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Mission Trip Reflections

[Wang Li]

We went to two cities during this STM trip: Salvador in the north and Porto Alegre in the south. We noticed the gospel needs of the local Chinese, and experienced Gospel is the power of God. We felt the zealously of the local brothers and sisters.

In Salvador, the Chinese mainly came from Fujian and Zhejiang—mostly run stores that sell daily supplies goods and from Guangdong—usually opened restaurants. The economy hasn't been good in Brazil. Traffic hasn't been busy in the stores, allowing us to have a very good opportunity to share the Good News with them. Even though most of them believe in Buddhism (especially those from Fujian), they were willing to talk with us. The new life that is represented by the Gospel did bring eleven friends who were willing to accept Jesus. Praise God! The Chinese in Porto Alegre were equally downcast and were quite resistant to the Gospel.

When we shared the Gospel with them, we felt that the words we used were sometimes not quite adequate to express our intentions. But those who heard were touched and accepted Jesus as their Savior nonetheless. This clearly proved that the Holy Spirit was at work. Immense gratitude to God for employing useless vessels like us.

In both cities, even though the brothers and sisters did not have any training or techniques in sharing the Gospel, they were willing to take us to various shops to visit the Chinese. I hope

that God can use them, allowing them to be bold in sharing the Gospel.

[Lily Li]

Salvador and Porto Alegre, two seaports facing the inlets of the ocean, have magnificent view. Both of these cities have a group of Chinese Christians who are sowing and plowing quietly.

The Salvador church uses a



restaurant offered by a brother for service on Sundays. Another sister leads the morning prayers and worship music. She is a sister who loves the Lord and full of passion, and her voice is vibrant and sweet. Together with several coworkers, they love each other as family. These brothers and sisters have good reputation among the Chinese circle, which helped us with the effect of our Gospel sharing. Altogether we led eleven to Christ, one of them was baptized. We shared the Gospel with many; held workshops and led children activities. The local coworkers said the topics of the workshops were all subjects they need.

There is one Chinese church in Porto Alegre, has a Brazilian pastor and his wife (who previously ministered in China for ten-plus years), who can speak Chinese and English,

pastor the church. Members are mostly those who came from Taiwan twenty to thirty years ago and are very well off.

Joining this STM team was quite a breakthrough for me personally. I boldly shared the Gospel to others on a one-on-one basis, with everyone listening with much focus. But I know there is still room for improvement in my

response with them and in my testimony. This time I had close contact with those brothers who own stores, allowing me to realize how difficult it must have been for my own father when he came to American and opened a restaurant. Today there are still many who came into this world are living a difficult life and die without being saved. They have not heard the Gospel!

[Albert Shyu]

During the past twenty years, I would go to a short-term trip once a year on average. But this was my first time to Brazil.

When we visit the store owners or keepers, they will tell me things like, "we believe in Buddhism" or "all religions advise people to do good." Then I asked, "Can I have five minutes of your time? I won't interrupt your business. Allow me to introduce Jesus to you in a simple way." Then I briefly use the Gospel Bridge and introduced the Gospel once. Finally I asked if they are willing to believe. To my surprise, several actually said "yes". This was definitely God's doing. (Romans 1:16)

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Ask the Lord to raise up His servants to partner in the Chinese Diaspora ministry and to become His disciples in South Africa.
2. Please continue to pray for the year end retreat that God will bless all the program arrangement, retreat registration, and all logistics.
3. Continue to pray for the health of Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Wu. Pray also for their eldest daughter, Sharon, that she will adjust to the academic life in the U.S. soon.
4. Pray for this last year of studies at the seminary for Alex and Nicole Ko to go well.
5. Pray for the church coworkers in Brazil to effectively follow up with the seekers. Especially pray for those who had made their commitment to Christ during the STM visits. May God strengthen and guard them to meet regularly, and allow their spiritual lives to gradually mature.
6. Continue to pray for the teachers from the Happy Kids and Happy Teen ministries that they will lead their students to realize Christ is the most precious from an early age and be molded academically and spiritually.
7. Continue to pray for the coworkers at the Belo Horizonte church that the Lord will lead the body in Christ and support each other, learn to complement each other and serve Him with confidence.
8. Pray for the Belo Horizonte church as they are in the process of application with the government for registration as a religious entity. Also ask the Lord to prepare a new gathering venue in a convenient location.
9. Ask God to lead the brothers and sisters in the Salvador church to grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually, to love the Lord and each other, and to willingly complement each other's ministry.
10. Pray for the youth ministry at Porto Alegre. May God bless these young brothers and sisters that they may be filled with mercy and grace, competent in their serving, and benefit others while glorifying God.
11. Pray for the political, civil, and financial situations in Brazil and South Africa, allowing the brothers and sisters to live a peaceful life, earn a living, and to serve God.
12. Rev. Isaac Quan, the Executive Director of CIM Canada, ask God to add to him strength to share cross-culturally through short-term missions in the local people of West Africa.
13. Pray for the various ministries in Ghana and Togo of West Africa. Ask the Lord to raise up more brothers and sisters to join in short-term mission trips and support the ministry.
14. Pray for the Annual Board Meeting to be held at the end of October and all the logistics.
15. Ask God to bless coworkers on the home front with wisdom; that they will offer their best to accomplish what the Lord has bestowed upon us.
16. May God raise up more coworkers to join CIM, allowing more brothers and sisters to be used by Him in missions.
17. Ask the Lord to provide abundantly in finances regarding all areas of ministry.

I feel that the need for sharing the Gospel in this world is huge. Everyone needs the Good News. And everywhere God has already prepared those who will be saved. All we have to do is to partner with Him when we are given the opportunity and burden. Whether it is far or near. Let us go forth to share the Good News.

Salvador, we saw this model church that was full of those who were willing to serve God with their hearts. The Lord's servants are everywhere working tirelessly to support the church body. How good and faithful are they.



We felt the patience and persistence brought by the Holy Spirit in Porto Alegre; the mutual trust that was built up around us. I believe God wants to revive the local church and to use the coworkers there. Let us pray for them often!

[May Chang]

During the two weeks of STM in Brazil, all we heard about was Businesses are slow and people are struggling, this maybe the time to lead people to turn to God. When we asked if we could introduce the Gospel, most were willing to listen. In

FINANCIAL REPORT

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	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$6,457	\$6,249	\$208
Missions	\$6,286	\$3,275	\$3,011
Total	\$12,743	\$9,524	\$3,219

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