

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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South African politics, economy, and public order is like a waterfall. Recent robberies against Chinese businesses are getting more brutal, not just murder, arsons were also committed. In the past month, two Chinese merchants were burnt into charcoal after manslaughter. On university fronts, riots were rampant. Since the negotiation for lower tuition fell through, #Afrikaans Must Fall# campaign, advocating English only instructions instead of bilingual instructions in both English and Afrikaans, heightened racial tension. The conflict instigated more riots which caused two buildings set ablaze at Northwest University's Mafikeng Campus. As a result institution's management opted to shut the campus down for one week. All classes of Tshwane University of Technology's Pretoria (West) Campus, right here in our capitol, were suspended. The administration center of the University of Pretoria remains closed till this day. Even University campus was shut down for a week due to blacks assaulting white students.



Northwest University campus

wrong people at wrong places

In regards to the South African government, “wrong people at wrong places” was a popular phrase used by dissidents against the incumbents about four to five years ago. Recently, people are spreading “nobody is doing the job.” Government officials, from top down, only get paid but do not work! This leads to downgrade of South African credit rating. Currency exchange rate also fell to US\$1= Rand 16. South African future looks very bleak, going from bad to worse.

**Revelation 12:7-9, 12 “Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was there a place for them in heaven any longer. 9 The great dragon was cast out, that ancient serpent called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world. He was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him...Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe unto the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short.”**

Under such circumstances, CIM kept praying for a replacement for the twelve-year-old transporting device. At the time of a low exchange rate, the donations received from abroad and home were just enough to purchase a very nice second-hand vehicle made in September, 2013. Right after we completed the registration process, more than 10% inflation started to take place. Our family is in awe of God's timing. Through your prayer and offering and His faithfulness, He has done a great thing for us. Glory to God! From now on, the short-term missionaries do not need to worry about auto break-down any more.

Our oldest daughter, Sharon, finally took a leap of faith and went to the United States to visit universities on her own. She is very grateful for the “Boaz” and the “angels” who took good care of her. She tasted the goodness of God. Thank you, sons and daughters of God,

who love Sharon in Christ. She had matured much during this trip. Glory to God! She is now praying for direction. If accepted, she will be studying in the States.

In regards to my Hepatitis interferon check-up in Taiwan, my Liver Cirrhosis Index has dropped from 9.8 to to 6.6 (10-Cirrhosis, <6.2-normal). Dr. Chang said that I don't need to return for check up till the year after next! I am so thankful for your support and prayers offered behind line, so that I may be healed. Hallelujah! Glory to God! Since the liver is close to normal, Dr. Chang immediately transferred me to the cardiology department, so that I may be cared for my cardiac arrhythmia. I am very grateful for his care.

**Revelation 12:10-11 “Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying: “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.”**



CIM newly purchased van



Chicago New Light Church (Boaz)/ Friends (Boaz) from CCIC in California receiving Sharon



Wu's girl has grown up



RECCC praying for Douglas' health / Praying at Christ Disciples Training Seminary in Taiwan



Visiting Alex & Xing-yue Ko and daughter



our 2nd daughter Helen leading worship for the first time / Pastor Immanuel preaching



Whitney faithfully serving Sunday school children



Youth are meeting faithfully



Brothers and sisters returned after lunar holidays

Whitney and I have been serving in South Africa for twelve years. From the beginning of my liver treatment till today (about 2 years), we prayed earnestly for passing the “bottle-

neck” of our ministries--lack of reproduction of disciples of Christ. There were clear evidence of the love for Bible studies, fellowship, and enjoying God’s grace among the people we serve; however, the Gospel has not been propagated, there were no “disciples making disciples.” After twelve years of endeavor, we begin to feel like a dog chasing its tail, spinning in place: children’s Sunday school had taught from the Old through New Testament three times; I, myself, read the Bible 26 times. What I wanted to say is that: till this day, I still haven’t taught our believers to bring their non-believing family members to Christ or to pray for their friends. Whether praying for the sick or granting blessings, I haven’t taught them how to share the Gospel -- such as telling others how God’s grace has saved them-- so that people may see the power of the Gospel. It seems like we have become obstacles to their way to discipleship. Just as I fell perplexed, the Lord enlightened me through a spiritual elder on my way to Taiwan. Through his words, I realized my insufficiency and shortcomings. Thus, I pray earnestly that regardless of the methods we use in the future, we will be able to receive “the gift of propagating the Gospel” and be disciples of Christ. We will also keep making disciples generation after generation.

**Micah 6:8 “He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you. But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?”**

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## THANKSGIVING

- 1、 Mission department of Shipai Friendship Presbyterian Church visited Whitney’s mother and gave her some gifts. May the Lord bless His church.
- 2、 I am thankful for two Caucasian pastors and Whitney who covered the pulpit ministry when I went to Taiwan for Hepatitis interferon follow-up. Thank you also for your prayer support.
- 3、 Through your prayer and gifts, we were able to trade-in the old vehicle for a new used van. Thank you, Lord!
- 4、 We are grateful for Sharon’s trip to the States. Everywhere she went, angels received her, she was able to apply for three graduate schools for psychology studies.
- 5、 Thank you for treating CIM and our family graciously. May the Lord bless you in the same way you have blessed us. May God doubling bless you!!
- 6、 Helen’s younger uncle has donated his car for her commuting purposes. Thank God for his generosity.

## SUPPLICATION

- 1、 PECCC is planning to start a Bible study group for equipping the saints as disciples. Please pray for this new ministry, and may the Lord open the Lord for us.
- 2、 CCIC-Cupertino in California is sending a short-term mission team in March 23-31. Please pray for their accommodations in South Africa. May God’s peace be with us.
- 3、 Sharon, our oldest daughter, is applying for graduate level Business Psychology program. May the Lord open the door for her.
- 4、 Please keep Helen’s safety in your prayers. She needs to commute between two campuses and home which takes up much of her time. Please also pray that strikes, protests, and campaigns would not deter her from studying.
- 5、 Please remember Clarence’ university entrance exam in your prayer. He did not do well last year, therefore the pressure is on. May the Lord have mercy on him.

- 6、 Dear God, please raise up workers from our local churches to serve the Chinese on this land and more will follow You as disciples.
- 7、 Our greatest hope is to send out missionaries through CIM to harvest the field.
- 8、 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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