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*** SOUTH AFRICA**

Thank the Lord that all the STM members from Chicago received their visas and arrived in South Africa on Dec 29. Pastor Gong's and brother Chang's college-aged daughters are also on the team; they will be helping with the youth ministry during the retreat and the three-day camp for the youth at the conclusion of the retreat. We hope that it will help brothers and sisters transform their families and receive blessings from the Lord!

[Rev. Douglas Wu]—I believe God has gifted me with the ability to interact with people in the area of mission work. While working as a salesman, I often came across opportunities for Gospel work and was able to develop my people-skills. The apostle Paul also used his gifts to reach out to others through his ministry, discipling and training them to be leaders. We pray that God's abundant grace will continue to guide us too as we train Alex Ko, Alan Huang and Charles Suen in homiletics so that they may become vessels for God in the future.

The Great Commission calls us to "go." Some people might think that when they go from this place to that place they are "going" already. However, the direction may be wrong or the going may not be "deep" enough, or the "going" may not be far enough to the ends of the earth! And then there are others who act, influence, and positively respond. No wonder they are prospering vibrantly and receiving God's abundant provision. Praise the Lord that He led missionary, Adriaan Fourie, and the Fu-Qing Fellowship in Polokwane to visit us, sounding the calling of Macedonia! This reminder came at just the right time, encouraging me to continue persevering for the Lord in my endeavors to serve Him. May we go forth to prosper the Gospel together!

*** BRAZIL**

Brazil is a country full of contrasts: it has tall mountains and low plains; it has white people and dark-colored people; it is also a country that has a wide disparity between the "haves" and the "have-nots". The coming year, 2012, will mark the 200 anniversary of when the Chinese first arrived in Brazil. However, Chinese churches have only a 50-year history in the country. Prior to 1960, the Chinese mainly concentrated their businesses in Rio. It was only later that they moved to Sao Paulo.

Today, there are four Chinese churches in Rio

and more than 20 in Sao Paulo. The Chinese have worked hard to accumulate their wealth, but new immigrants are still laboring for their very livelihood. Yet whether rich or poor, without Jesus there is no salvation and all is in vain! We really need to strengthen the Gospel work among the hundreds of thousands of Chinese in Brazil.

In July we began working with the churches in Rio, Belo Horizonte, and Curitiba. After working with the local pastors, we understood that there is a shortage in full-time ministers in many big cities. This is exactly why we decided to travel there to get a better picture of the needs there.

CIM's Executive Director, Mrs. Christine Pi, and board member, Elder Ying Chang, will be visiting Recife, the fifth largest city in Brazil, and Fortaleza, an

important port with high economic status with a vibrant tourist industry. They will also be

visiting Manaus, a city near the Amazon River. Because Manaus is inland and remote, very few people went there to share the Gospel. Brasilia, the country's capital, will be another stop. They will also be visiting Belo Horizonte and Curitiba. Mrs. Pi and Elder Chang will be heading to these cities on behalf of CIM to get a better idea to plan and prepare for future ministries. Please pray for a successful and fruitful journey. We hope that the local coworkers can plan all the arrangement and actively join in our efforts.



*** WEST AFRICA—GHANA/TOGO**

[Canada] A total of 35 STM members participated in 2011—14 of them headed to Togo while the rest to Ghana. The focus of the ministries included: visitation; sharing the Gospel and personal testimonies in public gatherings; and personal evangelizing, working together with the local churches in Ghana to help in church planting and village school-building ministries. In Togo, we also



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work through local churches to train the native preachers and arranging experienced Chinese pastors share their pastoral knowledge.

During the latest trip to Ghana, our youngest member on the team, a twelve-year-old, was able to befriend the local kids. He was invited to visit families, providing the rest of the team many opportunities to share their testimonies and opening the door to the Gospel! We truly experienced the amazing leading of the Lord and were reminded that God can use anyone to be His vessel in expanding His Kingdom no matter their age!

* HOMEFRONT

The first missionaries from North America left our shores in 1812. Adoniram & Ann Judson, Samuel & Harriet Newell, Samuel & Roxana Nott, Gordon Hall & Luther Rice, were sent by a mission agency and commissioned from Tabernacle Church on Feb 6 1812, in Salem, Massachusetts. Let us commemorate the past and celebrate God's faithfulness in joining the missions endeavor as we embrace the future. We urge you to participate in the mission enterprise by joining our short term missions opportunities in 2012. Register early and do not miss this opportunity!

STM Team Recruitment Notice for 2012

Locations: Brazil, South Africa, Ghana, Togo
Time: June-July 2012 (tentative dates)
Ministries: personal evangelism, leadership equipping, college ministry, cross-cultural missions, church-planting

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"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes."—Isaiah 54:2

PRAYER ITEMS

- 1. The Fu-Qing Fellowship in Pretoria has begun renting facilities at the Brooklyn Reformed Church. Ask the Lord to bring blessings to the growth of the Fellowship. Please pray for the safety of the Fellowship gatherings.
- 2. For the family retreat to be held at the end of the month in South Africa. Pray that each family will be

filled by the Holy Spirit and be transformed by the Lord.

- 3. Continue to pray for Rev. Wu's hives to be completely healed. Also pray for their move to be a safe and smooth one.
- 4. Pray that the Lord will send more missionaries to reap the harvest in South Africa, Brazil, as well as the ministries in Ghana and Togo.
- 5. For the Lord to raise up more coworkers to work with CIM staff to serve together to expand God's kingdom.
- 6. Pray for CIM's Executive Director Mrs. Pi and Elder Ying Chang as they travel to Brazil to examine the needs of the field; for safe travels during the three-week journey and for a fruitful trip.
- 7. That the Happy Kids Ministry will be able to take advantage of the end of the year school breaks to renovate a leaking rooftop and other repairs.
- 8. That the Lord will bring more bilingual (Chinese- and Portuguese-speaking) teachers to serve at the Happy Kids and Happy Teens Ministry needs.
- 9. CIM is actively recruiting missionaries and new members for STM teams for 2012. Ask that the Lord will bring suitable coworkers to participate. Also pray for the Executive Director, Mrs. Pi, as she coordinates all the ministries for the coming year.
- 10. For the financial needs of CIM.
- 11. Continue to pray for the complete recovery of Mrs. Pi's eye.

FINANCIAL REPORT: November 2011

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$3,166	\$3,514	-\$348
Missions	\$3,749	\$4,000	-\$251
Total	\$6,915	\$7,514	-\$599

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