

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter from South Africa

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II Chronicles 16:8-9 “Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.”

Mission fervor is aflame in South Africa. Southern Baptist Convention has set up an office in our neighboring country, Botswana. Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) will embark a three-day training for Chinese ministry at the beginning of this month. Karen Lee, an OM short-term missionary from Hong Kong, participates in our weekend church functions and assists us with youth ministry. Furthermore, Chrisna, a missionary sent by a South Africa local Caucasian church to Sichuan, China, plans to visit us. She also invited us to share with her home church in May. To us, this is like a mission month. At night, we even dreamed that Fuqing fellowships were flourishing in Johannesburg, Polokwane, Witbank, and other cities. Isn't great that we have many companies as we journey to the celestial city? May His will be done.



Karen &amp; Chrisna



Karen shares at Rustenburg



Attorney Anton's family visiting us

The Lord had blessed Chinese Christian Student Society (C2S2) a year of colligate ministry at University of Pretoria. To maintain their official status on campus, C2S2 is required to recruit at least 60 members. When the leaders convened, they asked the Lord boldly for 66. Encouraged by their faith, Whitney and I supplicated for them according to II Chronicles 16:9 “For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war.” Sure-enough, the students did all they can in their campaigning effort. As a result, 66 registered under their organization including both old and new members. Simple faith allowed them to experience God's faithfulness. Their joy was beyond measure. This is how we feel about these young people: “these Gadites were army commanders; the least was a match for a hundred, and the greatest for a thousand” (I Chronicles 12:14). Onward Christian soldiers!



C2S2 sharing the Gospel and recruiting new members



Co-workers planning for ministry

Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church's (PECCC) Youth Group is also on the go. They love the new big sister, Karen. They claim that she's more gentle, understanding,

and encouraging than big brothers Alan and Charles. Karen has cross-cultural ministry experience among the nomads and prostitutes. Her fervor for missions rubbed off on these youth. As a result, they are organizing a cross-cultural children's outreach which will take place in mid July. This effort is in response to SIM missionary in Durban Pastor Eugene Chuang's invitation. Currently, 6 have committed to go. May the Lord direct their path.



Alan & Charles leading Youth Fellowship



Combined Bible Study on Friday night

We want to give thanks to our God for a special blessing. After many years of prayer, brothers and sisters of PECCC and Pretoria Fuqing Fellowship finally accepted the invitation to join in a combined Bible study on Friday nights. Even though only 12 people show up regularly, learning in harmony is a bliss. They take turns to lead Bible studies. Two of our Fuqing brothers, who only had middle school education, agree to take on the challenge as well. So far, we've met four times. The responses were great. We found out, the best way to grow spiritually is to prepare and lead Bible studies! Whitney and I are more than happy to stand on the sideline praying and coaching. May the Lord raise them up.



Pretoria Fuqing Wednesday Bible Study Group BBQ

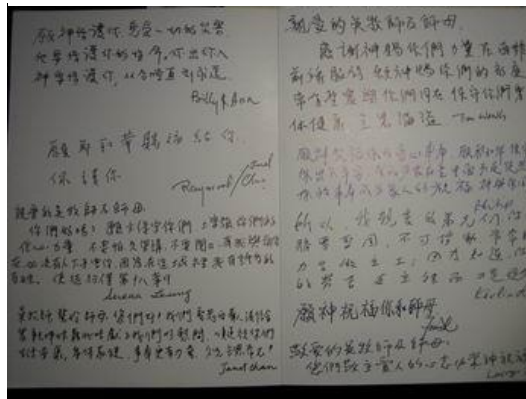
Delmas Fuqing Prayer meeting

In Delmas, Fuqing prayer meeting is facing a difficult decision. Brother Chen's shop, where we used to meet, will be closed in the near future. We need to decide whether to continue the prayer meeting or not. Show us the way, Oh Lord.

In the past, CBCSJ has been consistent in sending greeting cards and packages to us. Recently we received a greeting card from James Fellowship. Your encouragement warms our hearts. Children from Taiwan ZWFC Sunday School also touched us deeply by their handprint prayer poster. As we look at the handprints, we are sure that the Heavenly Father listened to every child's prayer. Yes, it is your prayer which enable us to experience the reality of working with the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray for us. May His will be done so that the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, and all will become Christ's disciples.

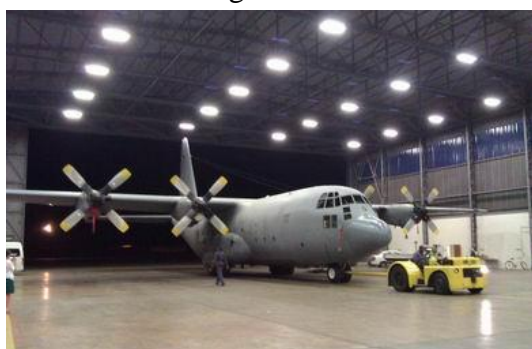


Handprints from ZWFC Children's Sunday School



Greeting card from CBCSJ

Our son made an audacious decision before parental consent. One day after school, Clarence came home and announced that he had registered for a flying camp at school without my permission. He asked for forgiveness and my signature. After hearing his plea, I told to him, *the Air Force aircraft you will board is propelled by propellers. It'll be very loud!* He quickly responded, *You can lend me your ear plugs.* I cautioned him: *there won't be any air-condition, you'll be sweaty hot.* Not giving up, he answered, *I'll bring extra water, so I won't dehydrate.* Pressing on, I raised my voice, *That's a 1940 WWII ancient war plane, the chances for malfunction is very great!* His sister Helen joined in, *Yah, make sure you put on the parachute before you board. Otherwise, the plane might...?* Feeling dejected, Clarence remarked, *no wonder the teacher insisted on having parent sign the consent form before we can board the carrier. There are **no** parachute gears to wear on the plane!* The two sisters continued: *then you have to buy insurance, it's too dangerous...* Next morning, Clarence told us that he did not sleep well for fear of plane wreck! He insisted on having us praying for him before the flight.



Carrier Aircraft Clarence boarded



He feels very proud of his flight gears

In the morning of 26th, on the way to schools, an African woman, who obtained only a learning permit, rear-ended Whitney's car and damaged the bumper. While the children were anxious about getting to school on time, their friends' mom drove by, saw us, and offered rides. So their car wreck experience turned into thanksgiving. Following the accident, we endured a long claim process. After three attempts, Whitney prayed: "if we don't resolve this by next time, we'll ask our own insurance company to pay for the damage" which means we have to submit R2500 application fee to our insurance company. Whitney prayed earnestly for this because we have not heard anything from the R2500 application fee paid last year. Thank the Lord, on our forth mediation session, the other party settled for R2500 of damages.

Douglas and Whitney's BLOG:.....<http://tw.myblog.yahoo.com/douglas1218@kimo.com>

## THANKSGIVING

- 1、 The door to South African Chinese mission work is open wide. May the Spirit kindle a fire on this land.
- 2、 C2S2 completed their requirements and registered successfully at University of Pretoria for Year 2012.
- 3、 It's exciting to see that our youths are taking the initiative to evangelize.
- 4、 Praise God that brothers and sisters from Pretoria Chinese Church and Pretoria Fuqing Fellowship join in on Friday night for Bible studies. They are eager to learn and serve.
- 5、 Thank God for your prayers and support. We are very grateful for the opportunities to labor with you in advancing the Gospel.
- 6、 Our three children adjusted to new schools and are improving academically. Clarence is back safely and had a good experience from flying on a WWII Carrier.
- 7、 Whitney was safe from the car accident. Damage claim settled successfully.

## SUPPLICATIONS

- 1、 May C2S2 collegiate ministry thrive at University of Pretoria. They are also in need of leaders.
- 2、 Five pastors from U.S. Chinese Alliance Church will come to visit on April 19-27 for the purpose of looking for future mission opportunities. Please pray for safe journey and smooth reception.
- 3、 Continue to pray for Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church and Pretoria Fuqing Fellowship joint Bible studies and future directions.
- 4、 Please pray for our trip to Durban (550 Km) visiting missionaries and senior pastor between April 2-5.
- 5、 Doulas is going to Taiwan for mission reports in June. Please pray for his speaking engagements, visitations, and safe journey.
- 6、 Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ko are willing to visit theological seminaries in Taiwan with Douglas. May the Lord speak to them and guide them as they seek future ministry direction.
- 7、 South Africa is in need of missionaries. May the Lord of harvest send His own workers.
- 8、 South African public safety is despicable. Please pray earnestly for the Chinese immigrants who will keep their home safe and get used to the local life style.

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