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**\* BRAZIL MISSION TRIPS**

[Pastor Ricky Ko] My heartfelt thanks to God for giving me this opportunity to serve in Brazil. Words alone cannot describe my joy in my learning and experiencing.

The Happy Teens Center where we helped out tutors about twenty new immigrant youth each week. Most of them are not Christians and have not even heard the basics of the Gospel. The youth were very interested in learning English and were very serious during rehearsals, which was great, but what troubled me was that they were not that interested on the topic of faith. On the last day of our rehearsal, I specifically arranged to have a section of time for a "Faith Q&A" to answer any questions they might have. In the end, one young man raised his hand to accept Christ. Praise the Lord!

Belo Horizonte, another city where we served, reminded me of how our Lord looks after the righteous and what a big miracle He did in these few days. A four-person medical team came to partner with our team and others from the local church. We greatly experienced God's presence. During the last night of the revival meeting, the whole congregation rose and asked for more. As I was preaching, I felt deeply the thirst they had regarding spiritual matters. Their eyes told me how they longed to hear God's word. The faithful prayers of believers there reminded me of what it means to love the Lord.



[Gallant Chiu]

This trip to Brazil was my first time going on missions. During the two week journey, I experienced God's abundant grace each day and His protection and

leading in every step. My most memorable time was the few days spent in Belo Horizonte where we were hosted by various brothers and sisters. Ricky and I were arranged to stay at the home of a Brazilian pastor. In Belo Horizonte, we partnered with the local church in setting up a free clinic at a shopping mall and our team members were able to share the Gospel to those waiting in line. God gave me an opportunity to share the Good News with a young man. My Mandarin was so bad that I believe only those who know Cantonese can understand what I was saying. But the Gospel is full of strength. I did not need to use big words, high intellect, or a moving testimony; a simple Gospel tract was enough. As I was talking, I asked him to read along. In the end I asked if he believed in Jesus Christ and he said yes! Praise the Lord!

During this trip, I had the chance to meet several fellow believers and receive their hospitality. Their

willingness to labor for their kinsmen moved me and impelled me. I want to thank God for His grace and mercy. Not only did He allow our team many opportunities to sow the seed of the Gospel, He also let me enjoy the sweetness of harvest.

[Judy Chang] When Mrs. Pi shared with us about the work going on in Brazil, I saw that even though Rev. Clarence Pi had gone home with the Lord many years ago, she is still fervently involved in the ministry



and has a heavy burden for the spreading of the Gospel. I was inspired to join in this endeavor and found myself in Brazil this summer.

A challenge for me during this trip participating in the VBS ministry held at the Happy Kids and Happy Youth Center in Sao Paulo. Although I had helped with caring for the infants at our church I had no experience in teaching children. Helping out here made me realize that it is important to teach the children to know God from the time they are young. Seeing that they are able to grow up under the teachings of Christian teachers is indeed a blessing.

During the trip two sisters touched us deeply. I met the first one right after we arrived in Sao Paulo. She provided a huge offering for our ministry and asked that instead of mentioning her by name, we give thanks to God because whatever He moves her to do, she cannot refuse. Her husband had passed away for many years and she has four children, just like me. She was an example to me of someone who loves God and loves God's people. The second lady we met at our last stop in Curitiba. She came specifically from Sao Paulo to partner with our team. Because the church there does not have a pastor, she would sometimes come from Sao Paulo to help with leading the meetings. Her husband passed away two years ago and when a coworker from the church in Curitiba died suddenly, this sister rushed to comfort her. She felt that because she experienced the pain of losing a husband, she was able to help and encourage others to be strong and lean on the Lord. God promises that through all the sufferings, He will bless us so that we may become a vessel for Him to comfort and encourage others. It was as if He was reminding me that even though I am a single parent and getting older, I am called to spread the Gospel and serve Him fervently.

**\*SOUTH AFRICA**

Every Thursday Rev. Douglas Wu leads discipleship training with three brothers. Through scripture reading, praying, and counseling, the hope is that they will be



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inspired to have a thirst for and seek God's word. Pray for the Holy Spirit to encourage them to have their faith rooted in Christ Jesus, that they are willing to humble themselves, equip themselves, and in the not-so-distant future be able to serve the Lord. It is Rev. Wu's plan that once these three are able to serve on their own, he will have more time to devote to the community, to begin visiting church members and seekers, and to share the Gospel.

The Fu-Qing Fellowship which meets every Saturday at Rev. Wu's house is increasing in number and the space is no longer enough. Praise God that the local Reform Church is willing to let them use their facility every Saturday evening. They hope that with this larger space, more and more people can attend the meeting and more people can hear the Gospel.

Lately because of heavy inflation, crime in South Africa has worsened. In order to make more money, police often stop cars and give citations for no reasons, especially to Chinese. In times of such uncertainty and hardship, the Chinese really need the Gospel. Ask the Lord for His

grace so that His people can live in peace! Pray also for blessings and wisdom for those in authority, that they will have an opportunity to hear the Gospel.



\*GHANA

The STM team that went end of September has safely returned. In the two short weeks of their journey, the team visited all the CIM Canada's ministry fields. The local churches that we partner with provided complete transportation and lodging arrangement, allowing us to visit the churches planted and schools established in both Ghana and Togo.

Currently, there is another team from a French-speaking Canadian city serving in Togo. They are working with the local brothers and sisters in visitation and evangelism ministries. The responses have been good, with many accepting Christ.

The last team for the year will be leaving end of October. We give thanks to God for the increasingly many Chinese churches participating in cross-cultural mission work!

PRAYER ITEMS

1. For the University of Pretoria Students Fellowship, especially to have wisdom and leadership from God in the area of communication so that they will have mutual

respect, obey those in authority, and serve the Lord together.

2. For Rev Wu as he trains church leaders and helps the coworkers develop good habits of reading the Bible and seeking in the Spirit so that they may be used by the Lord to lead future Bible Studies and worship.

3. For the year-end Family Retreat in South Africa. May the Lord guide the speakers as they wait for visas, and also pray for the local coworkers there.

4. Rev. Wu hurt his arm during his February trip to Portugal. The pain has increased these days, affecting his ability to sleep. Please ask for the Lord for healing. Also pray for his rash to be completely healed.

5. There has been a significant increase in the number of new students at Happy Kids Ministry this school year. Currently there are approximately 200 students so there is need for more new teachers. Pray for the Ministry's needs, in particular the end of the year ceremony as they prepare. This is a huge opportunity for them to share the Gospel with the parents.

6. For the CIM board meeting to be held end of October. Please pray for wisdom so the board members will be inspired to work together to carry out God's plan according to His will.

7. For the financial needs of CIM.

8. Mrs. Pi is planning a trip to Brazil to personally examine the needs of the field. Ask the Lord for the appropriate time and good health. Please also continue to pray for the recovery of her eye.

9. For the two teams in Ghana and Togo to have a smooth ministry and members to be healthy, physically and spiritually.

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