



## 3.31.2014

### SOUTH AFRICA

Praise the Lord that Rev. Douglas Wu's treatment in Taiwan is filled with God's grace. The evaluation report after receiving four weeks of Interferon treatment showed that in this short time, all the Hepatitis C virus has been completely obliterated. God is indeed full of wonders! Thanks to all the brothers' and sisters' prayers for allowing him to receive such an unprecedented speedy healing. With that said, his doctor is asking that he continue his entire six-month treatment to avoid any possible recurrence in the future. Currently he is taking a combination of Interferon shots and the Robatrol pills. According to the report, the latter can speed up the effect of Interferon, making it ten times as powerful, including the return to normalcy and improvement of the inflammation of his liver, versus with the Interferon treatment on its own. However, there are many side effects, such as increased perspiration, headaches, fatigue, fevers, lack of appetite, joints pain, insomnia, lack of concentration, skin rashes, dizziness etc. Rev. Wu always maintains a thankful heart when he's shouldering all these discomfort. Please do not stop, but, instead, continue to pray for him. In the meantime, his body is getting weaker and weaker. May God help him to have sufficient strength to withstand all these side effects and for him to finish the treatment smoothly and non-eventfully.

Taking advantage of their three children having their one-week holiday in April, Whitney left on April 1 to Taiwan to visit and care for her husband. Thankfully that after that one week they will have another two weeks of Easter holidays. For the entire month, there will only be 10 days of school. Their eldest daughter, Sharon, will drive her younger siblings to school, head to the university library to do her own studies, then go back to pick them up and return home. God's thoughts are indeed higher than our thoughts. Such an arrangement is perfect—the rest of the time they can concentrate on studying at home, allowing their schedules to be easily accommodated. It also allows Whitney to not worry about them while caring for Rev. Wu in Taiwan. His eldest sister and younger brother, who also live in South Africa, will



also check in with the kids from time to time. May God grant peace and safety for the whole family.

Currently there is no pastoral support in South Africa. We thank the Lord that for April, Chrisna will be preaching at the Pretoria churches. In Rustenburg, a local church pastor will be

there to help. Please continue to ask God to send workers during Rev. Wu's absence.

### BRAZIL

Happy Kids ministry and Happy Teens Center will begin the winter break starting the end of June till around July 30. After the closing of the World Cup games, students will be taking a three-week winter classes. Our STM team plans to serve them from July 18-25, with plans to be included in the Center's regular activities. We hope that the students this year would be like previous times that from the leading of the team, they could hear the Gospel and make the commitment to accept the Lord. We also hope that we can encourage those who have been there for a while to accept the Gospel and those who are already believers to grow spiritually and to be pleasing to the Lord in their daily lives!

These young people are just like all the other young people. They like to play basketballs, electronic games, and games, sing, practice their English, work on some small arts and crafts, eat junk food, and try cooking once in a while etc. Especially during a time of message sharing, they particularly love to hear from brothers and sisters, who are only a little older, to share their own stories, such as, learning about themselves, their relationship with God, dating, as well as relationship with their parents etc. During the last two weeks of Carnival festival, some of the youth from Happy Teens organized three days of holiday activities themselves. They really enjoy hanging out together. They had planned on spending the nights at the Center, sleeping on the floor, preparing BBQ, dumplings, hot pot.... They also arranged time to share messages, games, team competition, and cleaning up the facility etc.



Unfortunately because no male teacher was available to chaperon the boys there overnight, they could only have the daytime activities and return home at nights. If possible, our team would like to make their dream come true during our stay this year!

Our team will also visit the church in Belo Horizonte from July 26 to Aug 1. Brothers and sisters there are very excited that we can once again visit and share with them. They long to be near and to know God. The church suggested the theme for the youth this year be, "Training of Faith", and the focus on the adults to be on the offering of their time, such as, prayer training, hoping everyone can take time out to be near God, through studying His word to know Him more, and to understand the importance of studying the Bible! Let us join hands and pray that God will prepare the hearts of those who will be coming, allowing their parents to not only allow, but, encourage, their children to come. The medical team in Sao



Paulo will once again partner with us in BH to hold free medical clinics. Please pray that God will bring more people to come and seek medical help and, allow our team to have the chance to share the Gospel with them one-on-one.

Please also pray for our STM team members to have sufficient wisdom, be prepared for different needs, receive special training, as well as a safe journey.

**GHANA**

Following is an excerpt written by Candace, a STM team member from one of last year's teams:

When I decided to go to Ghana, I had a lot of fear in my heart. The feeling of inadequacy in knowledge to share the Gospel with others dogged me. And yet during pre-trip devotions, I learned from the apostles Peter and John, from studying the passage of Acts 4, that they were just "unschooled, ordinary men", and yet they were allowed to do such great things simply because they were filled with the Holy Spirit. During my service on this trip, God was indeed faithful. His almighty power was manifested in the most abundant and beautiful life transformation!

As soon as I stepped foot in Ghana, my life was transformed. During our daily visit to the villages, my eyes were opened to the realization that my own testimony is the most effective arsenal. Our arrival in Ghana was already the best witness. I give heartfelt thanks to God who allowed me the opportunity to share during this trip, including to Muslims who have never come in contact with Christianity. After my return, I continue to be involved with missions. I will strive to encourage brothers and sisters to go on STM trips, especially to Ghana. I will also continue to remind others and myself that our mission field is right where we are!



There are similar stories from teams all over the world just like Candace's. Rev. Isaac Quan had the opportunity to lead close to ten trips to fulfill the Great

Commission, to share the Good News. Other than leaving beautiful footprints in Ghana, upon return they are greatly blessed to be able to allow God to lead them from their comfort zones and show them who He is in a greater context.

The response to this year's trips have been very good, with most of them happening in the summer. Rev. Isaac will be serving with the teams in the villages of Ghana. We strongly believe the members who will be bringing the Good News will personally experience, and be transformed by, God and grow in His love. The most exciting thing is to allow our team members to share God's word with those who have never heard of the name of Jesus and to be lead to know Him as well as give encouragement to the local church planters and coworkers to continue to finish the Lord's Great Commission.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- 1. Please pray for the treatment for Rev. Wu's Hepatitis C, that he will be completely rid of this condition within half a year. Please also urgently ask God to raise up servants willing to support Rev. Wu's various ministries in South Africa during his absence!
- 2. For the young people of the University of Pretoria Students Fellowship to have a spiritual revival.
- 3. For a smooth process for the Pretoria Church Youth Fellowship heading to Taiwan to serve in July.
- 4. For the resubmission of Pretoria Chinese Church registration to be a smooth process.
- 5. For brother Alex Ko and wife' equipping in Taiwan.
- 6. The civil order in South Africa has worsened further with the upcoming presidential election. Ask the Lord to keep everyone safe during endless riots and strikes.
- 7. World Cup will be held in Brazil this year. There have been riots since last year and now coupled with the presidential election, the situation is even more. Please lift up the safety of the locals there.
- 8. A STM team will be heading to Brazil from July 17 to Aug 1 to partner with the Happy Teens ministry as well as the needs of the church in Belo Horizonte. Ask the Lord to bring forth suitable team members and bless the hands of those who are to do His work.
- 9. For the brothers and sisters of the church in Belo Horizonte, Brasilia and Curitiba to have a heart to pursue the Truth and to be shepherded sufficiently.
- 10. For the advance of Village School Ministry in Ghana. Ask the Lord to call forth STM teams to join in.
- 11. Ask the Lord to raise up French-speaking coworkers in Canada to join in the ministries in Togo.
- 12. For the financial needs in all areas of CIM.
- 13. For Mrs. Pi's eyes, body, to be completely healed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: February 2014**

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$2,977	\$4,200	-\$1,223
Missions	\$5,328	\$3,274	\$2,054
Total	\$8,305	\$7,474	\$831

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