

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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”The heavens are telling of the glory of God ; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words ; Their voice is not heard.” Psalm 19:1-3

Our family is thankful for the opportunity to visit “Tsitsikamma” this month by Port Elizabeth. Resting on oceanfront for 5 days and watching the breath-taking sceneries was an awesome experience, especially when we spotted a school of killer whales through Clarence’s hawk-eye. What a blessing! We couldn’t but praise the Maker of this wonderful creation of His!

While we were in Port Elizabeth, we met Brother Ming-hui Huang. He was very frank about being “a lost sheep.” Of course, I seized the opportunity to share the Gospel with him. However, at the end, he told me that he’s a 4th generation Christian. He approached us because he was attracted by our three children’s obedience, joy, and “sunshine” (this is a new term for me). (I thought he was attracted by my eloquence.) I encouraged him to join a local church of a particular pastor.



Brother Ming-hui Huang

St. Francis Harbour Lighthouse

building a sandcastle

South African gas price has just gone down from R10.07 per liter to R9.74 per liter. However, due to skyrocketing inflation, fuel tank drivers of Gauteng Province demanded for 18% increase in pay. They also put on a huge strike causing gasoline shortage in Gauteng and Pretoria. On July 14th, on our way home from Bible study, we went to six gas stations in vain and finally filled up our car with Diesel oil at the 7th place. In the following days, whenever we saw people working in gas stations, we drove in and filled up our tank right away. That’s how we survived the strike, and our car continued to function without stop. This experience reminds us--during our family devotion-- the importance of God’s spiritual provision. If we lack of spiritual food, would our life momentum come to a halt? Just like a car needing gas, we also need God to nourish us continually with the Bread of Life.

“Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber ; It rejoices as a strong man to run his course. Its rising is from one end of the heavens, And its circuit to the other end of them; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.” Psalm 19: 4-6

On the following day, July 15th, our land phone had no connection. That was Friday night. The phone company finally called on Monday evening and notified us that the repairman would come the next day. However, we waited the whole morning on Tuesday, no one came! Thank God that Brother Allen Huang who works at the phone company. I called him for advise and assistance. He gave me a website where we can request for urgent service with the phone company. By Wednesday noon, our phone was fixed. After 5 days of alienation from the outside world, the service resumed. Furthermore, the phone company told us that our Internet service has increased from 5G to 9G! Not only our troubles were swept away, extra ounces of joy

were added unto us. This incident also taught us the importance of keeping our communications with God. Because of His grace, we may contact Him at all time! His capacity is infinite. (It's awesome. As I wrote to you, the power failed. The battery in my computer also went dead. Our electricity did not come on until 8 hours later.) He is not restricted by time, space, or any events. More importantly, He wants us to communicate with Him!

"Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun," Psalm 19:4

Good news of the month: Ze-Lei Huang and Jing Shao finally completed their marriage register. They have been working on this for over a year. On 27th, they officially registered themselves with the Department of Home Affairs as a married couple. We give thanks to the Lord for this entire process which allowed them to experience God through prayers and learn to wait on Him. (Huang said he went to the Immigration Services at least 20 times in the past year.) We believe that God will bless them, and He will fulfill His promises because they are willing to put Christ first in their home. Our hope is to officiate their wedding in a church building after Huang Ze Lei returns to China. We also pray that they would make themselves available to serve the Lord at Rustenburg Fu-qing Fellowship. Their wedding would be a wonderful testimony before man and God. (Since a new amendment drafted in 2010, pastors no longer register marriages for brothers and sisters. They only solemnise Christian matrimonies at church. The reason is: pastors must deliver the certificates and register marriages at the Immigration Services in person and pick them in person afterwards. This is very time consuming. In the past, it had been the responsibilities of the married couple. Therefore, pastors no longer perform civil union, they only officiate Christian marriage ceremonies.)



Jing Shao signing

Ze-Lei Huang seal press

Witness couple & Immigration officer

Whitney had a minor depression on 21st. In the past, she learned how to make use of the medicine (alprazolam/Xanax). After taking a dosage of .5mg and resting for two days, she recovered. On 26th, in a serious manner, she told me that "she is not able to continue her studies." Therefore, she no longer goes to school! Watching her regained her joy, I gave thanks to the Lord for her decision. On the 29th, she told me that she would take a leave of absence from school that afternoon. And she looked absolutely delighted after she returned from school. "Thank God that He has released you," I comforted her. "Alleluia!" she exclaimed. Our professors are very gracious, they allow us to use any kinds of aides for computer testings. I spent a whole morning observing fellow students taking test and decided to rely on God to finish my course. Now, it's my turn to shout, "Alleluia!" We praise the Lord that He allowed to understand that whether Whitney finish her studies or not, God ALWAYS loves us!!

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Thanksgiving

- 1、 Thank the Lord for taking us through the fuel truck driver strike in peace, and our car kept on going without stop.
- 2、 Thank the Lord that the South African Telecommunications Regulatory Authority has increase the Internet capacity to 9G which set our minds at ease.
- 3、 Thank God that Whitney's pressure is released. She decided joyfully to continue her studies at school.
- 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.

Prayer

- 1、 Please pray for C2S2 operation at University of Pretoria which is about to start a new year of ministry soon.
- 2、 Please pray for South African transportation department's new policy. They plan to collect .50 Rand per Km from each motor-vehicle, traveling one-way between Johannesburg and Pretoria is 50Km.
- 3、 Please pray for the family retreat at the end of this year. Brothers and sisters of Chicago New Light Christian Church and Rev. Wen-hui Gong from Living Water Church, a total of 10, will lead the Retreat. May the Lord bless our recruiting effort.
- 4、 Pretoria Chinese Christian Church and Rustenburg Fu-qing Fellowship plan to register as non-profit organization. May the Lord open the way for us, and our registrations will be pleasing to Him.
- 5、 South Africa is in need of missionaries. May the Lord of harvest send His own workers.
- 6、 (Due to lack of arithmetic instructions at her last year of elementary education,) Helen has a hard time catching up with high school math. May the Lord grant her wisdom and strength, and God's grace will be sufficient for her in her math class.

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