

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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2014 is a special year for the Wu family because six of my siblings came to South Africa for a family reunion during Chinese New Year. Since my dad passed away a decade ago in 2003, this was our first big gathering, all seven of us. To me, it was a very emotional time. I empathize with Apostle Paul's feeling written in Romans 9:3, "For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race." While my brothers and sisters were here, I did all I can to share the Gospel with them for they are like sheep have gone astray and are bond by the world. However, it was not easy for them to accept the Gospel, they even made fun of Jesus at times. Another verse popped in my mind is from I Corinthians 16:22, "If anyone does not love the Lord, let that person be cursed! Come, Lord!" You see, I was bothered by the mixed feelings. Even though disappointments were inevitable, the Lord reminded me that both of my parents came to know God before they passed away. So I was able to lift my brothers and sisters before the Lord and be filled with joy and peace from above. II Cor. 1:20, "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God."



Douglas - 8 year-old

(1st left) Douglas - 9 year-old

Douglas - 22 year-old



Douglas' 6 siblings



Family reunion of three generations / Celebrating Chinese New Year at seaside



When I studied at CDTS, I distinctly remembered one day in 2002, the Holy Spirit convicted me that "Jesus is Messiah" through a Bible Holy Land class. Later on in the seminary, I experienced Job 4:15-16 "A spirit glided past my face and the hair on my body stood on end. It stopped but I could not tell what it was. A form stood before my eyes, and I heard a hushed voice:" when I prayed. Even though I was scared to death and wished to flee from the room, I knew He is Jehovah Shalom. In 2006, the Holy Spirit continued to tell me that He chose us in Him before the creation of the world (Ephesian 1:4)

Then, from Hebrews 7:1 "This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him." From Psalm 139:16 "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Also in Psalm 139:13 "For you

created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.”

Isaiah 46:3-4 “Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.”

Hosea 11:4 “I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love.”

Psalms 65: 11 “You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.”

As I retrospect my life, God's fingerprints of love and grace were everywhere which makes me want to pray even deeper: please teach me how to love Him and return His love through following His will. **Acts 17:28** “‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’”

Brothers and sisters in South Africa are giving thanks for me for the successful cholecystectomy. They continue to intercede for my interferon treatment in Taiwan, so that I may be healed from chronic Hepatitis C. Would you please pray for me as well? We are praying that no complications, such as arrhythmia, will occur during the treatment from February 24 to early September. We also pray that someone will take charge of CIM's South African Chinese ministries during my absence. The Lord will keep our brothers and sisters strong spiritually. Our family, including our children, will continue to grow in the Lord and be safe. May we experience once again God's amazing will be done because “the blessing of the Lord brings wealth, without painful toil for it” (Proverbs 10:22)



JinMing Zheng at PEFCCC



PEFCCC lunar New Year worship



Offertory by Sharon and Helen



RECCC's last worship service at Brother Chen's home



Sending off Kuo-Dean Kao to Taiwan

Since last December, e-tolling system is in place in Gauteng, the province where we live. However, 60% of the residents' cars (about 1,500,000 vehicles) are not registered for E-Tag. Complaints are rampant, but the government has not responded..... Recently there are heavy rains in South Africa. No one comes to fix the malfunctioned traffic lights or direct congested traffic. I admire South Africans' patience, they would wait for their turn to cross intersections as if there were four-way-stops.

An immigration officer confiscated Brother Chen and his wife's passports while he randomly marked "no documentation" on their PR documents. So the couple filed claims at the immigration office, but the bureau issued no PR replacements even though they were very sympathetic to their case. Not only so, the officer demanded further for 3,000 Rand before he can return the passports! Brother Chen asked me to teach him how to pray for this matter.....!

Gold and platinum miners continue to strike. South African currency exchange rate keeps declining to 1US\$: R11.25. When the inflation is soaring, the Government announced without much thoughts that gasoline price will rise to R14.03 per liter. Protests and riots broke out in nearby Bronkhorstspruit city and East London due to crashing utility bill paying system. These events are all related to people's livelihood. We are expecting similar unrest till general election in May.

Just before I send this prayer letter we received the following correspondence. With author's permission, I'd like to share with you for the furthering of the mission work. May God's faithfulness be praised!

Dear Douglas and Whitney, Shalom:

I am a brother from Keelong Chidu Devoted Faith Church. Do you remember me? When you were attending Christ Disciples Training Seminary you interned at our Paul Fellowship for a year. At the time, I was serving in the military, therefore we didn't cross path as much, but I remembered how you served us. You used to say that I looked like Keanu Charles Reeves. Do you remember me by now? That's okay, the point is.....I switched to Torch Covenant Church years ago. I'm taking an equipping class and reading Hudson Taylor's biography. The contents of the book touched me deeply. This missionary had given his whole life for the Chinese. His life also prompted me to think of you and your ministries in South Africa. Thank you for sending us your prayer letters, so that we may know what's going on over there. When I was a student, your picture often appeared in my mind because of your letter and the things you do. These letters are like a South African edition of Hudson's biography, they touched me greatly. I realize that besides missionaries serving on the front line, supporters are just as important. My vision and calling is to be a "monitory missionary." That's why I am writing, first, to send my greetings; second, to tell you how God has moved me through the book to support missionaries financially. I don't earn very much, thus only a small amount of offering. Please keep sending me your prayer letters, so that I may pray for you more as while I give monetarily.

Douglas & Whitney's BLOG: <http://douglaswufamily.blogspot.tw/>
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THANKSGIVING

- 1、 Praise God for the successful removal of my gallbladder.
- 2、 Thank God that all of our brothers and sisters were safe during Christmas and Chinese New Year.
- 3、 Plans have been made for Douglas to receive Hepatitis C interferon treatment on February 24 in Taiwan. Thank God for His provision.
- 4、 Praise the Lord that Sharon has been accepted to the music therapy honor's program in University's Psychology department.
- 5、 Let's give thanks to PECCC, PEFCCC, RECCC's coworkers who serve their

churches faithfully by leading them in prayer and worship. May the Lord remember their faithfulness and bless them.

- 6、 Starting this February, RECCC will meet in a Caucasian church every Tuesday and Thursday night. We're thankful for Rustenburg Baptist Church whom generously allowed us to use their facilities.
- 7、 We are thankful for a wonderful family reunion, and everyone was safe during the visit.

SUPPLICATION

1. Please pray for Douglas' interferon treatment during March to August in Taiwan. May the Lord heal him from chronic Hepatitis C.
2. Pray earnestly for pastors to come and support CIM's South African Chinese Ministries during my absence.
3. Please pray for youth mission work in July. The youth group plans to conduct Gospel and English camp in Taiwan. They are in need of churches to host and co-work with them.
4. Please pray for the political situations in South Africa. Protests against inflations are everywhere. Inefficiency in administrative work causes inconvenience to our daily lives. May the Lord grant peace in South Africa.
5. Please pray for Gauteng's e-tolling system. May it work and help the people.
6. Please remember to pray for our children, so that they will learn how to manage their time wisely in this new school year. Please also pray that they would love to draw near to God. May the Lord grant them grace and peace.
7. PECCC has tried to register with the government for six months. The accountant just informed us that we need to submit the documents again.
8. Continue to supplicate for Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ko and their studies in the seminary.
9. South Africa is desperately in need of missionaries. May the Lord of harvest send His own to harvest the fields.
10. Please ask the Lord to rise up local workers to serve the African Chinese.
11. 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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