

## Please pray:

- ✳ Continual distributions and gospel outreach: Pray that the ones that we have contacted in the past distributions will be interested to meet with us, join the Bible studies, home meetings, personal appointments and activities; may the Lord show us how to shepherd these ones; may He give us key ones on the campuses and may they become remaining fruit.
- ✳ Political situation in Canada and Quebec according to 1Ti 2:1-4: I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; on behalf of kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Saviour God, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.
- ✳ Full time training in Anaheim (FTTA) : The training is now entering its 9th week and all the natural excitement has now petered out. Please pray that the trainees would know and experience His resurrection life and learn to live by this life; pray for many opportunities for the trainees to be built up in Christ in the growth in life unto maturity; that the divine life in them overcome any physical, psychological or spiritual tiredness during their training schedule.
- ✳ Israel: 1) Arabic ministry books currently in Egypt need to be delivered to Israel. It is difficult for them to be sent directly from one country to another without a "middle-man country," to aid in the process. This matter needs prayer as there are a number of boxes of books that need to be delivered to the saints for their increased vision, digestion, supply, and enjoyment. 2) A number of boxes of Arabic ministry books were recently sent to Israel and are now in customs. Some questions are being asked. We pray for the smooth release and delivery of the books.
- ✳ 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
- ✳ HWMR: The All-inclusive, Extensive Christ Replacing Culture for the One New Man, week 3

## Announcements

- ✳ The 2022 Chinese gospel calendar sign up is now open. Please sign up at the Bookroom. Deadline is Oct 24, 2021.
- ✳ We will do a whole meeting hall cleaning the first Lord's table of the Month. Please bring your lunch on that day. The cleaning will begin after lunch.
- ✳ Please consider before the Lord carefully and provide us with the prayer burdens before Saturday of every week. Please send the prayer burdens to Allan Y. His email address

is [allan.yeow81@gmail.com](mailto:allan.yeow81@gmail.com). Note that due to limited space on the newsletter, we may not be able to put all the prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ October 8-10, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- ✳ November 13, Online : **Canada Brothers Conference**
- ✳ November 25-28: **International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference**
- ✳ December 20-25: **Semiannual Training**  
*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>26</b>	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>September</b>	✳	1pm: Children's Service Orientation
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳	
<b>27</b>	✳	
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>28</b>	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>29</b>	✳	
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>30</b>	✳	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>1</b>	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
<b>October</b>		
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>2</b>	✳	
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>3</b>	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>October</b>	✳	1pm: Children's Service Orientation
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳	

## MEETING

Scripture Reading: Heb. 10:25; Matt. 18:20; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:23, 26

### III. THE FUNCTIONING OF THE BODY MANIFESTED THROUGH THE MEETING (continued)

Deuteronomy 32:30 says, "How shall one chase a thousand, /And two put ten thousand to flight,/Were it not that their Rock sold them,/And Jehovah delivered them up?" If one could chase a thousand, how could two put ten thousand to flight? This is a strange thing. We do not know how, but we

know that this is a fact. According to man, if one can chase a thousand, two should be able to chase only two thousand. But God says two can chase ten thousand, which is eight thousand more. When two chase separately, each can chase a thousand. Putting the two together, we should only have two thousand. But when two are joined together to chase the enemy, we have the mutual functioning of the members, and they can chase ten thousand, eight thousand more than if it is done separately. A person who does not know the Body and who does not care about meeting together will lose the eight thousand. Therefore, we need to learn to receive corporate grace. Do not think that personal grace is enough. We repeat: A special characteristic of Christianity is that it meets. A Christian can never substitute meeting with "self-taught" pursuits. We need to see this clearly and pay attention to it.

The Lord promises us two kinds of presence. One is in Matthew 28, and the other is in Matthew 18. In Matthew 28:20 the Lord said, "I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age." One can say that this implies His presence in individuals. In Matthew 18:20 the Lord said, "For where there are two or three gathered into My name, there am I in their midst." His presence here refers to His presence in the meeting. Only in the meeting can we have this second kind of presence. The Lord's presence with an individual and His presence in the meeting are two different things. Some only know the Lord's presence as individuals. But this knowledge is insufficient. The more compelling and powerful presence is experienced only in the meeting; we cannot experience such a presence individually. Although individually we can have the Lord's presence, this presence is never as great or as powerful as His presence in the meetings. But when we are among the saints we can touch a presence which we could not otherwise experience as individuals. We have to learn to meet together with the brothers and sisters because it is in the meeting that we experience the Lord's special presence. This is a tremendous blessing. This presence can never be felt by us as individuals. It is impossible to find a "self-taught" Christian who can experience this kind of powerful presence of the Lord.

It is a spontaneous thing for God's children to function in mutuality when they come together. We do not know how this mutuality in the Body works in the meeting, but we know that this mutuality is a fact. When one brother stands up, others see the light. When another brother stands up, others feel the Lord's presence. One brother opens his mouth to pray and others touch God. Another brother speaks a few words and others feel the supply of life. This phenomenon cannot be explained by human words; it surpasses human explanation. Only when the Lord comes back will we really know how the Body of Christ functions in mutuality. Today we merely obey the Lord's ordination.

Perhaps you have not paid much attention to the meeting because you have just been saved. You do not know what the light of the Body is and what the function and efficacy of the Body is.

However, experience tells us that many fundamental spiritual lessons are learned only in the Body. The more you meet, the more you learn. If you do not meet, you have no part at all in these riches. Therefore, we hope that you will learn to meet properly from the very beginning of your Christian life.

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