

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter from South Africa

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On April 11, Wednesday morning around four o'clock, I was awoken by abdominal pain. Hoping to lesson the affliction, I went to drink some warm water and went to the bathroom, but it did not go away, instead it got worse. At five, my entire abdomen was in excruciating pain. I could not even stand on my feet. Out of desperation, I woke Whitney up. She rushed me to the hospital. At the emergency, I told the nurse that I had a gallstone 1.5cm in length. Perhaps the stone grew too big and obstructed the bile duct. My doctor had advised, if the pain persists, he may remove the gallbladder for me. By eight, the pain subsided, I fell asleep in fatigue. At nine, the doctor administered an ultrasonography. The pain was completely gone at this time. After the examination, the doctor told me that everything seemed normal. There was no sign of gallstone. The only abnormality was my slightly enlarged gallbladder?! He continued to say that blood and urine test results were normal as well. There was no sign of inflammation, and I could go home! So, my 1.5cm gallstone disappeared just like that ??!!!

After I returned home from the hospital, my urticaria erupted profusely on the third day. Hives appeared all over my body including scalp, eye lids, and even the esophagus. I constantly had the sensation that my intestines and stomach were about to fall off, and I felt very tired. What could I do but rest and pray? On Saturday, I forced myself to go preaching at Rustenburg. Praise the Lord, I had a wonderful sleep that night. Sunday morning, on April 15, I woke up, the hives were gone 99%. I felt spirited. That's how God healed me!!

While I laid siege in the hospital, many thoughts went through my mind. If the Lord choose to bring me home, what would happen to the ministries? Would they continue or would they stop? I also thought of five delegates representing Chinese Churches Association of Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) in USA are coming soon. Who will receive them? As I pondered, the Spirit filled me with His peace. I came to realize that nothing is more important than making disciples of all nations. May the Lord help me to fulfill his Great Commission. Come, Lord Jesus!

Proverbs 3:5-8 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones."



Lin Tian-en is still in ICU

Rustenburg Fu-qing Fellowship's Sunday service

A Rustenburg brother-in-Christ, Lin Tian-en, hit a 200kg kudu (African antelope) while driving on the 18th. Even though his car did not turn over, and his wife and daughter came out safe, he was hospitalized for three fractures on second vertebra. Doctor's initial diagnose called for no surgery. However, aspiration pneumonitis developed. It's probably due to regurgitation of his vomit into his lung during coma. Unfortunately, no one noticed the

symptom till April 27th when his illness became fatal. Currently, he is still in coma. His medical bill has escalated to about \$30,000. We do not understand why this had happened. Nevertheless, brothers and sisters of Rustenburg Fu-qing fellowship took the initiative to pray for him day after day in the hospital. Brothers went on odd days, sisters on even days. Spirit's work was evident in the Body of Christ. As I read Proverbs 27:23 during devotion **“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds”** I felt very sorry that we could not go support them due to distance. I could only pray that the Lord will send his shepherd to tend His sheep, or to raise up disciples to serve those who are in Rustenburg.

Five delegates from Chinese Churches Association of C & MA in USA came during April 19-27 to investigate South African Chinese ministries and in search for future mission opportunities. CIM appointed me to be their cicerone, including reception and arranging itinerary. Proverbs 25:25 **“Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land.”** Accompanying them over the week was refreshing to my soul. Their godly characters and zeal for evangelism invigorated me. My Kingdom perspective was also broadened because I came in contact with a church in Johannesburg and two pastors in Cape Town for the delegates. I thank God for the privilege to be with them. Just like a sister shared at Johannesburg's prayer meeting, we welcome C&MA in USA to **“divide and occupy the turf”** with us. Proverbs 27:9 **“Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.”**



Alex Ko picked up C&MA delegates at the airport and they visit the field right away



Supplicating for the body/with C2S2 coworkers after discussion/ Rev. Abraham Poon preaching on Sunday



Sunday worship of Pretoria Fu-qing Fellowship/ Fu-qing children's Sunday school/ Sunday worship of PECCC

In early April, we went to visit the pastor who baptized me, Rev. Eugene Wiseman, in Durban. He had a stroke four years ago and is still in good physical condition. However, parts of his memory are gone. He does not remember us at all! However, humor never depart from

him, nor does the Holy Spirit. Rev. Wiseman faithfully served his generation, and now his son-in-law carries on the torch who's church grew from hundreds to a thousand. His daughter also helped build a convalescent home for the AIDs patients. The facility is currently capable of accommodating male, female, and children, 20 each.



Rev. Eugene Wiseman



Bro. Ze-lei Huang lead worship



Friday Discipleship training

We also visited SIM missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Chuang. The couple give them all to the Africans and serve faithfully as cross-cultural missionaries over the years. Our originally purpose was to encourage them, instead they came to our comfort and exhortations.



with Rev. Eugene Chuang's family at an African church



Helen and Clarence playing by a Durban beach



Helen and Clarence are having a canoe race



Sharon & Clarence paddling hard in one accord

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

- 1、 Thank God that He healed me from my gallstone right after the Durban trip and before C&MA delegates' visit. His name is Wonderful!
- 2、 We thank God that 5 delegates from Chinese Churches Association of C & MA in USA had a safe visit in South Africa.
- 3、 We give thanks for a safe trip (550Km) to Durban visiting missionaries and Pastor Wiseman.

- 4、 Thank God for Brother Ji, Xiang who takes on the challenge of being equipped to do God's work. May God's word fill him. May the Spirit work, walk, and dwell in him.
- 5、 We praise the Lord for opening doors for missions in South Africa. May He kindle a fire for evangelism on this land.
- 6、 Thank God for our youth fellowship who is fired up to do God's work. They are planning to conduct a cross-cultural children's ministry in July at Durban.
- 7、 Praise the Lord for Rustenburg Fu-qing Fellowship taking the initiative to pray for Brother Lin Tianen's recovery every evening. May the Lord listen to their pleas.
- 8、 We give thanks to you who are praying fervently and are supporting us behind line.

SUPPLICATIONS

- 1、 **Please pray for Lin, Tianen's fast recovery from aspiration pneumonitis and healthy enough to leave ICU.**
- 2、 Chrisna of Church Without Walls invited our church to participate in a Chinese evangelistic effort on May 8. Please pray for the food we'll bring and safety of those who go to the meeting.
- 3、 Taipei Yong-he Church is coming in July to conduct a youth retreat. Please pray for our recruitment.
- 4、 Since we have a youth retreat in early July, please pray for adequate arrangements for the youth fellowship's short-term mission trip to Durban in the same month. The youth will be working with Rev. Eugene Chuang on cross-cultural children's ministry.
- 5、 Plans for deputation have been made for Douglas to return to Taiwan in June. Please pray that he will make adequate ministry arrangements for both Taiwan and South Africa and a safe trip.
- 6、 Alex & Nicole Ko are willing to visit theological seminaries in Taiwan with Douglas. May the Lord speak to them and direct their path.
- 7、 South Africa is desperate for missionaries, please ask the Lord of harvest to send His laborers.
- 8、 Law enforcement agencies are very corrupt in South Africa. Please pray that the new immigrants will be accustomed to the local life style and become more conscientious on safety issues wherever they may be.

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