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SOUTH AFRICA

Rev. Wu arrived in Taipei and started receiving his interferon shots. There are a total of 24 treatments. His doctor told him of these three possible scenarios:

1. His body cannot tolerate the treatment and the injections have to be discontinued.
2. After 24 weeks if the treatment does not seem to be killing the virus, reassessments will be made to possibly continue injections for up to a year or more.
3. The treatment successfully kills the virus after 24 weeks. No additional shots are necessary. Only follow-ups needed to detect any possible recurrence.

The drug has begun to take effect. His joints started to ache in the first two days. Then rashes returned with a vengeance, itching all over. He needs to take Robatrol twice after each meal, he was able to sleep two to three hours at a time. But then he would awake to much discomfort and that makes him squint at the thought of medicine. He does not even have much strength to talk, and at times will shiver and/or sweat in his hands and feet. For now, Rev. Wu goes and get his interferon shots and Robatrol every Monday at 1:30pm. We hope everyone will intercede for Rev. Wu, asking the Lord to mercy on him to allow his body to sustain all the treatment and all the extreme discomfort and challenges that ensue.

All the ministries at the churches have to be adjusted. Rev. Wu's discipleship training class and family counseling sessions have to temporarily stop. Sunday worships at Pretoria Church, Fu-Ching Church, and Rustenburg church are being lead by Whitney. She also continues to do visitation to support the families there. Praise the Lord that some brothers and sisters have stepped up to lead the Bible study classes in the Fu-Ching Church and the Rustenburg Church, requiring Whitney to only have to lead the Friday night's class. Sister Chrisna, continues to lead the Friday night's English class.

Due to the recent weak economy, some of the Fu-Ching brothers and sisters have taken the advantage of this slow season to return to China and visit family or for medical treatment. As such, the number of people attending these church gatherings has decreased accordingly. Even though Deacon Lin had to go back to China for his physical and the Tuesday Bible study class held at his house has to temporarily stop. But the body of Christ works together in all things, beginning with the training of brother Chen to lead the Bible study class on the west side of Pretoria in January. We thank God for His provision since this also



lessened Whitney's load. Two coworkers from the Rustenburg Church have also started leading Bible study classes, requiring Whitney to only have to lead the two Sunday night's worship there. We give thanks for all these timely support and praise Him more for His faithfulness! During this time when we have yet to find coworkers to provide support in South Africa, God has already raised up local coworkers to begin serving together. We also saw God's wondrous plan to plant the desire for Whitney to attend seminary and to finish her equipping March of last year, thereby enabling her to fill in the gap in leading these churches in Rev. Wu's absence. We ask the Lord to multiply Whitney's strength, ability, and wisdom, becoming a blessing to all her fellow believers! We also ask that the Lord will send the suitable pastoral coworker(s) to South Africa in His time!

We earnestly ask you to pray with us that the congregation will not feel lonely in Rev. Wu's absence. God will care for His sheep and He will send good shepherds willing to support and look after the churches He has established!

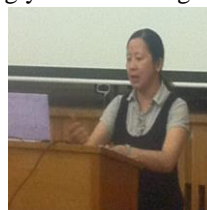
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BRAZIL

A new school semester began on Feb 10, since it's the government regulation that there will be a month-long break in July. The second semester usually begins early August and last till early December, to be followed by the summer break and Christmas holidays. However, this year is rather unique. Because Brazil will be hosting the World Cup soccer games, the government stipulated that all public schools will have their winter break (June 12 to Jul 13). Most likley this year's second semester's schedule will be changed as well.

Our STM teams are usually scheduled in July to take advantage of school holidays. Because of the World Cup taking place in Brazil this year, protests and riots started since last year. According to the Feb 25th news report, protestors shouting the slogan "No World Cup" could seriously disrupt the games. There are already protests planned in the 12 cities that are slated to host the games. We have not been able to decide on an actual time for this year's STM trip, mainly because we are trying to avoid being stuck in the commotion and chaos during the games. In addition, the presidential election is this year and the current incumbent, President Dilma Rousseff, is seeking a second four-year term. But because of the recent weakening of its economy, inflation is on the rise and people's grievances are boiling over. There are demonstrations taking place everywhere, adding to the chaotic state of everything. Please pray for God to let us know when is the best time to send a STM team there to do His work.

This new school year brought more and more students at Happy Kids and the Happy Teens. A group of children, around the age of ten, just arrived from China and has descended upon Happy Kids. They do not know any Portuguese. We praise the Lord's providence for bringing new and qualified teachers. There is also a need for more math and science teachers at Happy Teens. Please ask God to prepare even more suitable





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teachers. Also because of the less-than-safe environment, the Friday fellowship gatherings are starting earlier, allowing them to also return home earlier. We rejoice in those who have been accepted into universities but at the same time sympathize with those who had to drop out of school due to family situations! We hope that those parents can cast their sights far, have more patience, and are willing to nurture their children's future. We ask the Lord to comfort these youth and their families, to grant them courage and to lead them on the road they ought to travel.

Last year's youth retreat left many good memories. This year's plan is to hold it at Happy Teens, rather than rent an outside venue. Please ask that the Lord will send suitable coworkers to participate in this year's STM ministry.



The believers in Belo Horizonte hope CIM will be able to again send a STM team to help. They also ask that we could bring English Bibles, if possible, allowing the youth to learn Bible study in English. Seeing how diligent they were last year when our team used English, with Portuguese translation, to specially arrange a training curriculum, allowing them to participate more actively. This year they wait for us even more eagerly to lead them. May the Lord bring success!

GHANA

Rev. Philip Leung, Rev. Isaac Quan and members of the CIM Canada Board finished a whirlwind visit to Ghana. When they arrived at their first stop, Kpandai, 19 coworkers greeted them. There is a month-long church planting class held there, where Rev. Leung and Rev. Quan had taught Bible school. Now they were able to see these students again and it brought back sweet memories. Since 2006, when the first students graduated, a total of 91 churches and gathering places have been planted. General Overseer Rev. Gbande reported that if not for the cooperative effort of CIM Canada helping with training the students at the Bible school and church-planting ministry, it would have been difficult for this to emerge.

Before the end of the trip, they visited one of the newest church plant sites. It was situated on a rugged road approximately an hour or so by car, a small town near Kintampo, a most remote area on the western inland of Ghana. This new church is the result of last year's STM team. When the team visited this area and shared the Gospel with the villagers around there. After they left, the local moved in right away and planted three churches, each with about twenty people. They then started Sunday worship gatherings until now.

When they arrived at Zabrama village, more than 30 were waiting for our coworkers. With two echelons of coworkers visiting them in half a year, they were left with a deep

impression and much encouragement. Our coworkers also shared that they will continue to work alongside them assiduously to share the Gospel. Islam had tried to spread in this area but to no avail. On the contrary, people are most open to the Christian belief. Rev. Assase said this field is ripe and need more coworkers to join in to reap the harvest. Are you willing to be a part of this ministry?

★PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Ask God to raise up servants willing to support Rev. Wu's various ministry as well as to watch over Whitney and their children in South Africa during his absence. Also intercede for the supply of an estimated \$30,000 needed for all expenses and to grant full recovery to Rev. Wu.
2. For a smooth process for the Pretoria Church Youth Fellowship heading to Taiwan to serve in July.
3. It has been six months since the Pretoria Chinese Church filed for registration and now they have to reapply. Pray for a speedy passage.
4. For brother Alex Ko and wife's equipping in Taiwan.
5. The civil order in South Africa has worsened further with the upcoming presidential election. Ask the Lord to keep everyone safe and prosper during endless riots and strikes.
6. The Happy Kids and Happy Teens ministries have started their new school year. Please pray that the old and the new teachers will serve with one heart.
7. For the brothers and sisters of the church in Belo Horizonte, Brasilia and Curitiba to have a heart to pursue the Truth and to be shepherded sufficiently.
8. For the advance of Village School Ministry in Ghana. Ask the Lord to call forth STM teams to join in.
9. Ask the Lord to raise up French-speaking coworkers in Canada to join in the ministries in Togo.
10. For the financial needs in all areas of CIM.
11. For Mrs. Pi's eyes, body, to be completely healed.

★FINANCIAL REPORT: January 2014

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$3,642	\$4,872	-\$1,230
Missions	\$4,751	\$8,671	-\$3,920
Total	\$8,393	\$13,543	-\$5,150

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