



## 12.31.2013

A Thanksgiving letter from Christine Pi, Executive Director

Greetings to our dear supporters and partners of CIM:

2013 is drawing to a close. I thank you for your financial and prayer support in this past year. God has faithfully listened to your prayers. As always, He showed Himself to be a God of grace—full of mercy and kindness. I thank the Lord for allowing us the opportunity to partner with you for without which, it would be difficult for CIM to share the Good News to the world. Allow me now to count God’s blessings to our organization in this past year.

If I were to use just one sentiment to summarize 2013, it would undoubtedly be, “God is our guide”. All we have to do is follow Him, for His grace is sufficient for us. In contrasting the abundant resources in North America with the spiritually-lacking regions such as South Africa and Brazil, I cannot help but think of Esther 4:14, when Mordecai asked Esther, “And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?” Similarly, we are also placed under God’s guidance that we may be able to help those who are in need.

I believe God has already heard many of our supporters’ prayers, evident in His guidance in many of these things past. Some memorable events of each ministry field are as follows:

### {SOUTH AFRICA}



Mrs. Wu finished her four years of study and graduated in March from the Department of Theology of the University of Pretoria. We congratulated her with thanksgiving and praises for her offering in her studies, her family, as well as in her ministry. May God greatly bless her in all



her future endeavors.

The Rustenburg Chinese Church was started in August. This is the second Fu-Ching church established since the Pretoria Fu-Ching Church of last year. With the ever-increasing number of immigrants, we see the great harvest in South Africa. We give thanks to the Lord for our missionaries Rev. Douglas Wu and Mrs. Whitney Wu. Because of their unceasing labor to share the Gospel with the Fu-Ching people that the new church was established. God raised up five coworkers whom Rev. Wu is now diligently train them up to be future deacons and leaders.

Generally speaking, Rev. Wu’s time is being divided among the three churches as well as the third Saturday of every month’s Bible studies in Middleburg. We earnestly pray that the Lord will send forth more workers to gather the harvest in this mission field. Currently in South Africa, there are still many calls of Macedonia that have not been answered, and it is impossible for Rev. Wu to carve up more time from his exceedingly packed schedule.



### {BRAZIL}



We began promoting short-term mission teams to Brazil beginning in 2010, hoping to share about the needs there with even more churches. We hope the experience from these trips



will perhaps recruit more Christians to get involved with mission work, gradually moving from a short-term basis to a long-term basis.

In the past four years, more than forty brothers and sisters from nine churches have participated in our short-term plan. In nine different cities, they shared the Gospel with Cantonese-speaking and Mandarin-speaking groups, train up leaders, visit new immigrants, held special interest seminars, led youth camps, one-on-one evangelism, organized English summer camp, as well as VBS classes. The coworkers welcomed us warmly every time. Their willingness to learn motivates us to keep on serving.

The short-term experience this year in Belo Horizonte allowed us to see that God has opened a door for the ministry to the English-speaking brothers and sisters there. We arranged to have Chinese-speaking and English-speaking speakers. Before this, all our ministries were conducted in Chinese. We experienced God’s faithfulness once more.

### {GHANA}



CIM facilitated the first Chinese Missions in Africa Consultation and Action Conference held in Pretoria by the CCCOWE (Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism) in 1998, with the awareness of sending missionaries to Africa as well as the quickly increased participation from Chinese churches and missionary agencies. The mission field in Africa has steadily increased in the last fifteen years. Hopefully more Chinese mission leaders can join in this partnership opportunity.

I thank God that I had the opportunity to participate in the third Conference held in Ghana by CCCOWE. After the end of the conference, I was able to visit the mission field of CIM-Canada in Ghana and to meet with some of the coworkers in Tamale, Kpandai, and Bimbilla. I am thankful for being able to personally experience it and to have a deeper understanding of the environment and cross-cultural work in Ghana.



The cooperative Village School Ministry between CIM-Canada and the Evangelical Church of Ghana (ECG) gives the children in villages a chance for education. Currently there are more than eight hundred students receiving the help. Through the teaching of Christ’s character, they can influence the society.



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### THE OPPORTUNITY OF CONTINUING THE WORK

One of our goals is to mobilize the Chinese Christians in North America to participate in the worldwide mission ministry. Are you willing to mobilize yourself and your church to join our short-term teams? This is absolutely worth it!

This immense serving need stands right in front of us. The Chinese immigrants heading to South Africa and Brazil are increasing every day. They are like sheep without a shepherd, longing for their lives to be redeemed and yet cannot enter the door! Let us join hands together, relying on our Almighty God and His might to increase our strength to bring this Gospel of Good News to them. People need the Lord. Those without Him wander in this world, without hope and no meaning in their lives. Our hope is to go and share the Gospel with each and every one in the world and invite them to know Jesus so that they may also enjoy His joy. We welcome you to join our short-term team in 2014. You can read about the reports by short-term teams, long-term opportunities, as well as more updates on CIM on our website <cimusa.org>. We hope you all would continue to support us fervently.

Now allow us to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! We await a new year filled with wonders, hope, and joy!

### ☆HOMEFRONT

[South Africa] After Rev. Wu finished his serving at the Yung He Church in Taiwan, he underwent operation to remove his gall bladders on Dec 26, lasting more than 3 hours. Thank the Lord that everything went smoothly. However, during the procedure, doctors discovered his liver already showed signs of hardening and suggested that he receive liver interferon treatments immediately. They also found out that his atrial fibrillation and arrhythmia, or irregular heartbeat, easily causing blood clots, and suggested him to seek consultation and treatment from a cardiologist. Afterwards, blood tests showed the index for his liver infection is still high and the doctors urged him to make a decision soon and seek treatment. Now he needs to have a treatment plan and arrange to stay in Taiwan for six months and up to a year to receive treatment. Rev. Wu now plans to return to South Africa on Jan 9 to put all things in order and then returns to Taiwan for treatment. We ask that you will intercede for Rev. Wu's recovery and to remember Mrs. Wu and their school-age children. Even more, ask that the Lord will bring suitable people to shepherd the churches in South Africa during this time.

Because of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Yung He Church in Taiwan, they would not be able to organize a short-term team to run the youth (for ages 13 to 22) camp in South Africa, to be held July 7-12 next year, as before. Please ask that the Lord will raise up other churches that are willing to organize short-term teams to go and lead and support all kinds of ministry needs.

### ☆PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Rev. Wu was invited as the keynote speaker at the Christmas evangelistic meeting held by the Yung He

Church in Taipei. May God use this gathering to bring more people to eternal salvation.

2. Please pray for Rev. Wu's health. Pray also for healing of Mrs. Wu's serious allergies, with non-stop sneezing and skin rashes.
3. Please pray for the training of the coworkers of the PECCC, the Pretoria Church, and the Rustenburg Church.
4. Continue to pray that the Lord will equip Alex Ko and his family in Taiwan.
5. Rustenburg Chinese Church has been established. Please pray that the five co-workers' spiritual lives will be renewed and be a good model for the local believers.
6. The Happy Kids and the Happy Teens ministries are having their three-week summer holidays (southern hemisphere). Ask the Lord to bless the teachers as well as the coworkers with sufficient rest so that they may renew their strength and excel for Kingdom's sake.
7. Ask that the Lord of harvest to send workers to reap the harvest in the fields of South Africa and Brazil.
8. Public safety in South Africa has been getting worse. Pray earnestly that God will watch over all Chinese there.
9. Pray for the expansion of the Village School Ministry (VSM) in Ghana and that He will raise up short-term teams to help with the ministry.
10. Ask that the Lord will raise up French-speaking coworkers from Canada to join the various ministries in Togo.
11. Pray for the organizing and planning of next year's short-term mission teams.
12. Pray to the Lord to grant abundant providence to CIM's financial needs in the coming year.
13. Ask the Lord to raise up coworkers for CIM.
14. Pray for Mrs. Pi's eyes and that she will have good health.

### ☆FINANCIAL REPORT November 2013

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$6,381	\$5,338	\$1,043
Missions	\$4,347	\$3,688	\$659
Total	\$10,728	\$9,026	\$1,702

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