

Douglas Wu Prayer Letter from South Africa

July 1, 2012

... On June 4, I left South Africa, still in her dry and cold winter, for a three-week debriefing in Taiwan, well into her hot and humid summer. Even though I prepared myself to endure the scorching heat, I underestimated the power of time change. For two weeks, I struggled to stay awake during the day and combatted insomnia at night. Not until the visits of two typhoons and a magnitude 5 earthquake shook the island, I overcome the “time difference.” I regained my consciousness and was able to experience God’s presence and His love. By the end of the trip, I was loaded with grace and love from brothers and sisters and Whitney’s family, but it was time for another time change back to the southern hemisphere. A brother, after hearing my struggles with “time difference”, commented, Aren’t you into your 50s?

It is the Lord’s Great Commission which compelled Whitney and I to serve. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Ever since the beginning of our full-time ministries in 2004, we simply taught what we learned from the theological seminary attended and the church interned. We are so grateful that we did not get in touch with any of those methodologies for quick spiritual or church growth which would stray us from the Great Commission. Instead, we hold fast to the Lord’s teaching, and the Holy Spirit has preserved the ministries thus far, just as what He had promised: And surely I am with you always... ^\_^

”Making missionary disciples of all nations” was the theme of my debriefing trip in Taiwan. However, on my way home, I realized that this is not only the theme of my life, but also a theme for the generations to come until the second coming of Jesus Christ. I am convinced that through Scriptural reading, prayers, spiritual songs, Bible studies, worship, services, visitations, caring, tithes, children’s Sunday school, adult Sunday school, youth fellowship, couples fellowship, senior fellowship, evangelization, short-term missions, medium-term missions, long-term missions, training, theological didactics, and etc. we shall make disciples for Jesus Christ. In turn, our disciples will teach others to obey everything the Lord had commanded them. And lo, the Lord is with us always, even unto the end of the world.

During 2010, a Chinese American couple, Jeff Du and Grace Wang, came to South Africa for half a year. They befriended Alex Ko and Nico Zhang's family for their daughter, Joyce Du, was about the same age as Ko's son, Samuel. After the Du family returned home, they haven't seen each other for two years. During our stay in Taiwan, we had a reunion. It was exciting for me to see both children grow in the Lord under mothers' guidance. Their characters reflect that they are little disciples of Lord Jesus Christ.

During the trip, Shipai Friendship Church invited me to speak to their youth fellowship. I was surprised to recognize none except one. He was a student at my time but has become a counselor. He is now discipling younger students. While we were in Taiwan, Taipei Christian Yung Ho Church arranged a special meeting for the short-term missionaries to share their South African experiences. Their testimonies moved me. Alex and Nico were also there to pray for future disciples of Christ.



Joyce Du and Samuel Ko / Shi-pai Friendship Church Youth Fellowship / Yung Ho Church's Mission Fellowship



Alex, Nico & Samuel Ko visit with Christ's Disciples Training Seminary President Wang/ OMF missionary couple Paul Buttrey

After visiting Taiwan for a week, Alex and Nico Ko continued their journey to visit relatives in mainland China. Alan Huang, Charles Hsuan, Ji Xiang, and other brothers and sisters, carried on the responsibilities of Sunday worship. They also took turn to lead adult Sunday school. As for our Fu-qing groups, I was specially encouraged to hear that they took their own initiatives to fellowship weekly. They even consulted Whitney for choices of Bible passages to share. [Ephesians 4:11-12](#) "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and

teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

This trip enabled me to visit several churches. It was a necessary spiritual recharge for me. At Bible Baptist Taipei Tabernacle Church I had a chance to meet Rev. Chiu and relayed our prayers and needs to him. I also toured the newest Gospel Center established by Taipei Christian Yung Ho Church’s in Nan Shi Jiao. My alma mater, CDTS, is committed to unite all alumni and support overseas mission work as much as possible. Even more daring is Shi-pai Friendship Church. While they were working on their own expansion and church building, they continued to thrive in supporting world missions. The faith of these church pastors are incredible. That’s why God’s work is expanding near and far. I feel that the Great Commission is being fulfilled right before my eyes! Moreover, an even more encouraging sight is that regardless of age, men and women are offering themselves to be equipped for mission work. This includes pastors as well. [Zephaniah 3:9](#) “Then I will purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve him shoulder to shoulder.”



[Rev. Chu of Shi-pai Friendship Church/](#) [Brothers & sisters of Shi-pai Church/](#) [Fellowship of Chong-Hsin Church](#)

Whitney’s mother decided to celebrate her 70th birthday ahead of time just to accommodate me. Therefore, on behalf of my wife, I did not only attend the happy occasion but also bless my mother-in-law with spiritual song and prayer. Ever since Whitney’s father passed away 30 years ago, her mother worked hard to raise her five children. Currently she attends Sunday service at Yong Ho Free Methodist Church on a regular basis. I feel very fortunate to marry Whitney. She’s a woman who devotes wholeheartedly to serve God. While I was gone for three weeks, Whitney took care of various ministries in two major cities with great diligence. She must have inherited her mother’s attributes. For this, I dedicated myself again as a living sacrifice for His work in South Africa. I hope that my children will also follow our footsteps in making disciples of all nations. [Hagaii 2:4](#) “But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the Lord. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”



Whitney's mother's birthday party

Florence Pi and Douglas' family

..... **Douglas & Whitney's BLOG**

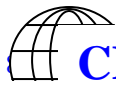
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**THANKSGIVING**

- 1、 Brother Lin, Tian-en's health improving. Currently, he is able to breath 9 hours on his own and sit up for one minute. However, he paid another NT\$3,200,000 medical expense. The doctor said that he needs to stay in the Intensive Care Unit for another month. Please continue to pray for him.
- 2、 Praise the Lord that brothers and sisters served together in peace. Thank Him also for keeping Whitney and children safe.
- 3、 Thank God for a wonderful and fruitful debriefing trip in Taiwan.
- 4、 Praise God for our youth who are willing to step out of their comfort zone and minister to Durban children with different cultural background.
- 5、 Thank the Lord for Taipei Christian Yung Ho Church who accommodated Alex and Nico Ko for a week and for safe journeys.
- 6、 We are thankful that the first session of Friday Discipleship training class has been completed. We are now conducting the second training session.
- 7、 Our family give thanks to God for helping our three children to pass their final exams. Clarence, in particular, is thankful for major improvements of his grades.
- 8、 Thank the Lord for raising many faithful prayer partners. Thank God for the privilege to co-labor with you.

**SUPPLICATION**

- 1、 **Continue to pray for Brother Lin, Tianen's recovery from aspiration pneumonia. May the Lord heal him completely.**
- 2、 Please pray for the short-term missionaries from Taipei Christian Yung Ho Church. They will lead our youth Retreat from July 1 to 11. May the Lord bless the Retreat, and everyone who attends will experience His presence and His work.



- 3、 Please pray for Youth fellowship of Pretoria Chinese Church cooperating with C2S2 of University of Pretoria for a joint Gospel Camp. May they grow in humility as they serve together.
- 4、 Please pray for a safe journey as our youth fellowship joins SIM missionary, Rev. Eugene Chuang, for a cross-cultural children's camp in Durban.
- 5、 Andrian Fourie, a missionary who lives in Polokwane about 250Km north of Pretoria, asked for our assistant. Currently they have a Fu-qing fellowship about 20 brothers and sisters. Please pray for Douglas' visit there.
- 6、 May the Lord continue to guide Alex and Nico Ko in their future direction.
- 7、 South Africa Chinese ministries are in need of workers. May the Lord of harvest send His own laborers.
- 8、 Law enforcement agencies are very corrupt in South Africa. Please pray that new immigrants will be accustomed to local life style and become more alert on safety issues wherever they may be.

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