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SOUTH AFRICA

[From Rev. Douglas Wu] Praise God for new peace, joy, and revelation. “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

I studied at Christ’s Disciple Training Seminary. The Holy Spirit revealed this truth to me: “Make disciples of all nations.” The dedication of three years of equipping at the seminary and eight years of making disciples in churches may need even more time investment. During the teachings at the Friday class in the church, one brother withdrew.



However, the Holy Spirit granted me mercy by leading another brother to join the class. At first I felt the pressure of making disciples on myself but thanks be to the Spirit that reminded me: Be a vessel! Then I can give myself to the Lord for Him to use me! I understand that the weaker brother has to continue to pray and lead, but the caring brother also needs to continue to pray and lead, hoping everyone will come to Christ!

[CIM] The blacks have opened stores among the circle of the FuQings and are reducing prices of goods, which obviously affects business for the Chinese. Establishing friendly relationships with each other is a challenge because of differences in cultural background; different ways of thinking and functioning can often create confusion and misunderstanding, raising the level of difficulty in ministry. To help the hard-working Chinese understand the thinking of a different culture is not easy. To help blacks, whites, and other races understand the customs of the Chinese is equally difficult. We can only ask God to grant us love and wisdom, power and mercy, to lead us to face these challenges successfully.

A two-quarter-long discipleship training class has begun where the brothers and sisters from both the Pretoria Church and the Pretoria Fu-Qing Fellowship learn together. Ask the Lord to lead them.

BRAZIL

[CIM] Three churches here are all hoping that CIM can send STM team to help with their ministries. As a result of a change in political policy, many Chinese are immigrating to the country. Most of them are working-

class. They have to deal with generation gap-related problems. Many do not see any hope in their lives.

Sam (not his real name), a twenty-something, recalls the time when he was a teenager, following his parents to Brazil. He walked three blocks to work at a restaurant, slaving in the greasy kitchen. Day after day, not much changed, and his hope waned. Two years later, his family moved again. In this new surrounding, he was finally able to go to school, but every morning he would go to the store at five to prepare for business. Facing an unfamiliar environment and language, he felt insecure and anxious. He felt that he had no one to confide in, even among his



own kinsmen. He had no time to befriend anyone, much less to care or to love! Sam is very envious of the new immigrants these days. They have more opportunities to

come in contact with others and they can take time to hear the gospel. The friendship and camaraderie that the body of Christ exhibits is something he has never seen before. Praise the Lord—Sam is able to attend meetings regularly now. We wish him a transformed life in Christ!

Unfortunately, Sam’s story is not that unusual in Brazil. Among the Chinese immigrants, more than half of parents are busy at work. The children face their own challenges and homesickness. Many of them go home and just shut their doors, cutting off any communication with their parents. And the parents have no clue how to



communicate with them either. In their search for a path to success, they often wind up losing the

meaning of life in the alleys! God loves these souls and they are waiting for us to reach out, take action, share the gospel and bring salvation to them in Christ!

WEST AFRICA—GHANA

[CIM Canada] The Ghana STM team returned safely. March is usually the hottest month there, and the team happened to arrive during the onslaught of the wind and sand storm from the Sahara Desert making even walking difficult. It was indeed a big challenge!

The team visited six different village schools. They helped to build schools, recruit the teachers, and invite students to come to these schools. There’s always a scarcity of



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schools in these remote areas and therefore very few people can attend. Currently these six schools can offer education to the children preschool through 3rd grade. We hope that because the children can be in



school and that we will have an opportunity to befriend their parents and bring the gospel to the families.

The main purpose of our STM trip in March was to visit all the six village schools we are now supporting in the Northern regions of Ghana. We have noticed that 1) Our Village School Project is contributing something most needed in Africa.

2) STM teams with Chinese parents are the best to advocate the importance of education to the rural farmers who are very skeptical in sending their children to schools rather than having them helping in the farms.

3) The Village School Project is effectively building inroads of evangelism to remote regions where traditional missionary efforts are difficult to match the result.

4) The Village School Project exemplifies a great partnership model between Chinese and African Christians in spawning a holistic ministry which is sustainable in the African context.

We look forward to recruiting more STM teams to strengthen the teaching resources as well as share their testimonies of their new lives in Christ among the villagers in the interior of Ghana.

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 ministries; 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 the college student ministry at the University of Pretoria. Ask that the Lord will grant wisdom and grace for the spreading of the gospel on campus to go smoothly.
3. Continue to pray for Rev. Wu's rash to be completely healed. He will return to Taipei in June to get his physical. Ask that the Lord will provide him with just the right amount time and competent doctor to diagnose him with effective treatment plans. Pray also for the Lord to grant healing to Whitney as she has been suffering in her health.
4. 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.
5. Many Chinese churches in Brazil do not have a pastor and different churches have different needs. Ask the Lord to bring workers and the Gospel to prosper.
6. Pray for the July STM team to Brazil that the Lord will call and bring suitable workers to join in.
7. As the attendees to the Friday Bible study class in the Happy Teens ministry in Sao Paulo has increased, please pray for more teachers to join in the team and serve.
8. That the ministry in Ghana and Togo will be expanded.
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: March 2012

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