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★ SOUTH AFRICA

The focus of missions in South Africa is on the gospel ministry for the Chinese from China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Currently there are over 350,000 Chinese in this country, more than 150,000 come from the Fu-Qing area and continues to rise.

Yet due to the political struggle that is going on in South Africa and the continuous worker strikes and riots the social order worsens. The economy is going downward and the prices of goods are doubling. This clearly affects the standard of living and the efficiency of the social welfare. This is also a big challenge for our ministry work. Chinese missionaries are also concentrated in the five largest cities in this country, with about ten of them in Johannesburg alone, which makes joint efforts to expand kingdom work quite difficult.

However, the positive side to this situation is that local white churches are hoping to join in the gospel ministry to the Chinese population. Because of the difficulty in communicating in English, they have been unable to proceed. As such, there is great need for bilingual coworkers to partner in serving. We are calling out to the Lord that He will reveal His mighty power to cast away any obstacles so that the gospel may be shared across South Africa and to the ends of the earth.

[Rev. Douglas Wu] During this trip to San Jose, California I was able to share about the urgent need in ministry to the Chinese in South Africa. As I was delivering this message to the Christians there, I learned through church plants, many local Chinese are being reached with the gospel.



This allowed me to see that there is still a great need for the gospel to reach the Chinese in northern America and indeed, throughout the world. In the New Testament, the apostle Peter was preaching to the Jews while the apostle Paul traveled to the ends of the earth to reach the Gentiles for the gospel's sake. This is also the most important commission of the missionaries sent out by CIM, to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

★ BRAZIL

Lately the safety situation in Brazil is getting worse. Many people are being robbed at their homes. They are afraid to go out at night, affecting the attendance of ministry gatherings. Pray that the Lord will allow the situation to improve so that the people will feel comfortable going out at night to attend gatherings. We

especially ask for mercies and blessings for the brothers and sisters in Christ.

[Happy Kids Ministry] The school is currently on break since mid-December. The summer session will resume on January 7. There are now more and more students from China who need to learn simplified Chinese and not the traditional Chinese characters. Therefore we ask that the Lord will bring suitable teachers to teach these children so that they may joyfully grow in His love. The school is also in the process of increasing the benefits of the teachers by registering with the government so that they can have better working conditions.

CIM and the Happy Teen Ministry jointly planned a five-day Mandarin youth camp. A STM team will lead during the second week of July next year. The plan is to invite the youth from the 25th Street (local wholesale markets) in the hope that the gospel may spread throughout the community and area.

[Belo Horizonte] Praise the Lord that when the STM team went to Belo Horizonte in August, four brothers and sisters made the decision to follow Christ and were subsequently

baptized on November 18 by Rev. Jorge Loo, We are joyful that they joined this spiritual family and hope that they will experience spiritual growth.



Most youth are looking forward to the retreat (2013 CIM Short term mission team) in July of next year. Most of them have to help their parents in tending their shops during the holidays so ask that the Lord be merciful in allowing those who are seekers to be able to attend the camp to strengthen their faith.

[Curitiba] Brother Li needs prayer so that he may completely stop drinking. He was also baptized during Thanksgiving. Please ask that the Lord will have mercy and lead him to be dependent on the Lord and defeat all the attacks and temptations and be a faithful child in God's kingdom!

★ WEST AFRICA-GHANA

[CIM-Canada] The last STM team of the year, comprising Rev. Isaac Quan, Assistant Executive Director of CIM Canada, Anna Siu, our Village School Project Coordinator, and Linda Chan, Project Coordinator of CIM Australia, has returned home safely after a hectic and yet fruitful trip to Ghana. The findings of their trip will enable



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CIM Canada to make relevant ministry plans in Ghana in 2013 and the years to come.

Our AGM went smoothly in mid-November. We have extended the meeting to one and a half days to include a session where all the board members and staff came together to discuss a pre-read book : *African Friends and Money Matters*, which we have found extremely helpful for our cross cultural missions involvement in Ghana.

We also held our first staff retreat right after the AGM. CIM Canada now has become a multi-staff (6) organization. The event was highly valued as our staff is spread across Canada in three different cities. The retreat provided us an opportunity to come to know each other and pray together and for each other.

★ HOME FRONT

Without prayer, it is difficult to do ministry. CIM headquarters in San Jose holds a prayer meeting every third Thursday of the month to pray for its ministries worldwide. On the afternoons every third Sunday, members from previous STM trips to Brazil come together to pray for ministries in the different fields. We hope to raise up coworkers to join in our prayer meetings so that when we ask the Lord for the ministries in the field, He will bless our requests!

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★ PRAYER REQUESTS

1. A Bible study class has begun prior to the Sunday worship of PECCC. Please pray that the Lord will guide the members so that they will be committed to participate and grow spiritually.
2. Pray that the Lord will help Rev. Douglas Wu in leading brother Ko to learn about the ministry of administration and that they may grow together to glorify the Lord and benefit others. Ask also that the

Lord will bless Rev. Wu with wisdom and grace to equip him to prepare discipleship classes as well as his messages.

3. Praise the Lord that Rev. Douglas Wu took a home leave and had the opportunity to share the ministry vision with four churches, strengthening the tie between the organization and churches. After the trip to the US, the entire family will head to Taiwan and then return to South Africa in January. May the Lord grant them safe journey.
4. The Happy Teens and the church in Belo Horizonte invited CIM to plan a STM team to lead camps there in July of 2013. Please ask the Lord to motivate and raise up workers.
5. There is great need for workers to the mission fields of South Africa and Brazil. Ask that the Lord will send forth missionaries to reap the harvest. We also ask that the Lord will raise up local coworkers to work together for the sake of His kingdom.
6. Pray for the Executive Director will seek God's will in leading the planning of next year's ministry.
7. Pray that the Lord will bring more workers to serve together with CIM. Pray also that more workers will serve in the planning and promoting of CIM's ministries.
8. Pray for the financial needs of CIM, especially in the area of administrative expenses.
9. Please continue to pray for the complete recovery of Mrs. Pi's eye.

★ FINANCIAL REPORT Jan-Nov 2012

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$36,180	\$44,324	-\$8,144
Missions	\$52,526	\$39,424	\$13,102
Total	\$88,706	\$88,748	\$4,958

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