

Douglas Wu Prayer Letter from South Africa

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What a fruitful month of missions! On July 1, Taipei Christian Yung Ho Church's (TCYHC) 7-person team arrived. They brought with them a fantastic gospel camp for our youth. This year's theme was "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young: Chronicles of Narnia." Their youngest member was only 16 years old! As we look back, it was not the easiest camp, there were many surprises. However, due to thorough preparation and staying flexible helped them overcome many obstacles. These young missionaries set good examples for us in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. After the Camp, their fervor for the Lord kept them going. They participated in various church ministries including preaching, singing spiritual songs, witnessing, leading youth fellowship, and visitation.



Taiwan Yung He Church Mission Team

Pretoria Fuqing worship

Rustenburg Fuqing Fellowship

Our car was not functioning well during TCYHC Mission Team's visit especially on our trip at the safari park. Just as we were rejoicing and cheering over spotting few lions, the car came to a complete halt. No matter what I tried it would not start. The battery was totally dead. Now the lions were only 70 to 80 meters away. What should I do? Thank God for two Caucasian ladies who came to our rescue. They even comforted me by saying, *as soon as your car starts the lions would not come near*. Nevertheless, I still had to step outside the car to jump start. It was very nerve wrecking. One of our guests even chanted on my behalf, "Lion, Lion, come and eat me, for I'm yummy and very tasty!" This incident prompted me to think of Jesus' sacrificial love recorded in [I John 3:16](#), "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

TCYHC team members were very disciplined in daily living as if they had served in the military. Their actions reminded me these army codes of conduct: "Clean up before leaving. Take good care of the environment. Do not take a single needle or piece of thread from the masses. Treat others with humility. Camp quietly." One thing impressed me was that they would appreciate an ice-cream cone a lot more than a table of feast! What an example of living out the quality of purity.

TCYHC team likes to take everything to prayer. For example, when we got off the plane in Cape Town, it was pouring. They asked the Lord for sunshine, but I was a man of little faith who only prayed, *may Your will be done*. By the time we arrived at Good Hope Point, not only the sun was out, there was even blue sky to behold. How gracious the Father was! Team members also like to share their testimonies. On the

road, they took turn to encourage one another based on what they've observed at the Youth Camp. They were "like apples of gold in settings of silver." I was so blessed by just listening to their conversations.



Best of all was their faith to God exhibited through team work and remaining flexible under unexpected circumstances. Due to major remodeling work done at the camp site, the camp manager greatly reduced our sphere of activities. We were often asked to change meeting locations. Three meals were taken place under temporary shelter and constantly interspersed with power shortage. In spite of these inconveniences, our young missionaries relied on the Lord and accommodated most difficulties. As a result, they had not only ministered to Christian youth, six non-Christian friends came to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. [I Corinthians 9:24-27](#) "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 27 No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." Although the Team has already returned home safely, but their legacy remains.



Mission Team visiting students after Camp

Experiencing God's creation at Cape Pt

Carrying on the torch, our short-term missionaries took off for missions on the day TCYHC returned to Taiwan. They conducted a two-day cross-cultural children's Camp at Gospel Power Evangelical Church in Umbumbulu village near Durban which is about 620km southeast of Pretoria.

Isaiah 49:6 "He says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Our youth going to Umbumbulu for missions was one of the highlights in celebrating Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church's (PECCC) 15th anniversary. May His heart be pleased! As I write this letter, I am so proud of these young people. They've followed Jesus' example and served the African children with love and humility. They did not go alone. Our whole church supported them behind line, thus both of us experienced God's victory. Someday, all of us shall receive His rewards in heaven.

God had done a beautiful thing in His time. The mission idea sprouted from Brother Alan Huang: *What can we do to help our youth cultivate a heart for the missions?* In response to his initiation, our family drove down to Durban and visited Rev. Eugene Chuang last April. He and his wife were assisting Gospel Power Evangelical Church at the time. After hearing our proposal, they promised to pray for us. At the mean time, God sent OM missionary, Karen Li, from Hong Kong. She did not only prepared our youth for the challenge, she also helped design and direct the entire camp program. Of course, the Spirit gave each team member the gift of speaking in tongues (English). Finally, the entire congregation consented their visions and sent them off with strong support.

Honestly speaking, hosting TCYHC mission team did not go smoothly. For example, there were many miscommunications; when our vehicle broke down, we had to make arrangements for last minute transportations. Nevertheless, everyone focused their eyes on the Lord and dedicated their time and effort for his work solely. Karen Li wanted the youth to experience God, so she always started the day with devotion. She made sure that every child would be brought before God. At the end, eight children accept the Lord as Savior. Isn't that great?

Lastly, I have a confession to make. When we first arrived at the African church, I was afraid to use their cup to drink and to eat their food. However, when I saw Rev. Chuang's children eating and drinking freely with the Africans, I asked God for forgiveness! One day, I almost had an AIDS-phobia attack when I started to bleed after being pricked by a safety pin belonged to the African Church. Jenny immediately told me that HIV/AIDS virus will not be able to survive after being exposed to the air for more than three minutes. I was then relieved.

Genesis 49:2 "Joseph is a fruitful vine,
a fruitful vine near a spring,
whose branches climb over a wall"

The children's Gospel Camp in Umbabulu served as our gift to God in celebration of our church's 15th anniversary. We pray that more will follow the youth's footsteps in reaching out to the end of the earth with the Gospel of Christ, so that we may make disciples of all nations till His second coming.



Durban Mission Team send-off

Cross-cultural children's camp

Since we want to adhere to the Lord's Great Commission and our resources are

very limited, after seeking God's direction for two months, I decided to invite our oldest daughter, Sharon, to lead Bible studies for the youth fellowship. I also invited her to teach Practical Bible Study Method. At first, she felt reluctant. After explaining the notes to her word by word, she was so intrigued that she locked herself in the room for a day. At the end of the day, she had not only translated the entire text into English, she had also produced an impressive Power-Point with lively visual illustrations. I even learned something from her. We are so proud of her!!



"Camel goes through the eye of a needle" /Helen with Umbumbulu children/ Durban short-term mission team with Rev. Chuang

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THANKSGIVING

- 1、 Praise the Lord that Brother Lin, Tien-en is getting better by the day. On July 31, his tubes may be removed. By August 10th, he should be discharged from Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and transferred into a rehab hospital. Please continue to uphold him in your prayer.
- 2、 We are very thankful for TCYHC short-term mission team. They came to inspire and to minister to PECCC youth. Thank God for keeping them safe during their visit and bringing them home safely.
- 3、 Praise the Lord for our youth group who went to Umbumbulu for cross-cultural children's Gospel Camp. Thank the Lord that everyone was safe.
- 4、 We thank God for OM missionary, Karen Li, who blessed our brothers and sisters in the past half year. May she return to Hong Kong safely.
- 5、 Join us in giving thanks for our young disciples at youth fellowship and for leading "Practical Bible Study Method" in their discipleship training class.
- 6、 We are so grateful that the Friday Discipleship Training class is going into its second season.
- 7、 Thank you, Lord, for keeping all three of our children growing physically and spiritually in balance.
- 8、 Thank the Lord for raising many faithful prayer partners. We can't thank Him enough for the privilege to co-labor with you.

SUPPLICATIONS:

- 1、 **Continue to pray for Brother Lin, Tien-en's complete recovery including discharge from ICU and transfer to rehab hospital.**
- 2、 Please pray for PECCC's Youth fellowship and C2S2 of University of Pretoria. May the Lord of harvest send His own workers to lead them.
- 3、 Andreen, a missionary who lives in Polokwane about 250Km north of Pretoria, continues to ask for assistance. Currently they have a Fu-qing fellowship about 20 brothers and sisters. May the Lord send His workers.

- 4、 Brother Chen, You-wu also asked for help for Witbank and Middelburg. These two cities are located 130 km east of Pretoria.
- 5、 May the Lord continue to guide Alex and Nico Ko in their future direction.
- 6、 South Africa Chinese ministries are in need of workers. May the Lord of harvest send His own laborers.
- 7、 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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