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## Count the blessings

Thanksgiving is the best time to give thanks to God and to count our blessings.

CIM celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the same time and we have to offer special thanks to God because He broke ground with different ministries in different fields.

### South Africa

Twenty years ago, CIM established the Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church (PECCC) in Pretoria, the capital of South Africa. God has unceasingly allowed us to send missionaries to herd His sheep.

This year during the time of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we also saw the second generation

entering the ranks of missionary service.

During the past 20 years, PECCC experienced many difficulties: the late Rev. Clarence Pi's sudden passing; Pastor Chi Liu's leaving the field and returning to the U.S. due to serious illness; Rev. Douglas Wu's returning to Taiwan for treatment of his severe Hepatitis condition etc. God did not forget them. Through the mountains and valleys, He added to them strength and opened their vision, allowing them to focus their attention on the new community, pioneered blue-collar Gospel ministry, and later on established the Fu-

Qing Bible study group and church. There is plan to search for new opportunities in Johannesburg next year, forging forward a new milestone. There is also the hope to go from serving the Chinese as the foundation and step out to pursue cross-cultural ministries to serve the South Africans.

The newly arrived missionary, Alex Ko, is the son of Samuel Ko, one of PECCC's very first group of deacons, was called and moved to choose this new

and teach the local brothers and sisters, even able to share the Gospel with those who have never heard it before. God is faithful. In the past years of continuous equipping and training, they are willing to learn and be obedient to serve each other. Thank God that this year CIM further worked together with the Truth Theological Seminary (Truth Institute) to conduct systematic training and equip them to be future leaders of their church. God does not forget His people. His sights are set in all



blessing. After graduated from seminary this year, he joined CIM and was immediately sent to serve at the PECCC. We can only marvel at God's amazing deed, which far exceeds what we can plan for. Yesteryear's planning and today's accomplishment led us to all thank God again and again.

### Brazil

We thank God that CIM had sent STM teams to serve the ten churches where most Chinese diasporas gather in the top ten provincial capitals of Brazil. None of these churches was led by a pastor or cared for by a shepherd. CIM's STM teams had the opportunity to encourage, support, nurture

the land. At the end of October, Rev. Andrew Ho, president of the Truth Theological Seminary, took time from his busy schedule to teach a class in Belo Horizonte, opening a new page in the ministry there.

The Happy Kids and Happy Teens Ministries of Sao Paulo finished their school year, celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and held a teachers retreat, invited and led by Rev. Andrew Ho, the Vice Chair of CIM's Board. A total of 30 teachers and coworkers participated. Leaving behind the hustle and bustle of the city, took an hour's drive and came to a beautiful farm, to

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank the Lord that the visa to the U.S. for Rev. Douglas Wu has been approved. Please pray for the arrangement of his trip next year to share His grace and the ministries in South Africa to their supporters.
2. Pray for Alex and Nicole Ko as they already began serving at the Pretoria church and that through new opportunities and various channels to invite new friends to come to church gatherings.
3. Ask the Lord to help brothers and sisters in South Africa to be able to lean on Him in this environment of political and civil instability.
4. The law and order in Brazil has fallen into chaos. Pray for the Chinese living there who do not feel any sense of sanctuary in their properties or personal safety.
5. Lift up the monthly youth fellowship of the Happy Teens in Sao Paulo, especially for Su-Yuan, the teacher in charge of the gathering, so that they can know God more.
6. Ask God to lead the brothers and sisters in the Salvador church to love the Lord and each other, and to willingly complement each other's ministry.
7. Pray for the brothers and sisters at the church in Recife that they are willing to come together and study the Bible, and that they understand to persevere and not stop gathering.
8. Continue to pray for the coworkers at the Belo Horizonte church that the Lord will lead the body in Christ to use their different gifts and support each other, learn to complement each other and serve Him with confidence.
9. Intercede for the brothers and sisters of the Brasilia church that they are willing to learn how to share the Gospel together.
10. Pray for the elders and coworkers at the church in Porto Alegre that they will complement their serving together. Ask God to guard and strength their hearts.
11. Please pray for the various ministries in Ghana and Togo of West Africa. Ask God to raise up more brothers and sisters to join in these cross-cultural STM trips to share the gospel with the West Africans.
12. Pray for anesthesia equipment needed at the hospital in Kpandai, Ghana. Ask God to provide sufficient funding for the purchase.
13. This generation is full of unrest. Ask God to bless us with peace in Christ, to be His faithful stewards.
14. Ask God to continue His blessings on CIM in opening up more ministry fields in the future and preparing more new coworkers to join in the serving.
15. Please intercede for the preparing, planning, arranging, and connecting of STM trips to Brazil, South Africa, and West Africa next year.
16. For CIM's financial needs in all ministries, asking God to provide abundantly.

listen to God's words. Rev. Ho shared, "The Mission Entrusted to the Teachers by God at this End Time": To serve as a believer / teacher in this unparalleled era, exerting the duties of a believer/teacher in this end time so that lives can affect lives and lives can deliver lives of the next generation. To be one with influence has to be strong and courageous, with confidence and not discouraged in serving, take joy in doing good, knowing that the Lord is always with you and He will lead you every step of your life! To live as one who can bear witness and live out a life that is different, let us all march forward together. Just like rowing a boat, everyone has his position and needs to push forth together united with the same rhythm. Seize the faith, seize the virtue, seize the perseverance, do not be discouraged, do not be downcast, and reap the

harvest when the time comes.

### West Africa

CIM Canada continues to partner with the local churches in Ghana and Togo in cross-cultural ministries, building up the believers in Kpandai, Ghana, and equipping the ministers of the local churches. Next year, CIM Canada will even explore new ministries to share the Gospel with the Roma people in Ukraine. Please join us in asking God to open doors and arrange divine opportunities to share His work.

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### FINANCIAL REPORT

|                 | Income    | Expense   | Balance  |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| <b>General</b>  | \$95,066  | \$64,540  | \$30,526 |
| <b>Missions</b> | \$125,043 | \$72,011  | \$53,032 |
| <b>Total</b>    | \$220,109 | \$136,551 | \$83,558 |

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