

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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South Africa Department of Home Affairs finally approved Clarence's ID application last month! Since his first submission two years ago, he had resubmitted three times and placed fifty follow-up calls because the head office in Pretoria claimed that they did not receive his documents from our local immigration office. Therefore, when the officer notified us that his ID was ready for pickup, we were very skeptical. Nonetheless, Clarence and I went. When we got there, he was twenty-sixth in line. "I really don't know if I'll be getting the ID today," he said pessimistically. My first reaction was an urge to instruct him how to stand tall and face reality. However, the Holy Spirit prompted me to empathize with his weakness. "I feel the same way, Clarence," I responded with a sigh. "Ok, then we shall see." An hour and half later, Clarence received his ID.

Thank you all for praying for him. We are immensely thankful that God had answered our prayers. With South African ID in hand, Clarence may register for matric exam in April.



Clarence's ID Seizing the opportunity for Family Photo CCIC-Cupertino Short-term Mission Team

Genesis 1:27-28 **“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it...’”** While I meditate on the “Biblical Foundation for Missions” of how Adam perceived God’s words on “Be fruitful” and “Fill the earth,” the short-term mission team came.



Three-Day Youth Day Camp for Students during Easter holidays

TRUE, TRUE, FALSE! was one of the games the short-term mission team taught us at the Youth Day Camp. The speaker asked everyone to share two true statements and a false statement about him/herself without letting others know which was which. Everyone else's job was to guess which statements were true and which statement was false. The purpose of the game is help the players to know one another better. One of the statements my second daughter, Helen, made was “She is never afraid of her Dad.” When people voted on whether this statement was true, both Sharon and Clarence raised their hands without hesitation. Their assuring attitude influenced other players to vote the same. As a result, this is a true

statement! Right there I felt cheated and hurt because I always thought that all three of my children respected me with fear. Little did I know that they were like Jacob’s ten sons who fooled their dad for more than a decade until he saw the carts Joseph sent to carry him to Egypt, his spirit revived (Gen. 45:27). At the moment, I could appreciate slightly Jacob’s mood at the time, so I prayed to God that I would also say the same as Jacob did, “It is enough, I am convinced!”

We are thankful that right after the tumultuous campus protests and labor strikes, the CCIC- Cupertino short-term mission team came timely to encourage our students to stand firm on the Word of God. One of the students, Clarence, shared with us that one’s life, if you allow him to describe it as the dates engraved on one’s tombstone, is nothing but few digits and a dash, such as 1962-20xx. Regardless of what the last two digits may be, what matters the most is the dash between the numbers. After hearing his words I was both shocked and thankful. For while I tried to focus on figuring out the last two digits, these children have already grasped the lesson core of what the short-term missionaries wanted them to see. They encouraged them to live a life full of “hope, faith, and witnessing God’s love.” At the end, Clarence even asked everyone, “how are you spending you dash?”



“How are you spending your dash?”



ST missionaries visit and share the Gospel during the day

At night, the short-term mission team conducted workshops on “spousal and parent-child relationships.” The most challenging concept for the audience was “living with your family”. It requires serious reflections from Christians and non-Christian alike. Most of the 300,000 Chinese in South Africa came around Year 2004. If they left their young children home on their initial immigration, their children would be in their teens now. On the issue of staying in SA or going home, before they became Christians, making money to support their family might be their top concern. Now their value system has changed. Although we don’t want to see them go, especially when our congregation is dwindling; watching them grow, life changed, and making decisions based on godly value system, we cannot be more thankful.



Pretoria workshop



Rustenburg workshop (conducted in a restaurant)



Pretoria - PECCC Easter worship

Genesis 22:17-18 “I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore...and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed,…” How did Abraham receive and understand “all nations” and “offspring”? How do we understand and live out God’s will and fulfill His commissioning?
Galatians 4:27 “For it is written: Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband.”



posting ppt and photos in Group / Children’s Sunday School at Easter / STM team getting to know South Africa and pray for the country



RECCC group picture

STM team with PECCC congregation

STM team giving Testimonies

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THANSGIVING

1. Praise the Lord that Clarence’s ID is finally approved and received.
2. Thank God that our mission board bought a newer used car, VW-T5, just in time for the short-term mission team.
3. Thank God for bringing an Elder, four brothers and sisters from CCIC -Cupertino to South Africa for short-term mission work. During their stay, they conducted a Youth Day

Camp, two 2-night workshops in two cities, sharing the Gospel, and evangelistic meetings in three locations. The Lord granted them peace through out the trip: How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” (Isaiah 52 : 7)

4. We give thanks for those who opened their homes and accommodated the short-term missionaries during their visit. They are Star Yu, Zelei Huang, Wenzhung Chen, and XiangYang He, etc. May the Lord in Heaven richly bless them.
5. We are grateful to God that Alex Ko Fo and his wife, Xin Yue Zhang, are applying to join CIM as missionaries. They had obtained U.S. visas and plan to visit CIM headquarter in California in June. Please remember them in your prayers.

SUPPLICATION

1. PECCC is planning to start a disciple-making Bible study group. Please pray earnestly for this. May the Lord opens the door for us.
 2. Sharon, our oldest daughter, covets your prayers for her graduate application to a Master’s level psychology program in the U.S. Currently she is waiting for the university’s response. May the Lord open the door for her.
 3. Please pray for Helen’s safety to and from school. In one semester, she has to drive between two campuses in a day . May the Lord grant her peace.
 4. Clarence needs your prayer support for his upcoming university entrance examination. Since he did not do well last year, the pressure is on. May the Lord have mercy on him.
 5. We shall continue to ask the Lord to raise up workers from the local churches, so that many may join hands in serving the South African Chinese and to disciple them to follow Christ.
 6. Our greater hope is that through CIM the Lord will send out more missionaries to harvest the field.
- 10、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 usages and circulation. They also need to enhance their home security system. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon them and keep them safe.

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