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SOUTH AFRICA

The student ministry officially began at the University of Pretoria last April. They will need to reapply this year so pray that the Lord will guide the process. Sharon, Rev. Wu's eldest daughter, was elected to be the chair of the fellowship for this year. We pray that Rev. Wu may counsel the members of this fellowship, that they will root their faith on a firm foundation. Pray that Sharon will serve with a fervent heart and have wisdom and in leading the youth, and that more and more can come to hear of the Gospel!

We have already seen doors open to the Gospel for the Chinese nationals in South Africa in 2012. Last year, several mission agencies went to explore ministries possibilities among the Chinese. CIM has served there for the passed fifteen years and now God has finally opened the door for more mission agencies to work cooperatively in expanding the gospel ministries to the Chinese. He has shown us that we are not alone. Thanks and praise to the Lord! We also hope to partner with these agencies as the body of Christ so that the gospel work may flourish in South Africa.

Praise the Lord that Alex, Charles and Alan had finished the eight-month discipleship training from Rev. Wu and have started serving. There are brothers from the Pretoria Foo-Chin and Rustenburg Fu-Qing fellowships willing to be trained to lead the gatherings. Ask the Lord to prepare their hearts and to humble their service.

BRAZIL

[CIM's Board Member Elder Ying Chang] Praise the Lord for the opportunity to travel with our Executive Director, Mrs. Christine Pi, to visit Chinese churches in six cities. We were warmly welcomed by the body of Christ and saw the needs of the ministry field. The first five churches we visited, with the exception of the one in Manaus that is shepherded by Pastor Tsai, were all in desperate need of a full-time minister.



The Brazilians are very optimistic and cheerful. The mild climate allows the vegetation to flourish and the land rich in harvest. Many overseas Chinese are proud of the accomplishments they made after moving there some thirty, forty years ago. In recent years, the country's economy has exploded, attracting even more Chinese to go there to set up businesses. Brazil is indeed a very large Gospel field for harvest.

Brasilia, the capitol of Brazil, is a beautiful and orderly city. In the last ten years, the faith and love from

the Tsai sisters and sister Yan, have led many newcomers to Christ, building an abundant church and fellowship environment. For many years, they earnestly asked God to send a full-time pastor to be their shepherd. A Brazilian pastor challenged them that perhaps it is God's will to call a servant leader from among them. Praise the Lord that the two sisters and one of their husbands answered this call and have enrolled in the Brazil seminary. Let us pray that they can finish this equipping in the midst of busy lives.

Manaus is a city located in the area of the Amazon River. It is a beautiful city filled with nature and many historical artifacts. The Chinese church regularly sends out a coworker team to visit the Chinese-owned shops and distribute tracts. Every Saturday night they have a choir practice as well as dinner to allow time for fellowship. On Sundays, all the stores are closed and the streets are empty except restaurants. Even though Catholicism is the main religion in Brazil, many people there are followers of the Lord. Pray that more Chinese business owners will be willing to go to church and receive the Good News.



Recife and Fortaleza are beautiful cities along the Pacific Coast. Belo Horizonte is the third largest city in Brazil. The coworkers from the Chinese churches in these three cities all

work together to minister. Please pray for a full-time minister for them.

The last stop for this trip was to visit CIM's Happy Teens and Happy Kids ministries in Sao Paulo. We saw principal Yeh Dan and teacher Hsu leading those lovely and well-mannered young people, prompting us to give thanks! I also had the honor of attending the free clinic ministry led by Pastor Loo. There were about seven or eight doctors, including those who practice orthopedics, internal medicine, dentistry, and Chinese medicine. Among them were Chinese, Brazilians, Japanese, and Koreans. Some of them were retired and some had only been practicing for three years. I witnessed the body of Christ, regardless of our race, our age, our profession,



working together for the good of the Gospel.

I believe God must be listening to the prayers of the brothers and sisters in Brazil and He will surely send His faithful servants, no matter the method, to serve among them for the long haul.



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WEST AFRICA—GHANA

[CIM Canada] There will be a STM team heading to serve in Ghana from March 12 to 29. A total of six will be



visiting the village schools and planning for future expansion of ministries there. Pray for their safety and success in obtaining pertinent information for future ministry opportunities.

HOMEFRONT

CIM is actively recruiting full-time missionaries as well as new short-termers for 2012. Pray that the Lord will call suitable workers to participate. We also hope that you will respond to this calling and not quench the Holy Spirit's moving.

STM Team Recruitment Notice for 2012

Locations: Brazil, South Africa
Time: end of July, early August 2012—dates to be determined
Ministries: personal evangelization, medical missions, leadership equipping, collegiate evangelization ministry, visitation, cross-cultural mission ministry, church-planting ministry.

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PRAYER ITEMS

- 1. Thank the Lord that the Friday night bible studies and Saturday Pretoria Fu-Qing Fellowship have successfully moved to the Brooklyn Reformed Church. Ask that the Lord will bring more brothers and sisters to come together and learn of His word.
2. Pray for Rev. Wu's entire family, especially the children's studies. Pray for the increase need of funds as the tuition increases (approx. US\$4,000 for Clarence and US\$2,700 for Helen), and also for the children that they are convicted to witness for Christ, to know grace, and to be thankful for grace.
3. Continue to pray for Rev. Wu's rash to be completely healed, for him to seek God's will on whether to return to Taiwan to seek treatment and to have rest.

- 4. Pray for the safety of the brothers and sisters as well as the Chinese living in South Africa in the midst of turbulent times.
5. That the Lord will send more missionaries to reap the harvest in South Africa and Brazil; also for the Lord to raise up more coworkers to work with CIM staff to serve together to expand God's kingdom.
6. That the ministry in Ghana and Togo will be expanded.
7. Praise the Lord that CIM's Executive Director Mrs. Pi and Elder Ying Chang have arrived home safely. They were able to get to know the coworkers of various churches in Brazil in the hope that there will be cooperative ministry opportunities in the future.
8. Praise the Lord that the renovation of the leaking rooftop and other repairs at the Happy Kids in Brazil has been successfully completed. God provided all the necessary funding, and close to 200 students will be able to enjoy the comfortable facility in the new semester.
9. CIM is actively recruiting missionaries and new members for STM teams for 2012. Ask that the Lord will bring suitable coworkers to participate.
10. Also pray for the Executive Director, Mrs. Pi, as she coordinates all the ministries for the coming year.
11. For the financial needs of CIM.
12. Continue to pray for the complete recovery of Mrs. Pi's eye.

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If you have a burden for CIM ministries, you may send in a check payable to CIM and mail to: P. O. Box 700185, San Jose, CA 95170-0185, USA. Thank you!

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