

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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Our daughter, Helen, and son Clarence are growing up! They aren't like little children anymore, wanting to go everywhere with my wife and I. Whitney and I have no choice but to adjust to and learn to accept this fact. Recently, though, they have been acting against their norm. They now like going out with us any chance they get (except for evening Bible Studies). I quickly realize the reason why. It is because she wants to catch Pokémon Go Pocket Monsters of a popular cell phone video game (in China, they are called mythical animals and, in Hong Kong, elf pets). She is also always happy to go out with us. It is not because she has more chance to interact with us, but she looks forward to catch more Pokémons. Clarence's motivation is even more obvious. Ever since he got his driver's license at the end of last month, he has been wanting to go out with us. Apparently, he wants to drive as much as possible. In the past, if we tried to correct him when he made a mistake, he would shut himself up, lock himself inside of his room, and refuse to communicate with us! However, after learning how to drive from his dad for one month, regardless of how I shouted "Watch out" at him while he was driving, he would tolerate and not refuse to go out with us!

John 6:2 "A great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick." Looking back on the past 13 years of serving the brothers and sisters in our church, we have encountered many challenges but also miracles. One of a brother's shop caught fire in the middle of the night, but the fire miraculously put itself out underneath a picture of Christ. Another business was robbed twice. Once, the business owner suffered 5 gun shots, another time one shot, but God miraculously protected and healed him. Another brother went into coma as a result of a car accident; he also suffered from aspiration pneumonia and was in intensive care unit (ICU) for 4 months. Even his doctors was clueless what to do next and suggested him to pray to his God whom he believes. As a result he was healed. Another brother's wife finally got pregnant through the help of artificial insemination (IUI). Nevertheless, all ten of her ultrasounds confirmed that she had a daughter. When it was near time to give birth, the lady was rushed to emergency for surgery because the umbilical cord wrapped around the baby's neck. The whole family went to their knees pleading for God's help. To their amazement, not only the mother was safe, her baby girl turned into a baby boy. Another miracle involved a brother who was a Hepatitis B, C, and D carrier. While he waited for a cocktail of new medicines to heal him, Jesus miraculously cured his Hepatitis B and D through automatic recovery. And the interferon medicine completely cured him of his Hepatitis C. The list of God's wondrous work goes on and on...



Lin – healed from aspiration pneumonia /Chen – healed from a gunshot wound in the abdomen /Lin – robbed twice with 6 gunshots



Picture of Jesus under which the wall was burned completely black The child Jesus changed into a boy The brother cured of BCD Hepatitis

Subjectively, the miracles mentioned previously are 100% Jesus' own doing when each person cried out to the Lord Jesus for His healing and deliverance. Looking back on these recent years, there have been many people coming to church seeking the Lord for miracles and hoping for a changed life. About 150 people testified before the whole church and were baptized. Jesus' name is truly being lifted high in the Chinese community.

John 6:26 “Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.’” This section of scripture causes us, as a husband and wife, to think deeply: Why are we following the Lord? How do we lead others to Christ, so that they may receive God's Truth and Grace? Especially during the past year, many Chinese left South Africa due to poor economic situations. Majority of them went back to their own countries. We heard that many of them plugged in local churches and continue following Christ. Our hearts are incredibly grateful for these people. But we also heard or saw some others, who are like Dimas, affected by the cares of the world, and abandon the Lord (2 Tim 4:10). Our hearts are saddened for them. Currently, our three churches, PECCC, PFECCC, and RECCC, each has about 25 people. In his Gospel, Disciple John warned us in advance that a majority would initially follow Christ because of His mighty miracles. Christ even went so far as to say that people seek Him, not because they saw the signs, but because they ate of the loaves and were filled. May the Lord help us, give us understanding of Jesus' words: “**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.** (John 6:54)” Because He is Word became flesh (John 1:14), may we, first, be filled with His word, perhaps we, then, can lead others to receive His word and have eternal life according to His promise. We will be able, also, to pray fervently for the lost sheep longing for their return. **John 6:68** “Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’”



Children's Sunday School (Train up a child in the way he should go... and when he is old he will not depart from it.) Bible study in Rustenburg

Through his wife's prayers, Brother Lin stopped drinking. She testified that he used to drink two to three bottles of beer per night. Sometimes, they would argue because of his drinking habit. Since her baptism last year, she started to pray for him and ask God to work on him. Praise the Lord, as of this month, Lin hasn't been drinking for three months. She is very thankful to God.

2 Corinthians 7:10 “For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.” It is true, when I see people leaving the church, I feel sorry for them. In contrast, if I pay more attention to those who remain faithful to the Lord, I come to realize how precious His Word is. I am very thankful to God. After traveling through several places, Yang Yang Chen came back to Pretoria with the same zeal to serve God. His timely willingness to lead PECCC’s Sunday worship has to be God’s own doing in Yang Yang’s life.



Brother Lin, who quit drinking

Brother Yang Yang Chen

Greetings from San Jose Community Church

Student Fellowship lost quite a few members. Sometimes there are only four to five members left. Nevertheless, they are still eager to learn God’s Word and are willing to follow Christ faithfully. These students regularly get together to discuss the Bible verses and points from the most recent sermon. We are very thankful to God for these students. We are sure that God’s promise will be fulfilled for His children. Therefore, as the Spirit urges, may the Lord help us to act promptly.



PECCC Youth Bible study

Douglas’ 2nd elder brother visit South Africa – tour Cape Town with his family & eldest sister

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THANKSGIVING

1. PECCC Student Fellowship started to read a chapter a day from the Bible. On Sunday, they share from the Bible and earnestly seek God.
2. We give thanks for the brothers and sisters who participate in church functions regularly. We are also thankful for God’s protection day in and day out.
3. Praise the Lord that Whiney cannot feel the sarcoma in her lung and abdomen anymore. The doctor still wants to check-up next month.
4. Sharon has received her student visa from the United States of America and plans to enroll in the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. School starts on August 15th.
5. Helen successfully passed all her midterms during her second term. From now on, she will be taking all of her classes at the medical school.

6. We are grateful that Clarence has been kept safe as he rode his motorcycle to school and back for eight months. Recently, he sold the motorcycle and has been learning how to drive a car for about a month now. May the Lord grant him peace.

SUPPLICATION

1. Please pray for PECCC as they start a new Bible study group and for PEFCCC as they add one more Sunday worship (currently only once a month) or combine with PECCC?? Also pray for RECCC's weekly operations. May the brothers and sisters be on fire for the Lord to share the Gospel, to fellowship with one another, and to raise up more people to serve.
2. Please pray for Whitney and Douglas' physical, emotional, and spiritual strength, so that we will continue to be strong.
3. Please pray that the retreat center will give us suitable dates (3-4 days) for our year-end church retreat.
4. Please pray for Sharon Wu's safe journey from Taiwan to Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. May she adjust well to the new school as it starts on August 15th.
5. Please pray for our son's (Clarence's) finals. The Matric exam immediately follows in September. May the Lord help him to get good marks.
6. Continue to lift up for South Africa's politics and public security. Especially in light of the riot happened on August 3rd before general election. Several candidates were murdered. Please pray for political stability, and that the Chinese immigrants would get used to the South African way of life. May our kinsmen experience peace by trusting in Jesus.
7. May the Lord continue to raise up His own laborers from local churches to serve the African Chinese and make disciples. Our greater hope is to send out more missionaries through CIM to help reap the Lord's harvest.

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