

Douglas Family Prayer Letter from South Africa

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Brother-in-Christ Tienen Lin of Rustenburg is in need of your prayers. His second vertebra was injured during a car collision with a Kudu on April 18, 2012. After the paramedics sent him to a hospital emergency, he started to puke non-stop. Though his symptoms were diagnosed later as a result of inhaling food particles into his lung, the doctor did not suspect the real cause at the time of admission. He coughed so hard that the radiologist was not able to take his CT scan. So the doctor sedated him, and he was out of conscience for 9 days. Not till his health condition turned critical, the doctors finally discovered that he had contracted pneumonia! They sent Brother Lin to ICU immediately where he stayed for 38 days, costing him around \$130,000. Without noticeable improvement, family members transferred Tienen to the best hospital in Pretoria on May 26 by putting down \$150,000 deposit in advance. His lung was seriously infected by then, doctors ordered a mandatory surgery for him. However, Tienen has been ill for too long, and his body is too frail. Having a lung surgery is too much of a risk for him. Nevertheless, he is scheduled on June 5. We pray that he'll be stronger by then to withstand the operation. We also pray that his family will be able to accept the fact that their dear one will be operated.

On May 7, Brother Tienen's family asked me to help transfer him to a different hospital. To ensure the process I consulted our neighbor, Dr. Klooster, a retired physician. He recommended Dr. A and told me that Dr. A works at the best hospital in town. Two days after their initial request, Tienen's family decided not to move him! On May 10, they thought of transferring again. This time, Dr. A requested the family to make a firm decision. On May 13, the family confirmed that they preferred staying for Tienen was getting better. On May 22, family members saw no signs of recovery, Tienen was getting skinner and skinner by the day, trying a different hospital became paramount. However, Dr. A had declined their request. Dr. B also refused on the next day. Contacting Dr. C was of no avail, either. Cloud of depression hovered over us as if Tienen received his death sentence. Out of desperation I approached Dr. Klooster again. *Seek Dr. A's help*, he recommended, *for he is a righteous man*. So I did. Dr. A told me to go home and pray. I approached Dr. D again, he told me to wait for his call. After half-day waiting, Dr. D replied, *if the family members understand the risk, Tienen may be admitted*.

Praying for Tienen was no easy matter for me because Brother Ong's experience haunted me. I distinctly remembered September 18, 2007, few days before I departed for deputation in the U. S., Ong was shot. He later suffered as a vegetable for years and finally died. How "little faith" I was, fearful of repeating history upon my dear brother for my plan is to go for a three-week deputation next week. Romans 8:5-6 says, "Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace." Oh, Lord, please forgive me and govern my mind, so that I may have life and peace. I know that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28).



After transferring Tienen Lin to ICU Pretoria brothers praying for Tienen Rutenburg Fu-qing fellowship prays for Tienen

On May 5, we invited Sister Chu-Rong Liu to Pretoria Fuqing fellowship for a special workshop. Chu-Rong works in the insurance industry. She spoke on medical, life, and auto insurances. May the concepts shared will help the audience and their families.



Chu-Rong Liu shares importance of insurance at Pretoria Fuqing fellowship Pretoria Children's Sunday school

God's work never cease. On May 8, Missionary Chrisna Fourie of KSM Midstream Church invited us to share our Chinese-African ministries at her church. We had a team going, including Alex Ko and wife, Ji Xiang, Alan Huang, and Karen Li bringing their scrumptious Chinese cuisines and XinYue Zhang sharing her testimony. We are very grateful for the opportunity to serve

these Caucasian brothers and sisters.



Marvelous coworkers

Sharing South-African Chinese ministries with a Caucasian church

Through OC International Director, Rev. Rahn Strickler, we had an opportunity to meet Rev. Paul Tang from China. Rev. Tang said, their hope is to send missionaries to evangelize Chinese in different parts of the world. His words reminded us that in twenty-first century, Chinese Christians are playing an important part in fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission.



Rev.Rahn Strickle introduced Chinese pastor, entire congregation knelt in prayer

Brother Wu and wife retire to Taiwan

A Fu-qing brother, You-wu Chen, who moved to Witbank, invited us for a visit. The city is located 120Km east of Pretoria. So I made a special trip and visited four stores owners. They all belong to a True Jesus Church and meet weekly in their home(s). On my way home, I wonder why the Lord brought me to Witbank. Discipleship? Yes, I realized what they need the most is discipleship. Matthew 28:19-20 says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



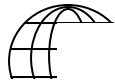
Clarence took another flying lesson at school. This time our junior pilot was able to descend 1000 feet

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THANKSGIVING

1. Thank God that Tianen Lin was transferred to a better hospital successfully. Please pray for his surgery on June 5.
2. Thank the Lord that we were able to share our ministries at Chrisna's church Church Without Walls on May 8.
3. We are grateful that Sister Chu-Rong Liu helped our brothers and sisters by educating them on insurance issues.
4. Our Youth Fellowship is on fire for the Lord. They are going to assist Durban's children camp in July.
5. Rev. Rahn Strickler of OC International brought a home-church pastor to us from China. Pastor's sharing on missionary visions encouraged us tremendously.
6. We have successfully completed the first discipleship training course which was conducted on Fridays. The second course will start shortly.
7. Thank you all for supporting and praying for us. We are extremely grateful for your partnership in the missions!



SUPPLICATION

1. Please pray for Lin, Tienen's surgery for curing aspiration pneumonia. May the Lord heal him.
2. Pray for Douglas' deputation trip to Taiwan from June 4 to Jun 25. May the Lord keep his entire family safe whether traveling or at home in South Africa.
3. Pray for preparation and recruitment for summer youth retreat. Taipei Christian Yung He Church will be conducting the Youth Retreat in July.
4. Pray for collaboration between Youth Fellowship and Rev. Eugene Chuang for a cross-cultural children's camp in Durban. They need to find the best time for their Retreat will be held in same month.
5. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ko are going with Douglas to Taiwan in search for theological training opportunities. May the Lord direct their path.
6. South Africa is desperate for missionaries, please ask the Lord of harvest to send His laborers.
7. 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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