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Call to be CIM's Missionaries to the World

God crowns the year with His bounty and abundance! As we welcome a new year, let us plan new beginnings together and receive His grace in Christ Jesus!

As before, God has given the opportunity to serve Him in different countries this past year. Through this monthly newsletter, we hope to share the needs to our supporters of leading others to Him as commanded in the Great Commission. We sincerely hope you can continue to actively join in missions, allowing God's grace to come upon you and enable you to live an even more wonderful and abundant life! As the Father told the Son in John 12:28, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

Many of us are familiar with the Great Commandment discussed in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." We are all waiting for the Lord's return and those days will be far better than they are now. But that will only come at the end of the world. Do we want the Lord to return earlier? Then we have to do our part to spread the Gospel. With the day the number of saved in sight, He will surely return soon. As it says in Roman 10:14, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" now let us personally carry it out. We earnestly invite you brothers and sisters to be our Gospel partners, heading out hand-in-hand to spread Christ's love. Are you willing? You will surely be doubly blessed!

We only need to have faith to join in the front-lines ministry, doing our best to bring this Good News to our kinsman far and near, allowing them to have the hope for



eternal life. In Exodus 23:20 it says, "See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared" So let us remind and

encourage each other. We all know that to do God's work has never been an easy task. We are afraid of being faced with difficulties and dangers. But His grace is indeed sufficient for us. In this vast harvest a spark can ignite the whole plain. May the Lord open the doors and raise up more people to join in the worldwide missions endeavor. Then the Lord's return will surely come soon.

Below are several major needs in the fields CIM has in the coming year:

- A strategy targeting churches that do not yet have full-time pastors. For churches that lack local ministers who are willing to commit full-time, the approach is to train lay people to lead brothers and sisters—actively plan how to train local coworkers and systematically provide discipleship, training in order to strengthen their foundational beliefs, guide them in basic church administration, and provide Bible study resource materials. The focus would be on equipping believers to learn how to read the Bible, participate in mission work, encourage brothers and sisters to enroll in seminaries and become pastors, and to go forward with church planting as a goal.

Alex and Nicole Ko are a perfect example. Under the training and encouragement of Rev. Douglas Wu in South Africa, Alex enrolled in a seminary in Taiwan in 2013. We hope more brothers and sisters are willing to boldly answer God's call and respond to His love in committing to be full-time missionaries.

- Development of ministry to the younger generation, using youth activities as the open door. The goal is to maximize the advantages young people have in terms of contact with local and foreign cultures. We would aim to use the new generation who can communicate in the local language as a base to continue the task of the Great Commission, striving forward, mindful of God's will, and be used by God to serve this generation. May God raise up more young people to have a burden for missions.

Believers nowadays, especially those who are in North America, have an advantage in terms of resources and opportunities more than ever before. We should use this advantage fully for the propagation of the Gospel. Queen Esther was reminded by her uncle Mordecai in Esther 4:14 that, "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" God's plan is for every believer to personally share the Gospel, not only waiting for others to take up the task. It is a commandment. Woe to those who do not obey! With the day of the Lord's return approaching, the opportunity for us to serve will one day cease to exist. On the day God has chosen, Jesus will be coming with the clouds and returning with a mighty force. And on that day, will I be ready? Will you be ready?

May the Lord's mercy, kindness, and peace be with us this upcoming year. Are you willing to respond to God's challenge: "Whom shall I send?" "Who's willing to go?"

We need more brothers and sisters to be Chinese missionaries committed to the mission task force! Please consider joining us as we do this most important work, as we need you, our partners in Christ, to share the gospel with others with generosity and abandon.



2015 STM TRIPS PROMOTION

Brazil
July 09 - Jul 24
July 16- August 02

South Africa
July 10-17
Dec 30- Jan 11, 2016

Ghana and Togo

Until the Ebola virus is under control, the dates for these STM trips will be announced accordingly.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Pray for Rev. Wu's complete healing. Pray also for supernatural strength for him and Whitney in their ministries.
2. Pray for New Light Christian Church of Chicago's STM trip to SA in December, for good rapport among the team members, good health, and safe journey.
3. Pray for South Africa's newly published immigration bill. Ask for the Lord for His righteousness and mercy, minimizing the effect of this on the Chinese immigrants there.
4. Please intercede for the resubmission of Pretoria Chinese Church registration process.
5. There is urgent and immediate need in the mission fields among the Chinese in South Africa and Brazil.
6. Ask the Lord to grant rest to the teachers and students at Happy Kids and Happy Teens ministries.
7. Ask that the Lord will open the way for the teachers at Happy Teens to be able to assist the students to successfully pass the school entrance exams in Brazil.
8. Intercede for the brothers and sisters at the church in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, to put their dedication for Bible study and other ministries into practice.
9. Pray for the brothers and sisters in Salvador, Brazil, to take more opportunity to read the Bible and to learn how to seek the Lord.
10. Rev. Lucio of the church in Belo has agreed to serve there. Ask the Lord to grant favor to the brothers and sisters there that they may have a heart to learn and to know Him more.

- 11. Please pray for the church in Belo Horizonte for their hope to expand through cell groups. Also ask that the extension of their ministries will be according to God's will.
12. Ask the Lord to raise up French-speaking coworkers to join in the ministries in Togo.
13. Please intercede for the villages that have been affected by the Ebola virus and for our coworkers in Ghana, asking for wisdom, love, and strength that can only come from Christ.
14. Ask the Lord to abundantly provide the financial needs of CIM's various departments.
15. Mrs. Christine Pi's had just received laser treatment on her right eye. 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.
16. Mrs. Pi has been invited to speak at a special workshop at the CMC (Chinese Missions Convention) West Coast 2014 conference December 31 to January 3. Ask that the Lord will use her as a channel of movement so to enable her to clearly and simply share with the attendees of what she receives from Him. CIM's board members will also participate in hosting a booth, hoping to share with all our ministries. Your prayers are greatly coveted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Nov 2014

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Year-to-Date (as of Nov, 2014)

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