

## Please pray:

- ✿ Laval: Pray that the Lord would grant us a burden and a heart to continually 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.
- ✿ Germany: The Lord had a strong move in Germany and in other parts of Europe during the two weeks following the ITERO in Leipzig. Bibles have been distributed to all sectors of seeking ones. Let us continue to pray that these new ones will be shepherded through the propagation of His interpreted Word by the laboring saints, and brought into the participation of the church life.
- ✿ Polish Recovery Version: It is now in its printing stage and we should expect to have it in Feb 2018. Pray that the Lord would continue preparing the ground in Poland for His word, that the Polish people's hunger for the Word would increase and that they would gladly receive the properly translated and interpreted Word of God. Also for the discernment and wisdom of the saints in Poland, that they would find ways to bring this Word to the Polish people for the Lord to gain much ground in the Polish-speaking world. Lastly, that the Lord would utterly shame His enemy through His word, bind him, stop any opposition he may instigate, and deal with any obstacles he may use to frustrate the Lord's work.
- ✿ Kitchener Property: Pray that as much work as possible can be completed on the new property during the month of November in order to expedite occupancy by early December; pray that we have no shortage of saints that will help with the renovation and clean up work that must be completed in order to get the occupancy permit of the facility; pray for all the renovation costs; pray for the gospel in the community surrounding the new property, distribution of Bibles and many sons of peace would open and receive the gospel.
- ✿ Pray that we would cooperate with God for the accomplishment of His economy by knowing this age and knowing and experiencing the present truth.
- ✿ 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: 1 Cor 1:5 - 3:9 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Special Fellowship concerning the World situation and the Lord's Move, week 5

## Announcements

- ✿ Registration for the video training is now late. Please add a \$25 late fee to your payment. Please sign up right away on the board so we can confirm how many outlines in each language are needed, even if you only plan to attend part-time. Here is the schedule:
  - Messages 1, 2: Tue. Dec 26 at 5:30pm and 7:30pm
  - Message 3: Wed. Dec 27, at 7:30pm
  - Message 4: Thu. Dec 28, at 7:30pm
  - Message 5: Fri. Dec 29, at 7:30pm
  - Messages 6, 7, 8: Sat. Dec 30 at 3pm, 5pm and 7:30pm
  - Messages 9, 10: Sun. Dec 31 at 11 am and 1pm
  - Messages 11, 12: Mon. Jan 1 at 5:30pm and 7:30pm
- ✿ The bookroom is working on clearing up past due accounts. If you know you still owe money for books you have picked up in the past, please see the bookroom to pay for those books. Saints will be advised of any outstanding accounts.
- ✿ The 2018 International Chinese New Year Conference will be held from 16th -18th 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.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

<b>Nov</b>	✿ Serving: English A
<b>12</b>	✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
<b>19</b>	✿ Serving: English B ✿ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
<b>26</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
<b>Dec</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese South B
<b>3</b>	✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ November 23 to 26, 2017, Phoenix, Arizona: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
- ✿ December 25 to 30, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**
- ✿ December 26, 2017 to Jan 1, 2018, Meeting hall: **Video Training**

*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>12</b>	✿	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
<b>13</b>	✿	
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>14</b>	✿	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>15</b>	✿	
<b>Wednesday</b>	✿	
<b>16</b>	✿	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>17</b>	✿	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>18</b>	✿	
<b>Saturday</b>		
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## FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION

**Scripture Reading:** Matt. 18:21-35, 15-20; Luke 17:3-5

### II. RESTORING THE BROTHER

It is not sufficient for us to just forgive our brother. This only takes care of the negative side. We still need to restore him. This is the charge in Matthew 18:15-20.

#### A. Telling the Person

Matthew 18:15 says, "If your brother sins against you, go, reprove him between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother." Offenses occur all the time among God's children. If a brother offends you, what should you do? The Lord says, "Go, reprove him between you and him alone." If a brother offends you, the first thing you should do is not to tell others. Do not tell the brothers and sisters or the elders of the church about it or make it the subject of your conversation. This is not the Lord's charge. If a brother offends you, the first thing you should do is go to him and tell him.

A problem often arises when a brother offends another brother and then the offended brother goes around publicizing it. He continually talks about it until the whole church knows about it. However, the brother who supposedly offended him remains unaware of the offense. Such tale-telling is typical of the conduct of a weak person; only a weak one would be so timid as to not talk directly with the offending brother. He would

only dare to speak about the matter behind his back; he would dare not speak about it face-to-face. It is an unclean thing for anyone to speak of matters behind others' backs and to spread gossip. We do have to deal with our brother's fault, but the Lord does not want us to tell others first. The first one who needs to be told is the person who is directly involved, not others. If we learn this basic lesson well, the church will be spared many problems.

How do we tell others? Should we write a letter to them? The Lord did not tell us to do this. The Lord did not say that we should deal with it in writing, but rather by going to our brother and speaking to him face-to-face. However, just as it is wrong to speak about a matter behind someone's back, it is equally wrong to speak about it in front of many people. The matter should be communicated "between you and him alone." Many children of God fail in this matter. They publicize things before many people. But the Lord charges us to speak only when the involved parties are together. In other words, individual sins should be dealt with by the individuals alone; no third party should be involved at all.

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