

Please pray:

- ✳ Online college gospel meeting (Aug 29 and Sep 4): This is a new approach that will be used to reach the students on campus at the beginning of the semester. Pray that all the preparations be headed up in Christ; that all the ones serving may have a wonderful harmony and one accord; that these gospel meetings will have an aroma and the expression of Christ; pray for the releasing of all the ones who the Lord has already released to come; that the Lord will gain remaining fruit from these gospel meetings.
- ✳ Online Chinese gospel meeting on Sep 5 and French gospel meeting on Sep 18 at 7:30 p.m.: Please pray for all the preparations of these gospel meetings; the production of all the invitation materials, the speaking brothers, the serving saints, the technical aspects, the releasing of the contacts, the group time, and the follow up of the current and new contacts and the heading up of all the aspects of these meetings.
- ✳ A fellowship from a coworker to the church in Berlin which applies to our current situation too:
 - 1) He shared that now is a very crucial time, as if the Lord gave us a full stop to our way. We have to re-examine what kind of church life we will have. We need to have a church life that is people-centered, where we care about each other, where we're concerned for and pray for one another, supply each other. As the situation opens up we can come together in the homes and listen and open, and find out the needs, and spontaneously pray for and bear one another's burdens, and practically help one another. The strongest, most prevailing part of our church life needs to be that we love one another and care about one another. In that kind of a situation new ones will find their home. Please pray that the Lord will bring us into this kind of church life.
 - 2) He shared that as the small, vital group church life is fostered, and the saints in the group develop the love and care for one another, they will have a list of ones that they are burdened for desperately (relatives, classmates, friends, colleagues). They will bring those names to the Lord again and again and contact them and bear fruit. Please pray that the Lord will gain this among us at this time.
 - 3) Our brother responded to a question regarding what encouragement he might have and what practical way there is for the young and middle-aged couples to function under the limitations of their work and family responsibilities. He said we do not measure our usefulness in our activity, but we measure according to God's economy which is altogether in faith. "According to my experience, nothing pleases the Lord so much as for us to realize that He does not want us to do anything. He only wants us to love Him, to open ourselves up to Him, and to let Him live from within us." (CWWL 1980, Vol.

1, Perfecting Training, Chapter 22, p. 239). Now more than ever we have to be those that are really good at opening ourselves up to the Lord. We have to be very specific and very diligent to open ourselves up to the Lord again and again with whatever is troubling us, whatever is on our mind. Then he also said to schedule one night a week when we would have somebody else in our home. This is the way to be delivered from our self, from disappointment, from discouragement. Please pray over this fellowship for the saints to be brought into more function in the way of life for the sake of the church.

- ✳ 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
- ✳ HWMR: The One New Man Fulfilling God's Purpose in Creating Man, week 7

Announcements

- ✳ All church meetings continue to take place online/via conference calls. These include the following: **Lord's Table Meeting** - Will be conducted online or via conference calls by the following districts/groups:
 1. English Central/NDG/West - Dennis L. host
 2. French - Allan Y. host
 3. Chinese East 1, 2 & 3 & Central 1 & 3 - Aaron C./John Y. host
 4. Chinese South - William L./John C. host
 5. Chinese West & North - John Ya. Host**Prayer meeting** - By districts/groups
Group meetings - By districts/groups
- ✳ **The Children's Meeting** will be held via Zoom Meeting on **Saturday's at 1:00PM** for the **Toddlers to Group 2** children and at **2:00PM** for the **Group 3 and Group 4** children.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Aug 29: **Online College Gospel meeting**
 - ✳ Sep 4: **Online College Gospel meeting**
 - ✳ Sept 18: **Online French gospel meeting**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

23 August LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
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24 Monday	✳ 9:30am - 11:00am: Video message and group fellowship
25 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
26 Wednesday	✳
27 Thursday	✳
28 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
29 Saturday	✳ 1-1:30pm: Toddlers to Group 2 meeting via Zoom Meeting ✳ 2:00pm: Children Group 3 and 4 via Zoom Meeting ✳ Online College Gospel meeting
30 August LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting

Leading Men to Christ

Scripture Reading: Rom. 1:16; 10:14; 1 Tim. 2:1, 4; Mark 16:15

3. Two Sisters

In Europe there are guest houses which are open to strangers. They are not hotels, but they receive travelers. Once there were two Christian sisters whose house was open to travelers. Sometimes, as many as twenty or thirty would stay at their place. They noticed the luxury of the travelers' attire and the vanity of their conversation. The sisters were bothered and wanted to win them over to Christ. However, there were many guests and only two of them. How could they win them over? They decided to sit at the two ends of the room during the conversation and pray for the guests from each end.

On the first day during the after-dinner conversation, each sister sat at one end, praying for the guests one by one. One prayed from one end, and the other prayed from the other end. They prayed for each and every one of them. This stopped the guests' jesting and chatting on that first day. They asked themselves what had happened. On that day, one person was saved. The next day, another lady was saved. One by one they were gradually all brought to the Lord.

Prayer is indispensable. The first condition in bringing people to the Lord is intercessory prayer. We must pray systematically, orderly, daily, and relentlessly, until our friends are saved.

II. GOING TO MAN ON GOD'S BEHALF

Merely going to God on man's behalf is not enough. We also have to go to man on God's behalf. We have to tell men about God. Many people have the courage to speak to God, but they have no courage to speak to man. We have to exercise boldness to speak to men. We have to tell them the kind of Lord our Lord is. When we speak, we need to pay attention to a few things.

A. Never Engaging in Useless Arguments

First, never engage in useless arguments. This does not mean that there should never be any arguments. Acts tells us of a few arguments. Even Paul argued (cf. Acts 17:2, 17-18; 18:4, 19). However, useless arguments do not save people. Sometimes it is all right to engage in arguments. But this is mainly for the benefit of other listeners. Try to avoid arguing with the ones you are trying to save because arguments often drive people away instead of bringing them in. If you argue with them, they will run away.

Many people think that arguments can touch men's hearts. Actually, this never happens. At the most, arguments can convince men's minds. Their mouths may be shut, but their hearts will not be won over. Arguments produce little result. Try to say less in the way of argument and more in the way of testimony. You have only to tell others that you felt happy and peaceful after you believed in the Lord Jesus, that you sleep well now, and that even meals are becoming tastier. No one can argue with you about these things. They can only wonder. You have to show them that they do not have your kind of peace and joy and that they should therefore believe in the Lord.

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