

Please Pray

- ✳ **ITERO:** We thank the Lord for the burden He was able to release to the responsible brothers during this past ITERO. We pray that the Lord would lead the brothers to continue to seek Him in the coming days and weeks concerning all that they have seen and heard. We pray for their digestion and re-speaking of these up-to-date words so that they would become the very constitution of our being, our living, and our service. **French-Speaking Brothers ITERO in Montréal (Oct. 14-15, 21-22):** May the Lord give all the French-speaking brothers attending an ear to hear Him speak and a proper heart to receive His speaking; may the Lord gain what He is after in this training.
- ✳ **Roof Repair and Financial Offerings:** After the completion of the roof renovation, there are still some areas on the roof that need to be fixed. May the roof be fixed and not have any leaks in a timely manner. There are also renovations and reparations for the inside of the meeting hall left to do. Through fellowship and the support of the Body, we received enough funds to pay the roof contractor. As part of the funds, we received from another locality a loan of \$75,000 that needs to be paid back within two years. May each one of us continually consider before the Lord concerning our financial offerings. May He direct us in our giving to the needs of the church, the saints and the needy ones. May we store up for ourselves “treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not dig through nor steal.” Matt. 6:20. May our hearts be on the things of heaven and not on the things on the earth. “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matt. 6:21.
- ✳ **Meeting Halls in Munich and Stuttgart, Germany, and in Malaga and Barcelona, Spain:** Please see the reports, presentations, and updates at lordsmove.org/reports.html. Sufficient funds have been received to purchase the properties in both Malaga and Barcelona, Spain. There is still a need for an estimated 335,000 euros in Malaga and 260,000 euros in Barcelona to refurbish the purchased properties. Please pray for these needs and give as the Lord leads.
- ✳ **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: Zech 1:1 – 9:17.
- ✳ HWMR: Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-Inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life, Week 1.
- ✳ Life-Study of John, Messages 7 and 8.

Announcements

- ✳ The 2024 Chinese Gospel Calendar signing up is now open. Please visit the Bookroom to register. Deadline is October 29, 2023.
- ✳ The December 2023 Semi-Annual Training will be held from December 25 to 30 in Anaheim, California. The registration deadline is November 1, 2023, for both the live training and the video training. Please let the leading brothers know if you are interested in attending the live training in Anaheim. The registration list for the video training will be posted on the church’s bulletin board.
 - The cost for the LIVE training is CAD\$275, plus USD\$5 for the course outline.
 - The cost for the VIDEO training is CAD\$175, plus CAD\$10 for the course outline.

Announcements (cont’d)

- ✳ The 2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from Saturday, February 10 through to the Lord’s Day, February 11, 2024. There will also be an opportunity to visit churches in Taiwan before and/or after the conference. Should you be interested to attend this conference, please contact brother Xie Li or brother Jonathan Lin for information and registration.
- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, allan.yeow81@gmail.com, by Wednesday evening of every week. Please also note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Oct. 8-22: **Gospel Trips to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.**
- ✳ Oct. 27-29, Toronto, Ontario: **Young People’s Conference.**
- ✳ Nov. 10-12, Vancouver: **2023 Canada Brothers’ Conference.**
- ✳ Nov. 23-26, Dallas Texas: **The 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**
- ✳ Dec. 25-30, Anaheim, California: **2023 December Semi-Annual Training.**
- ✳ Feb. 10-11, 2024, Taipei, Taiwan: **The 2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference.**

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

This Week’s Activities

Sun-Oct-15 LORD’S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord’s Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Oct-16	♦
Tues-Oct-17	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Oct-18	♦
Thur-Oct-19	♦
Fri-Oct-20	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Oct-21	♦
Sun-Oct-22 LORD’S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord’s Table and prophesying meetings.

PARENTS

Scripture Reading: Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20

D. Respecting the Rights of Children

Fourth, there is a basic principle in the Bible that children are given by Jehovah (Psa. 127:3). According to the Bible, children are entrusted by God to man. One day you must render your account of this trust to God. No one can say that his children are his and his alone. The thought that one's children are his own, that one can do whatever he wants with them, and that he has absolute control over them is a pagan concept; it is not a Christian concept. Christianity never teaches that children are ours. Rather, it acknowledges that children are God's trust and that parents cannot exercise despotic control over their children throughout their childhood.

1. Parents Do Not Have Unlimited Authority

Some people hold on to the concept that parents are always right. They hold on to this concept even after they have become Christians. Please remember that many parents are not always right. Many times the parents are quite wrong. We should not pick up pagan concepts, and we should not assume that we have unlimited authority over our children.

Please remember that parents do not have absolute authority over their children. Children have their own spirit and their own soul, over which the parents have no control whatsoever. Since children have their own spirit and soul, they are under their own control. They can go to heaven, or they can go to hell. They must be responsible for themselves before God. We cannot treat them as an object or as property. We should not assume that we can exercise unlimited authority over them. God has not given us such absolute authority. God has given us unlimited authority over dead things, but He has not given us unlimited authority over human beings who have their own spirit and soul. No one can have absolute authority over another person with a spirit and a soul. The thought of absolute authority is a pagan concept. It is related to pride and should not be found among us.

2. Children Are Not the Means by Which Parents Vent Their Wrath

We are reasonable with our friends and with other members of our family. We are courteous and reasonable with our colleagues and are even more courteous and respectful to our superiors. We try to get along well with every kind of person. But we treat our children as if they are our personal property, forgetting that they also have a spirit and a soul and that they are gifts from God. It is possible for us to vent our anger on them and treat them as we please. Some people think that they need to be courteous to everyone in the world except their own children. They seem to regard their children as the means of venting their anger. I know of parents who are this way at home. They seem to think that a man must be courteous and gentle and yet, at the same time, have a strong temper. It seems that they are not complete if they do not lose their temper. Nevertheless, they realize that they will be in trouble if they lose their temper with others. Their superiors will fire them if they lose their temper with them, and their friends will despise them if they lose their temper with them. They think that there is only one place where they can lose their temper without suffering punishment—with their children. Many parents have a terrible temper toward their children. It is as if their children were the cultivating ground for their temper.

Please forgive me for saying such strong words. I have seen many parents shout at their children over dinner and then turn toward me and say, "Mr. Nee, please take some of this food. It is delicious." When this happens. I have no heart for the food. These things often happen within a span of just a few minutes. On the one hand, they scold their children, and on the other hand, they say, "Mr. Nee, please eat." The problem with some parents is that they consider their children to be the rightful means for venting their anger. Did God give us children so that we have a place to lose our temper? May God be merciful to us!

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