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NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

The South African government has recently adopted a new immigration policy. Many Chinese would find someone to handle the visa application because they are either not fluent in the language or afraid to have to bribe government officials. But they would often be swindled by con artists, using all kinds of deception methods. What should normally cost \$200 for the visa extension filing would end up costing them several times of that amount and still unsuccessful. There are even frauds who counterfeited the signatures on people's passports, bringing much problem to these kinsmen. This caused many to feel frightened and helpless. Currently there are quite a few new faces coming to our church. They all came to seek help. We hope that the distress that brought them to step inside our church will also allow them to hear the Gospel, bringing transformation to their lives. We also hope that these unpleasant matters will stir their hearts to think about goal and direction of life and to realize that only the road to eternity is the surest thing.

Some Chinese are seeking business opportunities. Some are looking to sell their stores, hoping to receive a sum of money before leaving South Africa. Even though these



newcomers stepped foot in our church for their personal matters, they are among us nonetheless. We hope that God will manifest Himself in them and change their selfish hearts, bless them with the peace and joy from above all the days of their lives.

There are three things the Fu-Qing Church is thankful for: 1) Studying the Bible—Rev. Wu has been encouraging brothers and sisters to have the habit of reading the Bible on a daily basis. Over the years, CIM has repeatedly sent short-term workers here to train and to advocate to them. Finally there is some small movement this year. Brothers and sisters have already finished the book of Deuteronomy. 2) Pray Openly—Rev. Wu used to prepare the memory verse on a small piece of



paper. Now they all know to pray reciting scripture. 3) Coworkers Serving at the Worship Pulpit—Five brothers have already joined in serving, familiarized with the role of a presider and carry out announcements and prayers with fluency. Praise the Lord!

Some youth from the fellowship at PECCC participated in the short-term mission trip experience to the Yong-he Church in Taiwan for a total of ten days during July. Upon their return to South Africa, they were continually being stoked with the passion for missions. Currently they are planning, if the Lord willing, to experience cross-cultural missions in West Africa, exploring this possibility with CIM Canada staff. Please ask the Lord to continue leading these youth, lovingly bless them

so that they may learn to serve together in the church surrounding, loving God and loving others! That while they are still young to study the Bible diligently and receive equipping. Please also pray that Rev. Wu will find time to encourage, build up, and to understand them.



The annual family camp, held jointly by the PECCC, the Fu-Qing Church, and the Rustenburg Church, will be held from January 1-4, 2015 at a new campsite. The seven-member short-term team from Chicago is made up of three couples and a brother. They have already begun in preparing all kinds of adult family workshops, English youth programs and children programs, in earnest. Please ask to God to bless all the brothers and sisters and new friends who will be coming. We will be using a new site for the camp this year it can accommodate more people. Hopefully the churches can promote and invite many to come. But also because it'll be a new venue, there might be unknown variables. Please ask the Lord to particularly safeguard all operations, transportation, and all preparation will go smoothly and successfully.

NEWS FROM BRAZIL

Praise the Lord that CIM had the opportunity to have many short-term teams of brothers and sisters caring and helping several churches in Brazil, allowing them to still grow steadily even in the absence of any shepherd. Especially thankful for God's leading that the number of congregants in

Belo Horizonte has increased again. The sanctuary is almost packed every Sunday service, Hallelujah! Beginning this past September, the church began watching a Gospel



movie one week, observing the Lord's Supper one week (the presiding and sharing on these days are led by youth but the Lord's Suppers are officiated by a local Brazilian pastor). The remaining two weeks will have testimonies and sharing by brothers and sisters. This arrangement can also encourage everyone to read their Bible and do their devotion, in the hope that it'll help them to continue building up this good habit. Your prayers for them will be greatly appreciated.

Thank the Lord for His leading, students, parents and teachers gathered together at the Happy Kids' graduation on November 1, happily celebrated the end of a school year. The Happy Kids' ministry is quite a reputable establishment among the Chinese. More and more parents are seeing the importance of a good education, hoping to send their kids there to learn. Many students, under the influence of the Christian teachers, grew up learning about Christ and have their lives changed, becoming a light in their homes and allow their parents to



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recognize that a life in Christ is not the same. The students also testified God's mighty hand looking after them to each other. We hope that Happy Kids will continue to serve the Chinese in Brazil well. Most of the Chinese there own and operate their own small business. Kids were sent back to China even when they were young to be cared for by family. Not until they become teenagers were they to return to unite with their parents in Brazil. Because of the long period of living apart, many communication problems ensued. The fact that the



parents and the kids speaking different languages is enough to create a big difficulty. Many parents heard about the goal of education at Happy Teens and agree

with their principle. Right now, many youth are applying for admission to seek assistance. At the Happy Teens, Portuguese language learning, homework tutoring, are all dependent on how the teachers teach and how they care for the youth. They also care about the friends their students make, the attitude they have in learning, as well as their lifelong practice of communicating with their parents. In addition, they are able to share God's love and change their hearts through spending and talking with them, in the hope of delivering Christ's love to them so that they can gradually live in harmony with their parents, build up personal relation, not have self-pity, able to grow in health as well as the joy that is appropriate for young people. Let's also pray that the teachers will not give up but ignite a fire in the void of these youth's heart and soul, allowing them to gradually rebuild their relationship with parents, maintain a harmonious relationship with their peers, build up self-confident, and not allow a sense of inferiority complex and low self-esteem to become their obstacles.

NEWS FROM WEST AFRICA

Because of the explosion of Ebola, our arranged short-term mission teams to Ghana and Togo have to be postponed. Actually these are the two countries in West Africa that are not affected by the spread of the virus. But because of all the attention focused on this, most people are afraid to make trips there. Please pray for God's mercy that He will open a way for us that hopefully we will have opportunity to send teams there to expand on God's Kingdom! Please join us in praying.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Rev. Wu continues to adjust to the side effects of his medication. Please pray that he will have complete recovery. Please also pray that he and Whitney will have the energy to serve.
2. Pray for the STM team to be sent from the New Light Christian Church of Chicago to South Africa in December. Ask that the Lord would bless the team with unity, health, and safe journey.

- 3. Pray for South Africa's newly published immigration bill. Some missionaries who applied for their temporary visas to be extended have been denied. There have also been counterfeit visa fraudulent cases. Beginning on Oct 1, those who violate the law will be jailed for one year before being sent back to their country. Ask for the Lord to show righteousness and mercy.
4. Please intercede for the resubmission of Pretoria Chinese Church registration process. Pray also for the Rustenburg Church as it is also getting ready for their registration.
5. Happy Kids will hold their graduation ceremony on November 1. Ask the Lord to safeguard all the programs the teachers and the students are preparing to go smoothly as well as deliver the Gospel.
6. Ask God to open a way to help the teachers of Happy Teens to assist their students in passing the entrance exams as they are applying at the local schools.
7. Ask the Lord to raise up servants to South Africa and Brazil serve His sheep there.
8. Ask the Lord to raise up French-speaking coworkers to join in the ministries in Togo.
9. Please intercede for the villages that have been affected by the Ebola virus and for our coworkers in Ghana, asking for wisdom, and strength that can only come from Christ.
10. CIM's annual board meeting was held on October 27. Thank the Lord for His blessing on a united heart to arrange for CIM's plan for the coming year.
11. Ask the Lord to abundantly provide the financial needs of CIM's various departments.
12. Mrs. Christine Pi's right eye had just received laser treatment. Please ask the Lord to grant blessing so that the effect of the result will present itself. Pray also for safety in all her going out and coming in.

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