

## Please Pray

- ✳ **The Life-Study Messages Pursuit:** (1) Pray that we would all enter into the reality of being the proper pillar and base of the truth, especially through the reading of the Life-Studies. (2) Pray that our appreciation and understanding of the Word would be opened by the Life-Studies. (3) Pray that we would all be open and give ourselves to enter and enjoy the Life-Studies.
- ✳ **FTTA Gospel Trip to Europe and North America (Jan. 6 - Feb. 11):** FTTA gospel trip teams will go out to 20 countries in Europe, as well as U.S. and Canada to join with the local saints for the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom. Please pray that: (1) The Lord will blend and build all the saints involved so that He will have the free way to fully bless these trips; (2) The sanctifying Spirit will go before the saints to prepare the hearts of those the Lord has chosen; (3) The preaching of the gospel of the kingdom will be prevailing and reach all those the Lord desires to save; (4) Fruit, even remaining fruit, will be borne in each place visited, and the Lord will add to the churches as His testimony in each of these nations; (5) The Lord will fully cover the travel, safety, security, and health of all those involved.
- ✳ **Cairo (Egypt) International Book Fair (Jan. 26 - Feb. 6):** (1) Pray for all the upcoming prayer and coordination before, during and after the bookfair. (2) Pray for the safe and smooth arrival of the serving ones who are coming from overseas, for their health, function in the Body, and for a speedy recovery from the jetlag. (3) Pray for the sweet oneness and one accord among all the serving saints at the booth. (4) Pray for the remaining four new titles to be delivered by the printer in a timely way. (5) Pray for the pouring out of His blessing through this endeavor and use of the serving saints as open channels and vessels to flow Himself out to the entire Arab world and in the Middle East, for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ (Eph 4:12).
- ✳ **2023 North America College Training (Jul. 16-22):** Registration for the 2023 North America College Training is now open! The subject of this training is "Love Prevails," and it will be held in Champaign, Illinois. Thousands of college saints who have participated in previous college trainings received extensive and lasting spiritual benefits, especially the incoming freshmen (graduating high school seniors). Our expectation is that the Lord would use this special time to freshly gain this generation, to constitute them with the vision of the age and to equip them with the truth for His eternal purpose. (1) Pray for the stirring up of at least 1,400 saints throughout North America to register and pay in the month of January, boldly registering in faith and giving the Lord the first place in their summer plans! (2) Pray that the serving and shepherding saints would provide the proper fellowship to all those considering the NACT, and that all impediments for those who

would like to go would be completely removed. (3) Pray that the Lord would stir up the students not only to register but also to pray for this time and encourage others around them to "Come forward!" to the NACT without delay!

- ✳ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

## Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: 1 Pet 2:1 – 4:6.
- ✳ HWMR, Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Kings, Vol. 2, Week 7.
- ✳ Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 5 and 6.

## Announcements

- ✳ [LivingtoHim YouTube channel](#) is releasing a series of four talks by Brother Minoru Chen on the matter of getting into the Life-Studies. The subsequent talks will be released weekly on Mondays. You can [subscribe](#) to the [LivingtoHim YouTube channel](#) to receive updates. All four outlines of this series can be downloaded [here](#).
- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, [allan.yeow81@gmail.com](mailto:allan.yeow81@gmail.com) before Wednesday evening of every week. Please note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ February 17-19, 2023, Anaheim, CA: **International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference.**
- ✳ March 24-26, 2023, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**

*Please refer to the church's website where more events are listed.*

## This Week's Activities

<b>Sun-Jan-29 LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
<b>Mon-Jan-30</b>	✳
<b>Tues-Jan-31</b>	✳ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
<b>Wed-Feb-01</b>	✳
<b>Thurs-Feb-02</b>	✳
<b>Fri-Feb-03</b>	✳ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
<b>Sat-Feb-04</b>	✳
<b>Sun-Feb-05 LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

## OCCUPATION (cont'd)

*Scripture Reading: 2 Thes. 3:10-12.*

### **VII. THE WAY TO GO ON (cont'd)**

Today our brothers and sisters are the poorest among all those in the other denominations. If we are not careful, we could become the richest. Because we are more honest, diligent, and frugal than others, and because we do not lie, smoke, drink, or live in big mansions, it is possible that within a short time, all of the brothers and sisters will become wealthy. John Wesley once said before he died, "I am concerned for our people in the Methodist assembly. They are honest, diligent, and frugal. Soon they will become the richest people in the world." Such a word has indeed come true today. The Methodists are the richest people in the world. But their testimony has been lost as a result.

We hope that all the new believers will earn their living by their own labor. We hope that they will not make money by taking in with one hand and taking out with the other. Our principle is to increase the abundance of the land, not the money in the world. If we do this, the money we receive will be clean, and when we offer it to God, it will be acceptable to Him. Every dollar will end up in a good place. Suppose a brother makes a basket and sells it and then offers the money to the Lord. This is much better than another brother who buys ten baskets, sells them, and then offers up his profit to the Lord. The amount of money offered may be the same, but the nature of the money is different. We hope that many brothers and sisters will see this principle. We must either labor with our hands or we must produce something. Both are according to the proper principles. I cannot forbid anyone from going into the business of pure commerce, but I would advise everyone to try his best to avoid pure commerce. This occupation will always drag a Christian down. We hope that the new believers among us will please the Lord in their choice of occupations.

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