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**SOUTH AFRICA**

Last year we went through signing a petition for the permission of establishing a students' fellowship on the University of Pretoria campus. Because of your earnest prayers and support, the fellowship was officially established. This year we also finished the application and registration renewal. Everything went very smoothly and for that, we offer up our thanks!



Another church is now attempting to go through the same procedure as the fellowship did last year. The focus of their ministry is on humanitarian and community work, caring for the poor, aiding the economically disadvantaged. God used this experience to allow us to see that these innocent youth need coaching to gain wisdom, guard their beliefs, and know how to protect their community. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct Rev. Wu as he leads the students' ministry to walk the path that is pleasing to the Lord.

Recently some nationals opened four new shops and lowered their price on the same items as the Chinese shops to undercut them. This caused the business of the Fu-Qings to drop and has greatly affected their livelihood. Ask the Lord to grant mercy by opening doors so that these Chinese who operate small businesses will know how to handle this difficulty peacefully.

Over the years, Rev. Wu has been faithfully planting churches and proclaiming the Gospel. The ministry of visitation is the most important among all the shepherding work. Thanks be to the Lord for several coworkers whom Rev. Wu is shepherding. He has now decided to combine training for the PECCC and the Pretoria Fu-Qing Fellowship. Ask the Lord to grant wisdom and a tranquil heart for both the teacher and the students to both be benefited.

There is a great need for mission workers in South Africa. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field!

**BRAZIL**

The number of Chinese in South America has been growing rapidly. The pleasant weather and the business

opportunities have made Brazil a top choice for Chinese to migrate. In an effort to transition to the new environment quicker, many families send their newborns home to China to be raised by relatives so that they can concentrate on working hard for several years and create a stable environment for the family. Even with good intentions, the



separation often creates a wall between the parents and the children, which further exacerbates the generation gap. The long periods of absence often prevents them from participating in their children's upbringing. It is

truly saddening to see.

The road to the Gospel has its difficulties. And yet, we still have to press on! If not for the western missionaries who were willing to sacrifice themselves would we have heard the Good News and in turn received salvation? Because of the size and the remoteness of small towns and the lack of modern facilities that exist there, preachers are reluctant to serve in these areas. Yet we must remember that the Savior we serve was willing to be born



in a manger, grow up in a carpenter's home, and die on the cross in his most vibrant years! Like him, we ought to be willing to go and be the light for those living in darkness, even to the most remote corners of the

world; we will not allow the distance in time and space be stumbling blocks for the spreading of the Gospel. The difference in language will not be a barrier in bringing the Good News to others. As long as we have the burden, God will not look down on our efforts and our faithfulness. If it is His will, He will see it through.

Dear brothers and sisters, do not quench the Holy Spirit. The Chinese harvest field in South America needs you! Whether it be teaching the Truth in God's word, the coaching of interpersonal relationship, or just cooking a nice home-cooked meal, or just sit quietly by them to listen, or even a few encouraging words to spur them on.

**WEST AFRICA—GHANA**

[CIM Canada—from the interview with Albert and his wife] This God-loving couple had a lot of hesitation before embarking on their STM trip. However, upon their return, they were certain they would not trade this experience with anything else.



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Words cannot express the joy of bringing a little Muslim girl to accept Christ. What a surprise it was when she brought stewed beef from the cow that her father had slaughtered and the rice that her mother cooked for everyone the next day! Their hospitality was so touching.



The Ghanaians like to chat, especially the ladies. Their topics can cover a wide spectrum ranging from their views on marriage to the current events. From these conversations, the couple was able to understand the power Islam has to lure people by infusing monetary support. This should further compel us to be sharing the Gospel diligently.

During this STM trip, God brought this couple out of their comfort zone and allowed them the opportunity to share the Good News with anyone, whether or not it was planned in advance. This kind of amazing and exciting encounter was definitely unlike any they ever had before. This life transformation is surely worthy of praise and thanksgiving. We hope that every brother and sister in Christ has the opportunity to experience this first-hand. May He receive all the glory!

\* HOMEFRONT

CIM is actively recruiting missionaries as well as new short-termers for 2012. Pray that the Lord will call suitable workers to participate. We also hope that you will gladly respond to this calling and not quench the Holy Spirit's moving.

STM Team Recruitment Notice for 2012

Locations: Brazil & South Africa
Time: Brazil -July 21- August 5, 2012
South Africa - Dec 31, 2012 - Jan 8, 2013
Ministries: personal evangelization, medical missions, leadership equipping, youth evangelization ministry, visitation, cross-cultural mission ministry...

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PRAYER ITEMS

1. Pray for the Fu-Qing Fellowship and Bible studies that Rev. Wu leads at the Pretoria Church. Also pray for the visitation and social ministry, that the Lord will

prepare and grant them His grace.

- 2. Pray for Rev. Wu's entire family, especially the children's studies. Pray not only for the explosion of tuition increases (approx. US\$4,000 for Clarence and US\$2,700 for Helen), but that the children are convicted to witness for Christ, to know grace, and to be thankful for grace.
3. Continue to pray for Rev. Wu's rash to be completely healed.
4. Pray for the safety of the brothers and sisters as well as the Chinese living in South Africa as the country's order continues to be turbulent.
5. That the Lord will send more missionaries to reap the harvest in South Africa and Brazil; also for the Lord to raise up more coworkers to work with CIM staff to serve together to expand God's kingdom.
6. That the ministry in Ghana and Togo will be expanded.
7. Many Chinese churches in Brazil do not have a pastor and different churches have different needs. Ask the Lord to bring workers and that the Gospel will prosper in their midst.
8. Pray for the July STM team to Brazil, that the Lord will call and bring suitable workers to join.
9. Pray for the Executive Director, Mrs. Pi, as she coordinates all the ministries for the coming year.
10. For the financial needs of CIM.
11. Continue to pray for the complete recovery of Mrs. Pi's eye.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

If you have a burden for CIM ministries, you may send in a check payable to CIM and mail to:
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Thank you!

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