

## Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Cristian Church’s family retreat finally took place at the end of 2015 and beginning of 2016! Eighty-four people came. The initial registration was a bit chaotic, the retreat still carried on in an orderly fashion. As a result, everything went well. Afterwards, when I repented for lack of faith, the Lord gave me the following words during my devotion: [I Thessalonians 1:3-5](#) “We give thanks to God always for you all, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.” The Holy Spirit reminds us that you are like Apostle Paul, who had been praying for us from afar. On the receiving end, Whitney and I, because of the advancement of the Gospel to South Africa, were saved and called to serve Him! Once more, God helped us to put on the spectacles of faith and love, so that we may see what Christ wants us to see..... We are very grateful for Young He-Ting, an extremely capable brother, who helped us with retreat registration. We are also thankful for our children who listened and obeyed and co-worked with much flexibility. Last, but not the least, we are blessed to have the short-term mission team who ministered to us with grace. Therefore, every participant, young or old, experienced peace, joy, and hope from the Holy Spirit. Every participant, saved or not, became wonderful co-workers at the Retreat.



Icebreakers to kick off the retreat



Singspiration



Keynote sharing at the retreat



small group discussion



Sunday worship



Young students praying with joy



children's Sunday school



wonderful time spent at the Retreat

Participation in short-term missions is an awesome opportunity to grow spiritually. Since the team members were from different churches, to serve with one mind under one Lord took mutual respect, acceptance, and encouragement. They also learn to set aside their prideful professional experiences but to assist humbly as Christ’s servants. Through their life



examples, the Holy Spirit allowed me to realize that over the years, the Lord had used the short-term work to expose participants' weaknesses and to make them complete when they trust in Him. Only a changed life may influence another life change. Each disciple of Christ may turn into a powerful witness of His only when he is willing to submit himself to the Lord and to be transformed by God.



2015-2016 'Aspects of Family' Camp

Short-term mission team

Praying before departing for camp

I Thessalonians 1:6-8 “And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.”

You might recall what happened to Brother Wang during 2011-2012 Christmas retreat. He had to rush back to open his shop gate for police inspections when the security alarm was triggered by burglars. We prayed for him. Thank God everyone was safe. On the second day of this year's family retreat, Brother Lin's shop in the mining area was completely ransacked during a riot. When the riot started to take place, his parents were in the shop. They reported to Lin but advised him not to go because it was too dangerous at the time. So we prayed that his parents would first view life more important than commodities. We also pray to God Almighty to send Cherubs, Seraphim, Angel Gabriel, Archangel Michael, twelve legions of angels, chariots of fire, and horses of fire to build a hedge around them and protect them. Thank God that He watched over us and grant us peace. Brother Lin's parents got out of the mining area in time and reached home safely. “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”



Emergency prayer for Lin's parents led by Short-term mission team leader    Lin's mother testifying how God saved them



Tragic scene of Lin's shops after the brutal ransack

Grocery store



Very dangerous bank parking lot   Gospel for all regardless of one's skin color   Beautiful traditional African costume

Please allow me to introduce to you the short-term mission team leader, Balex Sit, elder and minister of CCIC-TV. I trust that his life example would encourage us to pray more for the South African ministries. Right after the late Rev. Clarence Pi went home to be with the Lord in November, 1998, Balex came to assist CIM-SA for three months in the following year. Whitney and I had the privilege of hosting him for a month. His faith in God and enthusiasm to serve Him inspired Whitney and I. I still remember his sermon on Christ's ministry of reconciliation based on II Corinthians 5:17-21. It helped me to give up my skills as a "dividing master," instead I learned to reconcile, make peace, and to accept Christ's peace. In 2002, Balex came to serve with a short-term mission team. In July, 2009, Balex immediately volunteered himself again to support South African missions when Missionary Liu Qi went to the U.S. for treatment due to Intramedullary tumor. During his one-month stay, he was assaulted and robbed at gun-point. Nonetheless, he insisted on completing the assignment before returning home to the States. We assumed that he would never return to South Africa. On the contrary, he stepped foot on this dark continent again bringing another team with him! May Your light shine on this land, Lord! **Revelation 12:11** "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." Whitney and I knew that this was the Lord's doing because these people, like Balex, had never tried to manifest themselves but God. They had also realized Paul's words in **I Thessalonians 2:4** "But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts." May the Lord bless all short-term mission teams regardless where they come from and when they come. May the fruits they bear at mission fields (whether due to their prayers, donations, short-term work, mid-term work, or career mission work, or agencies) become their hope, joy, and crown. So when the Lord comes, all of us may stand firm before Him (I Thess 2:19-20). Please click on the following link to watch a slide presentation produced by the short-term mission team, so that you may know more or to reminisce their most recent ministries in South Africa:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Etl73gMYfc&feature=youtu.be> We pray that Christians in South Africa may grow spiritually, get equipped, partake in missions, share the Gospel, and prepare for the day of Jesus' coming.

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## THANKSGIVING

- 1、 Combined short-term mission team comprised of nine missionaries from CCIC-TV, CCIC-NV, and CCIC-MV completed their South African assignments and returned to the States safely. Thank you, Jehovah-Shalom.
- 2、 By God's grace the Christmas retreat conducted smoothly. The participants were blessed much and learned much.
- 3、 We are grateful for Pastor Duan who brought few brothers and sisters from South Africa



- Chinese Covenant Church to the family retreat during Christmas break.
- 4、 Special appreciation goes to Andrew and Star who opened their home and hosted some short-term missionaries. Brother Chen also offered his time to drive the missionaries to the airport. May the Lord bless them richly.
  - 5、 Mr. and Mrs. Lin gave thanks to Lord and testified how the Lord protected them when all four of their shops were robbed.
  - 6、 Helen would like to thank the Lord for the opportunity to study physical therapy at the University of Pretoria. She is formally enrolled in the University's medical school.
  - 7、 The Lord gave Sharon the courage to go to Chicago by herself for two weeks. We are grateful for kind reception by deacons and brothers and sisters of New Light Chinese Church. She also went to California for one week to apply for the admissions of the psychology masters program.
  - 8、 Praise the Lord that Clarence is motivated to study. He had conducted a service to say "goodbye" to his video game machine.

### **SUPPLICATIONS**

- 1、 PECCC does not have a Bible Study group. Brothers and sisters are longing to study God's word together. May the Lord open the door for us.
- 2、 Please pray for an affordable and good-conditioned second-hand van we may purchase for ministry use.
- 3、 Sharon, our oldest daughter, is applying for a graduate level Business Psychology program. May the Lord direct her path.
- 4、 Please pray for Helen's studies at the medical school. Three days ago after working with a cadaver, she thought about withdrawing from the program.
- 5、 Douglas has planned a Hepatitis interferon check-up in Taiwan between February 11-25. May the Lord grant him peace.
- 6、 Please pray for CCIC-Cupertino short-term mission team who will arrive in South Africa at the end of March. May the Lord grant them peace and a safe trip.
- 7、 Dear God, please raise up workers from our local churches to serve the Chinese on this land.
- 8、 Our greatest hope is to send out missionaries through CIM to harvest the field.
- 9、 South African public security system is very corrupt. Burglary and robbery happen all the time. 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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### Cape Town, South Africa sceneries



Signal Hill



Table Mountain



Cape Town



Signal Hill on the left and City view from the Table Mountain



Table Mountain view from other angle



The Cape of Good Hope



the Light house



Cape of Good Hope southwest corner