

**Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter “Flying to South Africa”** April 1, 2011

Currently there are more than 350,000 Chinese in South Africa. Even though there are approximately 22 universities in the entire country, <http://www.sacnet.com/>, no survey has been done on their Chinese students population, nor have they established any Chinese Christian fellowships, either! According to Douglas’ investigation, since the end of 2005, an average of 300 Chinese students enrolled in University of Pretoria (Tuks in short) each year. We are still waiting for the Lord’s guidance on registering Chinese Christian Student Society (**C2S2**) as a formal campus fellowship group.

The University requires at least 40 registered members (Correction from last week’s Pray Letter of 50 registered members) holding a meeting with minimal 2/3 members’ attendance, plus submitting a by-law. For the last 5 years, we were not able to reach the requirement because another Chinese student fellowship group, Chinese At TUKS, is also recruiting. This group is possibly supported by Fu Guang Shan Monastery and Tzu Chi (Buddhist) affiliations. But we trust God that He has His wonderful plan, that is: He prepared the children in our church for all these years, granted us His grace through prayer, and allowed us to experience His faithfulness in a deeper way.

The University suddenly raised her requirement of said registration to 60 members this year. This forced the students to pray even harder. None of them were experienced in recruitment, so they always started a day with prayer during the recruiting period. Both my wife and I were deeply touched by what we saw. In result, they recruited 83 Chinese students to join their fellowship. Hallelujah...

In the following, they need to conduct a meeting with minimal 2/3 or 50 members attending. The date was set on Tuesday night, April 5. If they have reached the quota, they would be able to complete the registration process on April 8. I shall report the outcome next month.

In retrospect, we came to realize that it was the Lord’s desire to equip and to build these children. The time has arrived for the Lord to send them to Tuks as Light and Salt. *Malachi 1:11 "For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure ; for My name will be great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts.* Whitney and I came before the Lord and sought His will earnestly in the midst of our heavy loads of work: Are we truly able to start another ministry on Tuks campus at this time? Back in 2005, when the two FuChing Fellowships have not come in existence, we were so eager to start the collegiate ministry! Now, at the verge of **C2S2**’s birth, we have such mixed feelings. Nevertheless, our hearts are filled with thankfulness for the following words from **II Corinthians 3:4-5** *“Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God.”* These words enabled us to face the challenge with ease! Since He is opening the door for Chinese students’ ministry, He will send His own worker to harvest the field.



Tuks' Student Center



Sister Star Yu is boosting the morale



Brother Alan Huang is encouraging them



Students are recruiting members with all their strength for making **C2S2** official at Tuks

South African government is working hard on improving her administrative efficiency in various departments. Reinforcement of public security was the most evident and was felt right away by the people. We were told that the new regulations bar the police from parking their police-cars inside the Police Station. Therefore, everywhere we go, we see police-cars patrol the City. Computer network is another project under construction. Announcement was made that starting from April 1, if a company fails to pay her taxes, the company is no longer allowed to operate. And if a company is disintegrated, her employees' work permits will not be valid! Banks are forced to network with the Revenue Service for auditing purposes. As for filing work permit extension and permanent residency, one must submit certified academic results notarized by Chinese Education Department then authenticated by the South African agency. The government enforced all these wonderful new laws within a month like an avalanche which made Douglas constantly on the run due to extra loads of social work. Noticing how motivated the Fuqing brothers and sisters were in notifying and assisting their relatives and friends to cope with the new laws, Douglas called out to the Lord: *If they would yearn after God's Word and share the Gospel in such fervency, they would receive the real peace from Heaven.*

After a year of prayer, Brothers Alex Ko, Alan Huang, and Charles Hsuan started to attend the "Characters of Lord's Servants" class Douglas has attended in Discipleship Training Center in Taiwan. The training officially starts this month. The students meet every Thursday and commit themselves till November. In the past, Douglas usually showed Course DVD to the students, followed by discussions. But this time, Douglas is trying to prepare and teach himself. As a result, he is greatly encouraged, and the brothers are more committed to the church.

Sister Ko is reopening a Beginner Chinese PinYin class. She was surprised that the Hercules, an OMF missionary couple, brought their children to learn Chinese phonetics. Andre, Star Yu's husband is also volunteering to teach children's English class. He was very conscientious in his preparation work, and the children love him.

There's another exciting event happened this month: the Director of SIM's

Chinese Ministry, Rev. Hsia, had invited Douglas to attend a special meeting in Johannesburg. They are preparing to start an African Chinese Christian Training Center. Their first class, "Growing Spiritually" will take place in August 5-7. The speaker will be the President of Methodist Theological Seminary in Malaysia, who received his doctoral degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. May the Lord rise the Yellow-skinned to serve Him on this Black continent.



Discipleship Training African Chinese Christian Training Center Summit FuChing Fellowship

II Corinthians 11:8 "I robbed other churches by taking wages from them to serve you" is our Thanksgiving and supplication for this month.....

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## THANKSGIVING

1. Thank God for Sister XingYue Zhang Ko reopening a Beginner PinYin class. May the Lord bless her ministry.
2. We thank the Lord for Brother Andre teaching Children's Sunday School. May the Lord bless his service.
3. We give thanks for smooth going of Alex Ko, Alan Huang, Charles Hsuan's discipleship training!
4. Pray and thank God for tougher crime control and better public safety enforced by the South African police department, so that we may live in peace.
5. Pray and thank God for South African Administration who continues to seek improvements and enhancement in system equipments and efficiency.

## SUPPLICATION

- 1、 Please pray for Japan after the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster. May the Lord comfort and heal the land, and lead the Japanese into repentance and trusting in Him. Pray also for the local missionaries especially former CIM missionary family, Rev. Calvin Lee and his family living in Tokyo. May the Lord grant them peace.
- 2、 Sister Zhu Zhuang just had a miscarriage. She had a molar pregnancy two years ago. We are asking the Lord to comfort her and heal her. May her heart and spirit be strengthened.
- 3、 Thank the Lord for answering our prayer by allowing more than 50 people to register at **C2S2** before April 8.
- 4、 Pray for Whitney and Sharon's final exam and major papers due at the end of university semester. May the Lord grant them wisdom and good sleep.
- 5、 Please pray for the Easter Evangelistic meeting on April 23. Minister Martha Lee from California will be our keynote speaker, speaking on the Second-coming of

- Christ. May the Lord bless the ministry and everything will go well.
- 6、 Pray for PECCC's Gospel camp at the end of June. Youth fellowship of Taipei Christian Yung He Church will come and lead us.
  - 7、 Pray continuously for South Africa's public safety, so that this may be a land of peace.
  - 8、 South Africa is in need of missionaries. May the Lord of harvest send His own labors.

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