

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter from South Africa

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**Mark 11:2-5** Jesus... saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

**Zechariah 9:9** “Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

A wonderful message lifted us up during our deputation trip. We are very thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Chieh-Wei Chang who brought us to a church service where we heard *The Lord Shall Use you*. The sermon contents include: A) used by God is not a sacrifice but a privilege; B) used by God is not a sacrifice but an honor; C) used by God requires humility and obedience; D) therefore, seize every opportunity to serve Him. The speaker’s key point was that the colt’s service was in fulfillment of God’s promise! He also challenged us by saying, “God has been looking for people to work with him for centuries. If He says to you, ‘I have chosen you to serve for my kingdom according to my promise,’ are you willing? Will you be like the colt’s owner who willingly allowed our Lord to use his colt without question?” The message made me realize that Church participating in missions is a part of God promise. Just as God has promised that Jesus would come and ride on a “colt,” recorded in the book of Zechariah, so shall missionaries (apostles), an important part of the body of Christ, fulfill the Great Commission. Arise! Oh churches! May we carry on the missions and spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



Preaching 2 Sunday sermons at CBCOP/ sharing with Christian leaders at CCLiFe in Chicago / Preaching at NLCC



CBCSJ

Preaching at HOC5

Whitney sharing at CCIC-SJ



Visiting Willow Creek WCC

Preaching at CCICTV

Whitney with Mrs. Moses Yu

We're very thankful that wife of late Rev. Moses Yu came to support us during our deputation. She's probably in her 80s. When we saw her in such a good spirit, many fond memories came back. We first got to know them in South Africa in 1997. Rev. Yu gave me a copy of his Study Bible. Later on they came to PECCC's 10 anniversary celebration in 2007. At the time my visa application to the U.S. was in pending for almost three months. Rev. and Mrs. Yu accompanied me to U.S. embassy, my visa was granted the next day. God gave us one last chance to be with Rev. Yu before he went home to be with the Lord. The couple had been our example and our blessings for all these years. May we follow His servants' footsteps.



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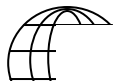
We are also very thankful for the opportunity to visit CCLiFe (publisher of Christian Life Quarterly, 生命季刊 magazine) in Chicago. After receiving their web address from Mrs. Wang, CCLiFe's Editor-in-chief, I passed it on to our brothers and sisters in South Africa right away, for they will be able to receive daily devotions and electronic digest the next day if they subscribe the magazine today. This is the first time that Christian Life Quarterly will be read in South Africa. We're so excited. May the Lord use the magazine to reach more Chinese for Christ.

During our trips to the States, Sharon, our oldest daughter, contacted us one day through WeChat for she had forgotten to bring her house key and locked the entire family out. I instructed her to pray first, then I taught her how to unlock the door with a piece of metal. Thank the Lord that she had a metal ruler in her pencil case, so she pried open the door by herself, saved R450, and safely entered the home.

*Psalm 11:3* "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

While we visited California, people told us about recently approved AB1266. This Assembly Bill will permit public school students to "participate in sex-segregated ... programs and activities, including... use facilities consistent with his or her gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the pupil's records." This means boys and girls are allowed to share showers, locker rooms or bathrooms according to their own gender choice starting January 1, 2014. Not long ago, California Supreme Court ruled against the backers of Proposition 8 gay marriage ban. With these provisions in the book we can't imagine what will happen to the children -- higher possibly of facing gender confusion and its serious side-effects.

We also saw how the Americans celebrate Halloween on Oct. 31. Many of them decorated their homes with ghosts and witches. These gruesome figures disturbed us deeply. If Satan wants to attack a country, he destroys first the foundations of the righteous.



Ghostly Halloween decorations

Psalm 89:14 “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.” Isaiah 28:16 “So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.”



Yosemite National Park in California Yosemite's Half Dome at different time of day



Lily & her husband took us to Yosemite

Amazing flowers

Gigantic pumpkin

Introducing a South African website:

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

..... Douglas and Whitney's BLOG

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## THANKSGIVING

- 1、 We are very grateful for the opportunities to speak and be continuously supported by churches in Chicago, San Francisco Bay area, and San Jose. Through our sharing, we hope to deepen their understanding of CIM's mission endeavor and our family's ministries in South Africa.
- 2、 Special appreciations go to Chirsna, Pastor Lee missionary from Korea, and Rev. Jacky. They took turns to feed South African congregations through their preaching ministries while we were away for deputation.
- 3、 We give thanks to the co-workers of PECCC, PEFCCC, and RECCC who served

their brothers and sisters whole-heartedly. They also led their congregations in worship and thanksgiving. May the Lord remember them and bless them.

- 4、 Thank God that Whitney's elder sister, LeeLing, who postponed her flight back to Taiwan and spent extra days to care for our children while we were away.
- 5、 Thank you, Lord, for keeping us throughout the entire deputation trip.

### **SUPPLICATION**

- 1、 Please pray for brothers and sisters of Middleburg Fellowship that they will stand firm on the Word of God. Recently a Chinese "pastor" from elsewhere is trying to invite them for religious studies.
- 2、 Continue to remember Alex & Nicole Ko and their seminary studies in your prayer. May the Lord added to them wisdom and strength.
- 3、 Please pray for our last week of deputation. May the Lord keep us, various ministries in South Africa, and our family.
- 4、 Please pray for PECCC's registration with the government. We have not received any response since we submitted the applications four months ago.
- 5、 We were told that Department of Home Affairs might not issue any temporary visas within South Africa starting next January. All new applications have to be submitted outside the country. Please pray for the law makers and our kinsmen whom will seek legal ways to immigrate.
- 6、 Continue to remember TuanAn Lin's medical claim in your prayer, so that his grievances may be handled justly.
- 7、 Please pray for Sharon that she will pass her Psychology Honor's program entrance exam. The acceptance rate is only 15%.
- 8、 **South African Chinese ministry is desperately 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 more brothers and sisters will serve the Chinese on African continent.**
- 10、 South Africa's crime rate is very high. Please pray earnestly for our safety. It's essential for new immigrants to adapt quickly to South African way of life and become extremely safety-conscious.

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