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New Year New Hope

their side.

We Chinese privileged to have two New Years celebration. We just welcomed the year 2017 not too long ago and now the Chinese New Year is here too. As you know, Chinese New Year is very important to us Chinese, a time to gather together as a family to celebrate with each other, to share the happiness of new hope and new plans. May God's grace be upon each one of us as we receive the blessings from God from the beginning of the year to the end.

Indeed we have new hope. Because of your continuous support, our ministries have flourished and we see God answering prayers. We have been praying for new blood to join the South Africa team in proclaiming the gospel there. Through God's abundant provision, Alex and Nicole Ko are now preparing for their journey as missionaries to South Africa.

In Brazil too we are happy to see brothers and sisters gradually maturing in Christ. We are launching new training sessions to disciple them alongside with the short-term missions teams. It is our hope that we can open the Brazil field in the near future so that more Chinese missionaries will go out to harvest this field.

The Brazilian government has a decree where parents can become legal residents as long as their baby is born in Brazil. As a result there are a lot of young children at church, which leads to many challenges under these circumstances. They have a great need for people to help them develop tools of how to be good husbands and wives and parents. It is true that they live far away so how can we help? Well, we can pray for them and do as much as we can to train the leaders of the church so that they in turn can help the rest of the congregation. Each church has their own distinct culture the setup of congregation is unique among churches we served in the past years. God has given CIM the opportunities to share the good news at these different churches, and we have asked the Lord to provide wisdom to cater to their different needs. We have so little man power that each time we can at most serve four churches every year, as a result a few churches are still on the waiting list. We pray earnestly that there will be more brothers and sisters who will be willing to take time off to share their blessings with those who are far away from our community. As the saying goes, "Whenever there is sunshine there are Chinese who shed their sweat. whenever there is moonlight there are Chinese who shed their tears." Our generation will soon be gone and we need to pass the baton and go onward. Now is the time we need to pass on our experience and blessings to equip them to be soldiers for the Lord as we lead the coming generation to face the future with confidence that God is on

Dear beloved brothers and sisters, would you consider this year to be a starting point for you to share the love of God so that they too will be able to know that people care about them even though they are far away. We, the Chinese in northern America, are blessed materially spiritually in every capacity, there is no comparison to them at all. There is an urgent need for us to invest in this next generation both in Brazil and South Africa, training and equipping them with the gospel while they are still reachable. Please consider coming to South Africa in July to conduct the youth camp. The students have their three weeks of winter break during this time, which is the best time to reach out to them, helping to shape their thinking into Christ-like thinking, helping them to choose the right path before the world leads them astray. Time is limited before they are gone to college or to work. If only we would give them the right mindset, direction, encouragement, they can have the to accept opportunity challenge and grow in the Lord in order to become pillars of the church in the future. Would you consider this as part of your new year's resolution - to become active partners in one of our ministries?

2017 CIM Brazil Short Term Mission Team (tentative schedule) Team I July 5 –19 Team II July 12 – 26

- We give thanks for the successful ending of the annual Gospel Camp led by the STM team from the Living Hope Community Church of Silicon Valley. Please pray for 7. the five seekers from the PFCCC for accepting Jesus into their hearts, hoping the Holy Spirit will touch them into believing Him as their Lord soon. Pray for God's mercy and strength that Rev. and Mrs. Wu will follow up with the 8. task of sharing the Gospel to them.
- Pray for the four brothers of the Young Adult group of PECCC who pledged their willingness to serve the church during the camp. Ask the Lord to grant wisdom to Douglas and Whitney to respond 9. to and lead them in the process.
- Alex and Nicole Ko are soon to finish their seminary training. Ask God to lead them and guide them and allowing their school work in this last semester to go smoothly. path for them to begin their partnership seeking journey.
- Pray that the brothers and sisters of the various churches in South Africa will cultivate their daily habit of studying the Bible and growth in God's Word.
- Continue to pray for the health of Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Wu. Ask God to bless them with abundant strength physically and spiritually.
- For the political environment,

PRAYER REQUESTS

turmoil in South Africa, allowing brothers and sisters to be able to live a safe and prosperous life and to serve the Lord without worries.

- Pray for the new semester of the Happy Kids and Happy Teens ministry in Sao Paulo that will begin on February 1. 13. Ask God to prepare the hearts of Bless the students with growth in their physical health and mental health and that more students will trust Jesus from an early age.
- Please pray for the brothers and sisters 14. in the Salvador church who have recently committed to Christ and willing to be baptized that God will protect and safeguard them and to lead them to be rooted in His words and to grow 15. We give thanks to the Lord for calling spiritually gradually.
- Pray especially for the coworkers training class to successful take place this April. Rev. Yoman Man, the chairperson of CIM Board, will head there to do the training. Pray for all the prep work that needs to take place in 16.
- Pray also that God will open a 10. Pray for the coworkers that have been installed at the church in Belo Horizonte a year ago. Ask God to add to their strength so that they may learn to 17. support and compliment each other in their serving and fill them with abundant faith to serve Him.
 - 11. The Porte Alegre church started hosting gatherings at the language school for those Chinese who work in downtown 18. area who have never been to any church activities. Please earnestly intercede for them.

- can send a STM team there to help train their believers in how to share the Gospel as well as to equip those new coworkers to have the right attitude to serve. Please pray for them.
- brothers and sisters to join in the STM to Brazil this July, so that the believers in various churches can be refined and be built up.
- Pray for the Executive Director of CIM Canada, Rev. Isaac Quan. Ask the Lord to add to him strength to share through short-term missions in the local people of West Africa.
- a STM team from Australia who is laboring with Rev. Quan and the local coworkers to share the Gospel in various places of Ghana. Please pray for their travel mercies and a safe and successful close to their ministries.
- Please 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.
- We give thanks to God for all His grace CIM experienced in the past year. With the STM teams, brothers and sisters at the local churches were being built up. Please pray for a revival for these churches.
- Ask God to bless coworkers on the home front with wisdom: that they will offer their best to accomplish what the Lord has bestowed upon us.
- public safety, and economic 12. The church in Brasilia is hoping CIM 19. Ask the Lord to provide abundantly regarding all areas of ministry.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2016

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$40,090	\$4,017	\$36,073
Missions	\$7,577	\$3,759	\$3,818
Total	\$47,667	\$7,776	\$39,891

January ~ December 2016

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$99,840	\$63,959	\$35,881
Missions	\$55,188	\$64,809	-\$9,621
Total	\$155,028	\$128,768	\$26,260

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