

Douglas Wu's prayer letter

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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.” We feel very privileged for the deputation opportunity in the U.S. As we prayerfully prepared for the trip, we noticed that “apostles,” according to the Bible, are essential to healthy churches. To me, “apostles” means “missionaries.” They are integral part to equip God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. This passage reminds me of Elder Bai-Yi Chuang from CDTS and Elder Chris Chen from CCIC-NV who came for three weeks of equipping. Their presence and teaching motivated brothers and sisters of Rustenburg to open their homes, provide rides, fellowship, and encourage one another in God’s Word. As a result, the Body of Christ was built up.



Elder Chris Chen training in Peoria and Rustenburg



Middelburg Fuqing Fellowship

at the OMF Prayer Meeting

During preparation time, I had a slight feeling of dejection because of a zero success rate. For the last 10 years, we’ve spoken to numerous churches during deputation, but no one was willing to give his/her life for the missions. Other words of discouragement also haunted me, “*Why don’t you give up? What a waste of words! No one will ever become missionaries!*” As soon as I realized that these thoughts came from Satan, I prayed earnestly to God! Prayers allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of *apostleship* and missionaries.

I Corinthians 12:28-29 says, “And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?”

By God’s design, missionaries are parts of the Body of Christ. Church send out missionaries because of His promise, such as in the case of church in Antioch and church in Jerusalem. Church of Philippi also commissioned Epaphroditus. After thinking through these Bible passages, I thank the Holy Spirit for showing God’s truth to me and recognize Satan’s scheme. Therefore we put on the full armor of God and embarked the trip with faith. May the LORD do great things through us! Jesus came to the earth for 33 years; Paul served faithfully for about 20 years, that’s why he wrote in I Corinthians 4:9, “For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the

end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings.”

God’s ways are higher than our ways! After we arrived in Chicago, we met Rev. James Taylor on our first night at Living Water Evangelical Church. Both of us were invited to speak at their annual missions conference. Rev. Taylor was the main speaker and his’ message was: 「**Go => Grow**」 : **If you want to grow, you must go.** I couldn’t agree more with the theme thus urged the congregation to give their lives for the missions with all my strength.



Sharing South Africa ministries at Living Water Evangelical Church Rev. Chong and Rev. James Taylor



Sharing with CCUC Cantonese and Mandarin congregations

Founder of Rustenburg Church, Mrs. He, and her husband just concluded their three-month visit in South Africa. Before they returned to China, we reminisced how God used her to germinate the seed of the Gospel among Fuqings in Rustenburg ten years ago. Now, the seed has grown and blessed by God. Mr. He couldn’t help but give thanks from the bottom of his heart, “It has to be Jesus who protected our whole family while we stayed in South Africa.”



Mr. & Mrs. He Brother Huang’s home in a secured community Yudong Chen leads worship

Jehovah Jirah! Before we left for deputation, Brother YanYang Chen and our first daughter, Sharon Wu, started to learn how to lead worship service. Sister Star Yu also lead worship and translated the sermons. We are thankful that Whitney’s second sister came in time to care for our children, so that we may leave for the U.S. in peace.



Yangyang chen & Sharon Wu leading worship

Missionary Chuang's family visit

We would like to introduce a South African website for you to watch on you tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPEG8Gn6Qxk&list=TLWrS1QZVoKZB662LWBXuG7wh6Lzkklc-W>

... Douglas and Whitney's BLOG

<http://tw.myblog.yahoo.com/douglas1218@kimo.com>

Thanksgiving

- 1、 Elder Chris Chen from CCIC-NV in California came to teach and equip coworkers in Rustenburg and Pretoria. We give thanks for the training and help received by brothers and sisters.
- 2、 Praise the Lord for the completion of the first session of Rustenburg's leaders training for their five coworkers.
- 3、 Praise the Lord for the spirit of hospitality among our brothers and sisters in Rustenburg.
- 4、 We give thanks to God for Helen and Clarence's improvement of their academic studies.
- 5、 We give thanks for those who are willing to serve in church
- 6、 Thank God for the many opportunities to share and speak in the U.S. Thank Him also for a trouble-free U.S. entry.

SUPPLICATIONS

- 1、 Since Rustenburg Evangelical Chinese Christian Church (RECCC) is established, she needs to be rooted in the Truth. Please pray for shepherds who will pastor the congregation.
- 2、 Continue to remember Alex & Nicole Ko in your prayer. They just start receiving biblical trainings in Taiwan. May the Lord add to them wisdom, heart, and strength.
- 3、 Continue to pray for our deputations in the United States. Please also remember various ministries in South Africa, and our children left behind in your prayers.
- 4、 Please pray for Missionary Chrisna. She's leading C2S2 and teaching a beginner English class. May the Lord bless her ministries and protect her, especially on her way home at night.
- 5、 Department of Home Affairs is enforcing heavy penalties on airlines who carry illegal immigrants to South Africa. Many Chinese are strangled in Dubai and Hong Kong facing repatriate without cause. May God's will be done.
- 6、 Continue to remember TuanAn Lin's medical claim in your prayer, so that responsible parties will pay for his damage due to medical negligence.

- 7、 Please pray that Sharon will past the exam and get in a Psychology Honor's program. The acceptance rate is only 15%.
- 8、 South African Chinese ministry is in need of labors. May the Lord of harvest send His own workers to harvest the field.
- 9、 May the Lord raise up His laborers in our local churches, so that we may serve the Chinese on our land.
- 10、 South Africa's crime rate is very high. Please pray earnestly for our safety。 May the Chinese immigrants adapt quickly to South African way of life and become more safety-conscious.

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