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## Reflections on Retreat in July—Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Ester Lin

Peace in the Lord.  
Time passed by really fast.  
This year marked the fifth year



a Short Term Mission team was sent from the U.S. Praise be to God that we finally succeeded in sponsoring the retreat that we had hoped to organize for a



long time. Since this was the first time, we had no experience how to run an event like this. However, it gave the coworkers an opportunity to work together while serving in various ministries. Even though there were not many venues that were suitable to hold the retreat, everyone was able to maintain a joyful heart

in the process. After a location was secured, brothers and sisters all went to get acquainted with the surroundings and singing hymns to praise the Lord for preparing such a wonderful place for us. Our church invited many Chinese

is part of the Belo Horizonte church.

I believe that next year's retreat will benefit much from what we learned this year, and allow the church to grow as well. We want to thank God who worked through Mrs. Pi for working tirelessly for five years in bringing STM teams to help us to "have the beautiful feet to share the good news!" May God bless you all abundantly.



friends who had never before participated in a worship service, allowing them to have an

opportunity to get to know and get in touch with our church and our members. Rev. Andrew Ho was wonderful in sharing with everyone how to read the Bible and its verses, as well as how to draw close to God during the three days of retreat.

P.S. Our choir has already begun practices and we celebrated at a Pizza place. We performed a song on Father's Day in August, and we sang two songs at church worship service in September and October.

A special thanks to Rev. Ho for encouraging us to establish a choir. We hope to formally launch a youth choir that



## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that the brothers and sisters of the various churches in South Africa will cultivate a habit of studying the Bible and grow in the Word of God.
2. Continue to pray for the year-end retreat that God will bless all logistics. Pray also for the journey of the STM team arriving to host the retreat.
3. Bible classes have restarted on Friday evenings at the Pretoria Church. May the Lord strengthen and allow the participants to cherish the opportunity of learning God's Word together.
4. Continue to pray for the physical as well as spiritual health of Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Wu.
5. Please intercede for all the Chinese churches in South Africa, that believers will fellowship together, with one accord in the Gospel and raise up more coworkers to serve.
6. Pray for this last year of studies at the seminary for Alex and Nicole to go well and for God to lead them and guide them.
7. Pray for the teachers from the Happy Kids and Happy Teens ministries that they will lead their students to realize that Christ is most precious from an early age and allow them to be molded academically and spiritually.
8. Pray for those who made their commitment to Christ and those who had been baptized during the last STM visits. May God strengthen and guard them to meet regularly, and allow their spiritual lives to mature.
9. Pray for the Belo Horizonte church as they are in the process of submitting an application with the government for registration as a religious entity. Also ask God to prepare a new gathering venue in a convenient location.
10. Ask the Lord to lead the brothers and sisters at the Salvador church to grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually, to love the Lord and each other, and to willingly complement each other's ministries.
11. Ask God to raise up believers in the Porto Alegre church to willingly serve, preparing their hearts to share the Gospel. Ask that God will allow them to grow in their faith and build fellowship in their hearts and minds, serving and caring for one another.
12. Pray for the political, civil, and financial situations in South Africa and Brazil, allowing the believers to live a peaceful life, earn a living, and to serve the Lord.
13. Pray for the Executive Director of CIM Canada, Rev. Isaac Quan. Ask God to strengthen him to share through Short Term Missions reaching the local people of West Africa.
14. Pray for the various ministries in Ghana and Togo of West Africa. Ask the Lord to raise up more brothers and sisters to join in STM trips and support the ministry.
15. In the past year CIM is thankful that God has granted many blessings, big and small. Pray that through the STM teams, churches may be revived and congregations of the churches raised up and equipped into maturity.
16. Pray for the discipleship training CIM is planning at the Belo Horizonte Church in February of 2017. The goal is to build up believers to be disciples of the Lord; equipping them to become the coworkers of the church; and serving the church to thrive. Ask the Lord to prepare their hearts.
17. Ask God to bless coworkers on the home front with wisdom; that they will offer their best to accomplish what God has bestowed upon them.

### South Africa news

The annual family camp will be held from 31 December to 2 January. A STM team from the Living Hope Community Church will be coming to help this year. Hopefully this year's camp will allow the three churches to all work together to share the Gospel and to stir up the fire of the Gospel. Please intercede for the STM members who are to lead adults, youth, and children programs. Also pray for the funding of the camp. As the economy in South Africa continues to worsen, it is very costly for a family of four to come to the camp. The STM team is due to arrive Johannesburg on 24 December, who will then participate in that evening's worship service at PFECCC. Then there is the Sunday worship at PECCC on the next day, the 25<sup>th</sup>. The team will continue onto Rustenburg that afternoon for RECCC's evening worship and stay there for two nights before returning to Pretoria. Please intercede for the team and ask the Holy Spirit to stir in each church, bestowing the work of the revival.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2016

	Income	Expense	Balance
<b>General</b>	\$7,790	\$4,450	\$3,336
<b>Missions</b>	\$6,652	\$3,355	\$3,297
<b>Total</b>	\$14,442	\$7,808	\$6,633

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