

Please pray:

- ✿ Southern Africa: for the conference and one-week training in South Africa in September; that saints from Angola, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia might be able to attend and perfected; for the establishment and strengthening of the Lord's testimony in these countries.
- ✿ Bibles for Canada: that saints, individually and in small or large groups, might be burdened to give Bibles to their friends, colleagues, personal contacts, work contacts, and random people; that the Metro of Montreal and other public places might remain open for free distribution of the Bible; that many recipients would actually read the Bibles and be enlightened to God's word according to God's economy; that saints and churches would financially support the purchase and distribution of Bibles and books.
- ✿ Elders and leading ones in Montreal: that the Lord would be their life, love and Head in all they do; that they be one with the Lord in their church service and in their normal human lives to be a pattern to the other saints; that they and their families be protected against the attacks of the enemy.
- ✿ Europe: for the raising up of the Lord's testimony in major cities including Lisbon, Portugal; Krakow, Poland; Vienna, Austria; Sofia, Bulgaria; Thessaloniki, Greece; Zagreb and Split, Croatia; Belgrade and Novi Sad, Serbia; Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland; Bilbao, Spain; Hamburg and Munich, Germany; and Tirana, Albania.
- ✿ 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 21:1 – 27:23 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Church as the Temple of God—The Goal of God's Eternal Economy, week 2
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 72

Announcements

- ✿ 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.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

Sep	✿ Serving: Chinese south (A)
11	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
18	✿ Serving: English (A) ✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
25	✿ Serving: English (B) ✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
Oct	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1
2	✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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

11	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
AUGUST	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
12	
Monday	
13	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
14	✿ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
Wednesday	
15	✿
Thursday	
16	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
17	✿
Saturday	
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CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

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

II. COMMON MISTAKES (continued)

E. Love of Man's Glory

Why did the rulers in John 12 not confess the Lord? They did not confess the Lord because they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God. Many people dare not confess because they want both; they want Christ, and they also want the synagogue. They want Christ; this is why they believe. But they also want the synagogue; this is why they will not confess Him. If a person wants both, he will not be absolute in either.

If you want to serve the Lord, you must make a choice between the Lord and the synagogue. Otherwise, you can never be a good Christian. You must make a choice between the Lord and man. The rulers were afraid of losing men's favor. They were afraid that if they confessed the Lord they would be put out of the synagogue. But a person who chooses the Lord in an absolute way will not be afraid of being put out of the synagogue.

If people do not persecute you after you have believed in the Lord, you should say, "Lord, I thank You." If people persecute you after you have confessed the Lord with your mouth, you should also say, "Lord, I thank You." What is so strange about this? We cannot be like those rulers who, for the sake of their love for the synagogue, refused to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus. If everyone in the church had been like them, there would be no church on earth today. If Peter had returned home and remained silent after he believed in the Lord, if Paul, Luke, Darby, and the rest had remained silent after they believed, and if everyone in the church had remained silent and dared not confess the Lord, their troubles definitely would have been less, but there would be no church on earth today!

One characteristic of the church is that it dares to believe in the Lord. Another characteristic is that it dares to confess its faith in Him. To be saved is not just to believe in the Lord Jesus; it is to believe and to confess that one is a believer. The confession is important. Christianity is not only manifested in one's conduct but also in one's mouth. The mouth must confess. One must confess, "I am a Christian." It is not enough for a Christian to just have good conduct; he must also confess with his mouth. If you take away the mouth, there will be no Christianity. The Scripture is very clear. The heart believes unto righteousness and the mouth confesses unto salvation. Christianity is believing in the heart and confessing with the mouth.

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