

Please pray:

- ✿ Laval: Pray that the Lord would grant us a burden and a heart to pray for this land; that shepherds be raised up to take care of the contacts who come to the Bible studies or express desire to be contacted; that the Lord would raise up a proper testimony in Laval according to His timing.
- ✿ The Polish New Testament Recovery Version is now ready to be printed. We are so thankful to all the dear saints for their support by prayer, by giving, and also by coming to Warsaw to participate in the proofreading. Pray that the Lord's Word will run and be glorified among the Polish-speaking people.
- ✿ European universities: As the new academic year begins in the coming weeks, please pray for the students, the homes, and the labor on the campuses in Europe; pray that key students may be raised up and many local seeking ones to be gained as remaining fruit.
- ✿ Gospel trip to Germany: Over 120 trainees from FTTA-XB and FTTA are scheduled to travel to Germany after ITERO. The majority of the trainees have flights booked with Air Berlin, which recently filed for insolvency and has begun canceling flights with little or no recourse. Please pray that the Lord would intervene and that the trainees would arrive at their destinations in a timely way and would be able to return with no further complications.
- ✿ Pray that the Lord would grant us a clear and expanding sky above us so that we may have unhindered fellowship with the Lord and with one another; pray that we would have a throne above the clear sky, which means we would allow the Lord to occupy the first and preeminent place in our Christian life.
- ✿ 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: Rom 8:3 - 10:15 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 2, weeks 8 and 9

Announcements

- ✿ The Eastern Canada Young People Fall Retreat will be held October 20-22 in the Church in Toronto meeting hall. The cost is \$60 and the registration deadline is October 8. Registration will be done online.
- ✿ If you wish to be added to the French Standing Order to obtain all new books printed in French, please add your

name to the list in the Book room. If you are currently signed up for the French Standing Order, please see Book room to receive your books.

- ✿ Registration for the 2017 Winter training in Anaheim is now open. The registration deadline is November 1. If you are interested in going please register with sister Monica. The cost is USD\$200 (CAD\$250) per trainee plus USD\$5 for the outline.
- ✿ The video training registration sheet is also available and posted on the board across from the Service office. All those interested in attending should register before the November 1 deadline as well. The cost for the video training is USD\$100 (CAD\$125) per trainee plus USD\$5 (CAD\$6.25) for the outline.
- ✿ The 2018 International Chinese New Year Conference will be held from 16th -18 th Feb. 2018 in Taipei. Preceding the conference, there will be a blending trip with the churches in Taiwan. Brother James K from Toronto will lead the group, and the invitation is extended to all saints in Eastern Canada. Please contact brother Joe for more information.
- ✿ The translation work in French is on track to translate 2500 pages this year. For this work to continue, there is a financial need required for translation and editor support through the French translation fund. Please pray for this need and also for the Lord to lead concerning giving to this fund..

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

Oct	✿ Serving: English A
1	✿ Cleaning: All Groups
8	✿ Serving: English B ✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
15	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
22	✿ Serving: Chinese South B ✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ October 5 to 7, 2017, Leipzig, Germany: **Fall ITERO**
- ✿ October 20 to 22, Toronto, ON: **The Eastern Canada Young People Fall Retreat**
- ✿ November 23 to 26, 2017, Phoenix, Arizona: **International Thanksgiving Conference**

✿ December 25 to 30, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

1	✿	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
OCTOBER		
LORD'S DAY	✿	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
2	✿	
Monday		
3	✿	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
4	✿	
Wednesday		
5	✿	
Thursday		
6	✿	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
7	✿	
Saturday		
8	✿	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
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CONFESSION AND RECOMPENSE

Scripture Reading: Lev. 6:1-7; Matt. 5:23-26

IV. A FEW PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS (continued)

Third, there may be times when you are unable to make the necessary recompense. However, the ability to recompense and the desire to recompense are two different things. Some may not be able to recompense, but at least they should have the desire to recompense. If one is unable to make recompense immediately, he should tell the offended one, "I want to recompense you, but I cannot do it today. Please bear with me; I will do it as soon as possible."

Fourth, the law in the Old Testament states that if the rightful recipient of one's recompense has passed away and has left no relatives to accept the recompense, it should go to the priests who serve Jehovah (Num. 5:8). According to this principle, if the recipient of your recompense is no longer available, the recompense should go to his relatives. If he has no relatives, you should give it to the church. If you can make recompense to someone, you should give it to him or to his relatives. You cannot give it to the church for the sake of convenience. However, if someone wants to make confession but the offended party has passed away and there seems to be

no opportunity to confess, he can confess the matter to the church according to this principle.

Fifth, after making confession you need to make sure that you are not condemned in your conscience. It is possible for one's conscience to suffer repeated condemnation even after he has confessed. We must be clear that the Lord's blood has cleansed our conscience. His death has given us a conscience that is void of offense before God and has enabled us to draw near to God. All these are facts. However, we must see that in order to be clean before man, we need to deal with many sins. We need to settle all offenses in material things as well as in other matters. But we should not allow Satan to condemn us excessively.

Sixth, confession is related to physical healing. James 5:16 says, "Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed." The result of confession is often God's healing. Sickness often comes in when there are hindrances among God's children. If we confess our sins one to another, our sickness will be healed.

Hopefully, the brothers and sisters will be thorough in the matter of confession and recompense. This is the way to maintain their purity. If anyone has transgressed against man, he should confess his sins to God on the one hand, and he must deal with the matter seriously with man on the other hand. Only then will his conscience remain bold. When the conscience is bold, a person can make considerable progress in his spiritual pursuit.

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