

Please Pray

- ✿ **Past Bibles Distributions in Montréal:** We praise the Lord for the wonderful time of blending and distribution during the Victoria Day Conference in Montréal. About 70 to 80 saints went out to the Botanical Garden to preach the gospel, sing songs and distribute Bibles. We were able to distribute 94 Bibles in total, of which 52 were French and 42 were English. From this time, 35 people left their contact information for more contacts. (1) Pray for the releasing of proper shepherding to these 35 contacts. (2) May the Lord burden us to take care of these new contacts. (3) May a continual hunger and thirst for the Lord be stirred up in these new ones. (4) May some be added as remaining fruit.
- ✿ **Blending Conference in Dieppe, New Brunswick, June 15-16:** There will be a blending conference in the Maritimes from June 15 to June 16. (1) May the Lord use this time to encourage, build up and refresh the saints in the Maritimes. (2) May the Lord release what He has on His heart for this time to the saints.
- ✿ **The 2024 Summer Olympics Games, Paris, France:** Over the past three trips in Marseille, Montpellier, and Toulouse, we distributed 1955 Bibles, received 295 contacts, led 20 to pray, had 26 appointments, and had Bible seminars with 41 contacts. The local saints have been amazed at the unprecedented openness and hunger among the French people. We thank the Lord for such a strong beginning to these gospel trips, and may He continue to have His way in France for His testimony! (1) Pray that the Lord would release the long-term care of the contacts from these three cities through the coordination of the saints, both local and overseas. (2) Pray that the Lord would continue to bless the next trip in Bordeaux. Pray for a nice weather. (3) Pray that the Lord would thrust out the workers to labour with Him in France, not only during these gospel trips, but especially afterwards. (4) Pray for the health of the saints participating in the gospel trips.
- ✿ **Earthquake in Hualien, Taiwan:** A major earthquake occurred in Hualien, Taiwan, on April 3. The meeting hall and some of the saints' homes were damaged. About 10 saints were injured and were discharged after being admitted to hospital. About 40 saints were placed in temporary residences. Please pray for the comfort, care, and safety of the saints in Hualien. If the Lord leads you, you may make an offering to cover the needs of the saints and for the rebuilding of the meeting hall.
- ✿ **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: Exo. 39:1 - Lev. 5:19.
- ✿ HWMR: Living and Serving According to God's Economy Concerning the Church, Week 7.
- ✿ Life-Study of Romans, Messages 20 and 21.

Announcements

- ✿ There will be a Spanish-Speaking Conference in London, ON, from June 7 to June 9. English translation will be provided, but saints must bring their own FM radio or phone, and headphones. Children service will be provided. Hospitality will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. [Online registration form](#) must be submitted by May 31.
- ✿ 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

- ✿ June 7-9, London, ON: **Spanish-Speaking Conference.**
- ✿ June 15-16, Dieppe, NB: **Blending Conference.**
- ✿ July 1-6, Anaheim, CA: **July Semi-Annual Training.**
- ✿ October 4-6, Warsaw, Poland: **October International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO).**
- ✿ Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, Atlanta, GA: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**
- ✿ December 23-28, Anaheim, CA: **December Semi-Annual Training.**

This Week's Activities

Sun-May-26 LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✿ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ✿ 04:00pm: International Memorial Day Blending Conference, Mess. 3. ✿ 07:00pm: International Memorial Day Blending Conference, Mess. 4.
Mon-May-27	✿
Tues-May-28	✿ 07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-May-29	✿
Thur-May-30	✿
Fri-May-31	✿ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-June-01	✿
Sun-June-02 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

CONSECRATION

Scripture Reading: Exo. 28:1-2, 40-41; 29:1-25; Lev. 8:14-28; Rom. 6:13, 16, 19; 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:14-15

V. The goal of consecration

The goal of consecration is not to become a preacher for God or to work for Him. The goal of consecration is to serve Him. The result of consecration is service. In the original language the word service means “to wait upon.” This means that a person is prepared to serve. We must remember that the goal of consecration is to wait upon God. Waiting upon someone may not be strenuous work. To wait upon God means that you stand when He wants you to stand. If He wants to shuffle you aside, you allow Him to shuffle you aside, and if He wants you to run, you run. This is what it means to wait on Him.

God requires that all Christians offer up their bodies to wait on Him. This does not necessarily mean that He wants you to stand at the pulpit or evangelize some remote land. It means to wait on God. If God sends someone to the pulpit, that person has no choice but to speak. If God sends someone to remote lands, he has no choice but to go. All our time is for God, but the work that we do is flexible. Everyone should wait on God, but the specific work that one should engage in is flexible. We must learn to wait on God. The presenting of one’s body is for serving God.

As long as we are Christians, we have to serve God all our lives. As soon as a person consecrates himself, he must realize that from that point on, the Lord’s requirement comes first. Service to God becomes one’s lifelong mission. May God be gracious to us and show us that our service to Him is our rightful duty. We should show every believer that henceforth we are those who serve the Lord. We must realize that as Christians, we can no longer be loose in anything. I am not saying that we should not be faithful and committed to our career or that we can be idle. This is not what I mean. We still need to be faithful and serious in our vocation. But before God we must see that our entire life is directed towards our service to God. We do everything for the purpose of obeying God’s will and pleasing Him. This is the reality of consecration.

Consecration is not how much we can give to God. It is being accepted by God and being granted the honor of serving Him. Consecration is reserved for Christians alone; it is not for everyone. Only the saved ones, those who belong to the Lord, can consecrate themselves. Consecration means that we say, “Lord, You have given me the opportunity and the right to come before You and to serve You.” It is saying, “Lord, I am Yours. My ears were purchased by the blood; they belong to You. My hands were purchased by the blood; they belong to You. My feet were purchased by the blood; they belong to You. From now on I can no longer use them for myself.”

We do not beg others to consecrate themselves. Instead, we tell them that a way is now available for them to consecrate themselves. There is a way to serve our God, the Lord of hosts. We must be clear that we are here to serve the Lord of hosts. It is grossly wrong to think that consecration is a matter of granting God a favor.

The revelation in the Old Testament is very clear. A man can only consecrate himself to God under His approval. The New Testament also exhorts us to consecrate ourselves through the compassions of God. God loves us so much; therefore, we have to consecrate ourselves. This is the most reasonable service. This is not a request for favor; this is the most reasonable thing, the most natural thing, to do. Consecration does not depend upon our willingness. It is because of God’s abounding grace that we can consecrate ourselves. We must see that having the right to be God’s servant is the greatest honor of our life. It is a joyful thing for a man to be saved. It is a far more joyful thing for a man to have a part in God’s service! Who do we think our God is? We have to see His greatness and His glory. Only then will we see the tremendous significance and honor of this service! What a tremendous thing it is for us to receive His grace and be counted worthy of serving Him!

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