

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter “Flying to South Africa” 01.May, 2011

In the evening of April 5th, Chinese Christian Student Society at University of Pretoria (TUKS) called for their first meeting on campus. Brother Alan Huang and I were invited to speak words of encouragement to them. Thirty-three university students came that day. Douglas and Whitney thank the Lord for what the student leaders have done for God. They were extremely motivated and full of thankfulness to the Lord, that’s why they were able to organize and arrange this rally only two months into school. We admire the younger generation from the bottom of our hearts. However, we felt very sorry for our oldest daughter, Sharon, that they did not fulfill university requirement to register their organization. When she came home from the meeting, her disappointment was evident. We did not know what to say to comfort her. We could only pray for them.

In the next morning, she said to me, “They” are going to call for another rally. They are determined to assemble enough people the second time. The only thing I could do was to remind her that there were only two days left! We didn’t want this to deter her from her academic studies. In the afternoon, she came back from school and told me: fellow-students informed her that only additional signatures were required to fulfill the requirements. When that was done, they could send the documents to the administration office, then everything should be OK. However, a church counselor told them: such behavior does not reflect actual attendance, which counts as dishonesty. (Obviously, the idea of re-calling another rally was not widely accepted)! We could only pray for her while facing such dilemma.

April 8th is the deadline for student organization registration. After school, Sharon came home without any sign of reluctance. Whitney could not help but asked, “How are you doing?” She responded quickly and naturally: I’m doing very well! Then she announced the following in utter calmness: The University has accepted the Student Society as an official campus organization.....@\$%&&!! Though Sharon was very good in hiding her excitement, we couldn’t contain our curiosity on what method did they use? She answered: We were clueless, so we prayed together. Then all of us were touched by the Spirit that we should fill out the applications in honesty. If the Lord permits, we’ll start. If not, we’ll try again next year. This was how we submit the applications in peace but awaited anxiously for the result. After the staff reviewed the applications of only 33 attended their initial gathering, he/she said, “Well done.”



Jenny Chen



Sharon Wu



Alen Huang

C2S2 successfully completed registration without fulfilling member number requirement

God is very gracious to us that He used us, young and unworthy brothers and sisters, to register the first Chinese student fellowship in the entire South Africa. In the mean time, we are loaded with more responsibilities to propagate the Gospel. May we and our children learn to seek the Lord in a deeper way, so that we'll walk in His will.

We thank the Lord for bringing Teacher Martha Lee to our midst for four sessions of evangelistic meetings. The attendance of each session exceeded our expectations. God's grace richly filled His church. Honestly speaking, ever since our first evangelistic effort in 2004 in South Africa, I sighed during every event for lack of brothers and sisters to counsel and follow through new converts. Of course, we are part of this short-coming and need to confess our sins to the Lord. At this point, we are still not able to implement "effective teaching and learning." Since we were not able to equip our brothers and sisters in advance, of course, all the follow-through work landed on our shoulders.

Nevertheless, God is gracious. He brought one of the suspects--who murdered Li Jia Bing's family of four and is still under prosecution--to the evangelistic meeting. Not only so, he discussed the Truth with Teacher Lee after the meeting. He also came the next day for Sunday worship. God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours! This man came all the way from Johannesburg to hear the Gospel. We pray that he will continue to join us at church.

One more amazing thing happened: in the past, we usually gave out Yuan Zhi Ming or Feng Bing Cheng's message CDs prior to inviting friends to evangelistic meetings. No one has ever asked for more CDs. For Teacher Lee's message CDs, Douglas has given them out back in 2007, so he did not prepare any more. However, after the evangelistic meetings, 10 people signed up and asked for Basic Doctrines, CDs recorded by Teacher Lee!

Teacher Martha Lee and Clarence Pi, founder of CIM, belong to the same mother church. In 2007, when Douglas and Whitney visited the U.S., she took us to his grave, and we commemorated him together. Teacher Martha is also an instructor at the seminary where I attended. Before she left Pretoria, she exhorted us to be faithful in serving the Lord.



Evangelistic meeting on Good Friday/ Combined evangelistic meeting of Pretoria and Fu-qing on Easter Saturday



Easter Sunday Worship



Easter Evening Service at Rustenburg



Prayer before Performance



Children's Easter production

Sister Malinda and her German husband reserved a room for us two months ago, so that we may be able to visit Kruger National Park and Sabie scenic areas from April 25th to 27th after the Evangelistic Meeting. We saw several endangered species and in awe of God's creation.



Clarence Wu wants to bring these hyenas home



This unknown bird is bigger than a duck



Malinda and Yu Tao Fu couples



Philip Chan and his daughter visiting from Hong Kong

When Whitney just delivered Clarence in 1997, we looked anxiously for a place to live. Brother Philip Chan, at the time, was relocating back to Hong Kong, so he rented his furnished house to us. His kind gesture enabled us to grow at Pretoria Chinese Christian Church in peace and learned to serve there. In 1999, when we returned to Taiwan for more seminary training, Brother Chen rented his house to CIM missionaries till 2008. Therefore, when he and his daughter came for a visit in South Africa, we hearts were filled with thanksgiving. To our surprise, he reminded us that we officiated their wedding years ago (I was so embarrassed that I did not recall such important event.).

Whenever we think of the witnesses surrounding us like clouds, we could not but bow before His feet. Even we are unworthy, but due to God's grace, many are praying for us and become partners in His work. May he be honored and glorified.

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THANKSGIVING

- 1、 Thank the Lord for allowing the Chinese Christian Student Society at University of Pretoria to be registered officially as a campus organization. We are also grateful for the students who were motivated and dedicated in His work. They are like living sacrifices pleasing to the Lord.
- 2、 We thank the Lord for a successful and peaceful Easter Evangelistic meeting taught by Minister Martha Lee from San Jose, California.
- 3、 We thank the Lord for Sister Malinda who reserved a hotel room for us for vacations. May the Lord bless her offering through faith.
- 4、 Sister Yan Ai Mei in Fu-qing fellowship stopped gambling. She also came to first night's evangelistic meeting. We thank the Lord for her.
- 5、 Thank God that Whitney passed all her classes this semester. Sharon's GPA is above 80.
- 6、 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.
- 7、 Pray and thank God for South African Administration who continues to seek improvements and enhancement in system equipments and efficiency.

SUPPLICATION

- 1、 Please continue to pray for Sister Zhu Zhuang to get pregnant. It's important for a daughter-in-law to deliver a son for the husband's family according to Fu-qing's tradition.



- 2、 Please pray for future operation of Chinese Christian Student Society at University of Pretoria. Jenny Chen said that the University will mail the official rules and regulations to them in a month.
- 3、 Missions chairman of Chinese Christian Union Church in Chicago, Elder K. Nam Shiu's whole family will be visiting South Africa in early June. Please pray for their visits.
- 4、 Pray for PECCC's Youth camp at the end of June. Youth fellowship of Taipei Christian Yung He Church will come and lead us.
- 5、 Pray continuously for South Africa's public safety, so that this may be a land of peace.
- 6、 South Africa is in need of missionaries. May the Lord of harvest send His own labors.

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