not be surprised at humiliation. We should know that we belong to the Lord.

On the other hand, there is a good hymn which says, "Our shyness is like the early morning sky disowning the sun! But the Lord radiates the divine light which illuminates our consciences which are as dark as the night." Since the Lord has been gracious to us and has redeemed us, being ashamed of confessing Him is like the early morning sky being ashamed of the illumination of the sun. Today the Lord has graced us. He has redeemed us and preserved us. He will even bring us to the heavens. Yet we consider it a shame to confess Him! If that is a shame, then all the grace we have received should also be considered a shame to us, and we should deny it all! The Lord has done so much for us, and yet we feel ashamed of confessing Him! How can this be?

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