

**Douglas Wu's Family Prayer Letter from South Africa**

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Praise the Lord that Brother Lin, Tian-en is recovering! He is well enough to leave ICU and transfers into a regular ward.

James 5:16 **“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”** Hospital nurses and administrators told us that a lot of people prayed for Tian-en including their staffs. Rustenburg Fuqing brothers and sisters prayed even more. They got together every morning and supplicated for him half an hour before business started. Alleluia! Praise the Lord for showing His will to us! **Rev. 12:11 “They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”** The doctor said, he should be able to go home around Sept. 5. The nurse also told Whitney and I that we didn't need to go visit in the hospital any more. We're thankful Sandy Chen, Alan Huang, and brothers and sisters of Pretoria Fuqing Fellowship whom took turn to interpret and care for the sick to lighten our load.



Lin Tian-en stayed in ICU for 3 months

Fuqing Fellowship prayed for Tian-en

Tian-en transferred to a regular ward

Chinese Immigrants continue to flood into South Africa, even though recession and fierce competitions exist. Making money is no longer an easy matter. However Government's progressive policy on refugees and asylum seekers opens a door for Chinese immigrants. They would first obtain refugee status and then become documented workers or legal residents. Therefore Chinese population is on the rise in South Africa. Cantonese also started coming. Because they are new in recent years, our brothers and sisters have reservations in assisting them. That means, Whitney and I have to do most of the social work.

When I read Hebrews 13:10-13 in my devotion, **“ We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat. The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore.”** These words help us to trust Him more. Only His Word may empower us to go outside our comfort zone and endure humiliation for Christ's sake. This month, we took our youth fellowship for an evangelistic trip in nearby “China town” Centurion, a city 18km south of Pretoria. We shared Gospel as we passed out Gospel tracks. Our university students also had many chances to sharpen their interpersonal skills. These students were wonderful! They reminded us to start with prayer. I also demonstrated how I visited the stores, they mimicked me to the core. As soon as they entered the store, they would greet loudly followed by a well-versed self-introduction and the Gospel message! If they encountered heathens, blessings would

be utter with courtesy. In conclusion, we visited 36 stores including talking to five Gospel-seekers. Two of them are Christian owned. These students carefully documented they visits. Praise God who granted them 16.67% success rate. On Sunday, they shared their experiences to encourage brothers and sisters for evangelism.

p.s. Due to a requirement from Tian-en's hospital, his wife, Whitney, and I went to the bank for his bank statement one day. Teller told us that only their manager was authorized to give out his statement. So we talked to the manager and showed him the proof that Tian-en was hospitalized therefore not able to appear in person. After waiting for two hours, this is what we got: This letter is verification that Tian-en Lin has an account with us. However, we are not able to provide any other information due to Bank's policy!



Youth Fellowship went to Centurion to give out Gospel tracks at a Chinese shopping center/ giving testimonies on Sunday morning

Starting this month, C2S2 of University of Pretoria invites me to teach them every Monday from 12:30 to 13:30pm. The students specifically request to study from Pauline epistles or the Old Testament books. Furthermore, every other week, they would like me to do topical studies with them on fundamental doctrines. Their commitment is to invite as many friends as they can to come. In response, I challenge them to keep a record of everything they will learn for future didactic purposes. May the Lord raise next generation Christians for collegiate ministries in South Africa.

PECCC just finished her second season of adult Sunday school teachers' training. Brother Shuiwang Zheng was very diligent in preparing his lessons. In his class presentation, he talked about a brother, Banana, whom was sent in the book of Acts. We could not figure out who "Banana" is in the Bible. He then explained to us, "He's Paul's friend, Banana." We then realized that he was talking about Barnabas. Shuiwang brought a lot of joy and laughter to our classes.



C2S2 fellowship at U. of Pretoria      adult Sunday School      Studying the book of Romans on Wed. Fuqing Fellowship

This is the month to celebrate PECCC's 15th anniversary (9/2) and dedicating

Pretoria Evangelical FuQing Chinese Christian Church (PEFCCC) (9/1). Looking back, we clearly see how God had fulfilled His promise. Mrs. Christine Pi, Executive Director of CIM, had paid a special visit to encourage us in the Word.



Preparing for PECCC's 15th anniversary   Mrs. Pi sharing with Alex Ko and wife   Snow at Pretoria (once in 64 years)

This year's weather was very unusual. Johannesburg had 15 cm of snow. Pretoria also experienced snowfall. An elderly lady told us that the last snowfall she saw was 64 years ago. They made us very happy!

The Holy Spirit convicted Whitney and I when we had a family worship two weeks ago. Even though we had a deep spiritual experience, I thought this was too hard and serious for our children. But contrary to my thoughts, they also confessed their sins before the Lord. At the end, the Holy Spirit renewed us and drew us closer to Him.

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## THANKSGIVING

- 1、 Praise the Lord that Brother Lin, Tian-en has transferred from ICU to a regular ward.
- 2、 We are very thankful that Executive Director of CIM, Mrs. Christine Pi, came to South Africa for the dedication of Pretoria Fuqing Church early September. She was also invited to celebrate the 15th anniversary of PECCC with us.
- 3、 I am thankful for the opportunities to know some students at University of Pretoria through teaching them.
- 4、 We are so grateful to the Lord that then adult Sunday school teachers' training course has completed, and those who attended learned a lot.
- 5、 We're grateful for Brother Dean Gao, who joined student fellowship and learned "Practical Bible study Method".
- 6、 May the Lord keep our three children grow in balance physically, mentally, and spiritually. Clarence has gone to another flying lesson.
- 7、 Thank the Lord for raising many faithful prayer partners. We can't thank Him enough for the privilege to co-labor with you.

## SUPPLICATION

- 1、 **Please continue to pray for Brother Lin, Tian-en's recovery. The doctor announced that Tianen may be discharged from the hospital on Sept. 5 for home.**
- 2、 On Sept 1, Fuqing Fellowship will officially become a Fuqing church in Pretoria. Please pray for them.

- 3、 On Sept. 2, Pretoria Church celebrated her 15th anniversary. Please pray for her ministries and safety.
- 4、 Please pray for PECCC's youth fellowship and C2S2's ministry at Pretoria University. May the Lord send His own harvesters.
- 5、 May the Lord continue to guide Alex and Nico Ko in their future direction.
- 6、 South African Chinese ministries are in need of workers. May the Lord of harvest send His own laborers.
- 7、 Please pray for the tension between police and strikers in South Africa. (The biggest demonstration was held since police shot dead 34 miners last month). Strike demonstrations easily turn into violence, Chinese shop owners are usually caught in the conflict. Please pray for peace in this age of turmoil.
- 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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