

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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Ezekiel 34:5 “So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.” Isaiah 53:6 “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Five RECCC brothers and sisters received baptism in October. When YenHui Lin, one of the five, traveled between home and our catechism class, he encountered stray animals twice --once by a herd of goats, the other time by oxen-- possibly due to shepherds’ negligence. I happened to read passages from Isaiah to Daniel during the same weeks. Seeing his photos make Prophets’ descriptions come alive. Regarding YenHui, his whole family is Christian. However, he was reluctant to get baptized. He told us that he still drank at wedding banquets and fought with his sisters which disqualified him for baptism. Though Lin was Bible-illiterate, his faith in Jesus was strong. He just needed some to explain the Gospel to him. Thank God for the opportunity to share my testimony with YenHui: how weak and sinful I was before I became a Christian, and how gracious God is to save me. Now with the Spirit inside, I may live victoriously through Jesus Christ (Romans 7:14-25). Finally, Lin decided to get baptized.



Baptism service for WengQin Yen, XiuJuan Lin, YenHui Lin, WengBin Yen, and Lishundi Lin

Reminiscing my past, I was like a stray sheep who was not only lost emotionally, academically, and career-wise, but also bewildered in my relationship with my family and other human beings. Without directions, I became Satan’s servant. However, God never forsakes me. His love, mercy, and grace never leave me. Not only Christ incarnated as man to die for on the Cross for me, the Heavenly Father also sent His laborers, disciples, and servants to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, so that the lost may be saved. Originally, I came to South Africa for a new life by making some money. Instead, God changed my life completely through His servant, Eugene S. Wiseman. My English proficiency was poor when we first met. We could barely communicate. Nonetheless, I understood his question, “Do you want to be baptized?” “Why do I want to be baptized?” I replied. “Do you believe in Jesus?” he asked. “Who is Jesus?” I replied. He posed another question, “Do you believe that the earth was created by a Creator?” “Yes, I believe,” I

affirmed. “Jesus is the Creator. If you believe in Him, you can be baptized!” At the time, I even asked him what benefits come with baptism. He was surprised by my question, then he patted my shoulder and answered, “there’s nothing for you to lose.” That was how I accepted Jesus as my risen Lord who rose from dead and ascended into Heaven. Since I confessed with my mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, I receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). That’s how I was able to overcome gambling, lying, and not loving my family later on in life. I also understood that Jesus is the Messiah, and He is coming again. Rev. Wiseman passed away early October and rested from his mission work in Durban. God brought back many stray sheep through his life.



Eugene Wiseman’s memorial service / Rev. Wiseman is buried in Norwegian Settlers Church in Durban /with Mrs. Thora Wiseman

Visiting and praying with Rev. Chuang, a cross-cultural SIM missionary in Durban, was spiritually uplifting. We also had privilege of Florence Pi, Late Rev. Clarence Pi’s daughter, visiting from the United States. We went to see Theo and Elizabeth together. During holidays, our children took time out to visit their piano teacher, Louise, as well. These Caucasian friends received us warmly. Their love for the Chinese to receive the Gospel impressed deeply upon our family.



SIM missionary, Rev. Chuang and his family Visiting Theo and Elizabeth with Florence Piano teacher, Louise

Some of the RECCC brothers and sisters invited me to Fujian Association’s most recent NW regional conference. At the time of 50,000 Chinese leaving South Africa for their hometown, over four hundred Fujianese participated the event. I admire their courage and perseverance. At the conference, I also sensed a tremendous need for the Gospel. But who am I-- a person with little stature and great limitations? My heart still goes out to these people, especially when I think of the three Chinese shop owners who were killed during robbery last month. As I pray for them, I was reminded of Jesus’ footprints -- the places He had been, and how firm He trod toward the mountain of Golgotha. [Matthew 9:35-38](#) “ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”



Southern Africa chapter Fujian Association's annual NW regional conference



Clarence, Helen and us

Jacarandas are blooming again. God divides the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years. He kept them running day after day. In the blink of an eye, our family have served in South Africa for 12 years. During these years, the children are grown. Our oldest daughter plans to apply for graduate school after university commencement (she will first return to Taiwan temporarily for orthodontic work). We also prayed year after year for the Lord Jesus to send out laborers into His harvest. Even though we have not seen the result, we believe that the day is approaching and His promises will never change. May the Spirit spark the mission zeal among the Chinese to get the fire going for millions responding to the missionary calls.



PFECCC fifth anniversary love feast...

Fu Qing children singing with motions

PECCC youth skit



PECCC youth offertory

PFECCC fifth anniversary joint worship

Brother Victor

Last month, we received several requests for help from Caucasian missionaries. One of them, who lives in Nigel about 120Km southeast of Pretoria, contacted CIM headquarter in California last month and specifically asked for Chinese-speaking missionary to assist them in their mission work. A young brother, named Victor, took a special trip to see me and informed us that there are thousands of Chinese mine labors working in Swakopmund. The city is located in the west coast of Namibia, northwest of South Africa. He suggests that I take a look over there.

Then it was missionary Christine who came to share with PECCC that missionaries are needed in Emalahleni, 110kum east of Pretoria. I beg you to pray for these places.

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THANKSGIVING

- 1、 Glory to God for the five brothers and sisters who were baptized at RECCC last month.
- 2、 Thank God for wonderful fellowship with Florence Pi who came all the way from the U.S. to visit us.
- 3、 We give special thanks to PFECCE's fifth anniversary. May God's peace dwell in each one of us.
- 4、 Thank you, Lord, for keeping brothers and sisters safe as they travel in and out of South Africa.
- 5、 Sharon had found a spiritual home in Taiwan and attends fellowship regularly, we are very thankful for this. May the Lord grant her wisdom and make use of her time wisely.
- 6、 We are thankful that Clarence has placed video games aside and concentrated in studies this semester.
- 7、 Through Brother Chen's help, we bought a new 125cc motorcycle for Clarence.

SUPPLICATIONS

- 1、 Combined mission team from CCIC-NV and CCIC-TV will arrive in South Africa on December 24th. They will be in charge of our family retreat from January 1st to 3rd. Please pray for reception of the short-term missionaries and retreat logistics including accommodation assignments, retreat recruitment, etc. May the Lord keep us and grant us success.
- 2、 Recently, number of robberies against Chinese is on the rise. Two more kinsmen had been murdered. May the Lord grant peace on this land.
- 3、 Please remember in your prayer that CIM-SA is in need of a new vehicle. The 2002 van already has 275,000 km on it. Currently it runs 7.5km/liter. May the Lord keep us safe when driving.
- 4、 Our oldest daughter, Sharon, plans to apply for a Business Psychology program in graduate level. May the Lord direct her path.
- 5、 Helen is taking the college entrance exam, Matric. Please pray that she will be focused on her studies and keep her grades up in order to secure her university admissions.
- 6、 Clarence's current semester grade is crucial for university admissions. Please pray that he will study hard. Furthermore, it has been four months since Clarence requested for his birth certificate. He has not received it. Please pray for him to get his ID soon because he will be needing the document for leaving or re-entering the country before he turns eighteen. The ID is also required early next year for university applications. Please pray for related agencies.
- 7、 Clarence will be learning how to ride the motorcycle during Christmas holidays. May the Lord grant wisdom and peace.
- 8、 We beseech the Lord to raise up workers from our local churches to serve the Chinese on this land.
- 9、 Our greater hope is to send out CIM missionaries to harvest the field together some day.
- 10、 South African public security system is very corrupt. Theft and robbery incidents continue to occur. Please pray earnestly for immigrants to improve their way of living including money usage and circulation. They also need to enhance their home security. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon them and keep them safe.

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