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Good News from South Africa

* Mrs. Whitney Wu graduated from the Theology Department of the University of Pretoria on April 3.

* Alex and Nicole Ko have officially been accepted as students at the Christ's Disciples Training Seminary in Taipei, Taiwan.

Whitney's graduation reflections —

The Lord said, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

I still remember Rev. Clarence Pi invited an OMF missionary, Rev. Don Houliston to help our small Chinese church in Pretoria in 1997. He was a retired missionary



from Borneo and served the Chinese for thirty years. He was already 80 years old when he came to our church. At that time, Mrs. Houliston

said their calling was to preach the Gospel to Chinese. I still remember Douglas already had the desire to serve the Lord, but I was hesitant. Mrs. Houliston's words caused my hardened heart to feel shameful and I started to reproach myself, because even these Caucasians who do not understand Chinese were willing to respond to God's love and came to save the lost souls of Chinese people. How could we who are the recipients of God's grace and as Chinese who understand as well as speak the language not care about others? Memories of that image are still fresh in my mind now.

I said, "Here I am, send me!"

The year was 1999 when Douglas and I stepped into Christ's Disciples Training Seminary in Taiwan. Douglas was a full-time student and I cared for our children. We became missionaries at the beginning of 2005 and returned to South Africa to continue serving the local Chinese. Thanks be to the Lord's provisions, I started studying in the Department of Theology at the Pretoria University in 2009.

The Lord said, "My grace is sufficient for you!"

During Mother's Day that year, our children gave me a bookmark to encourage me that said, "With God all things are possible." (Matt 19:26) Having experienced His grace and the sweetness from serving allowed me to renew my initial determination to understand more deeply the historical journey of the church and the vision for missions.

After four years of learning, the godly encouragement and prayers from my professors, classmates, family and brothers and sisters as well as Chinese International Missions, I was able to complete my studies.



I said, "I will come before my God with thanksgiving and praise!"

I will thank Him—in all my paths overflow with abundance. I will praise Him—in all my weakness demonstrate the fullness of His grace and love. I will serve Him—in the course of my life to learn unceasingly, obey and glorify the name of the Lord.

Annie Wang — CDTS Office of Academic Affairs

Peace be to Rev. Wu, brother Alex and Nicole in the Lord. Praise the Lord that after a long period of examinations and waiting, the results of the two candidates finally arrived. Congratulations to both for passing and being officially registered as discipleship students. As full-time students, we will apply for visas for both of you. Attached please find the information you need to provide and furnish them, the sooner the better. Please return those you can return immediately and those you cannot, please ask someone to bring them back to Taiwan to us as soon as possible. Also Alex, please also confirm the progress of your wife's status in South Africa. If it appears to be very likely, it will be more convenient and straightforward for the application of the student visa for Taiwan. As for the academic certification, you also need to apply at the associated office in Taiwan. So there are still a lot of details that require you to handle.

What follows is a hard process that needs much prayer. But be sure



that since God granted success in your passing of the examination, He will also allow the path for the visa application to be a smooth one. Let us come together to pray and to spur each other on! We earnestly await that in the very near future, Alex, Nicole and your son Samuel will join us and be with us in your four-year journey! Once again, congratulations to you two as well as Rev. Wu!



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Africa

Before heading to Ghana to participate in the third Chinese Missions in Africa Consultation and Action Conference, Mrs. Christine Pi, the Executive Director of CIM, and Rev. Yoman Man, Chair of the Board of Directors, stopped by South Africa to visit Rev. Douglas Wu and his family. Together they went to visit individual churches, as well as brothers and sisters in different fellowships. Rev. Man led some short leadership training sessions. He taught brothers and sisters the principal of serving in a church. The hope is that this kind of assistance will serve as a



model and a precedent for the Fu-Qing church, allowing them to gradually complete the registration with the South African government as well and establish a church to serve the Lord.

Mrs. Pi and Rev. Man went from Pretoria to Rustenburg in the west and then to Middelburg in the east to lead teaching and discipleship classes. Thanks to the brothers and sisters from the Rustenburg Fu-Qing Fellowship for hosting them. Believers there have continued their Bible study classes for six years and the number of people participating has been increasing. The hope is that a church can be established in this August. Pray that the Lord will open a path. Arrangements have been made for three pastors who are coming from Texas, California, and Taiwan to visit these churches and teach discipleship classes this July, August and September.

Brothers and sisters in the fellowship at Middelburg are also passionately seeking the Lord. A brother has opened up some space in his shop to be used for gatherings. Some who live a hundred miles away will drive for an hour and a half to attend the gatherings. The way these people thirst for God's word deeply touched us. Yet Rev. Wu has a full schedule with his current ministries already, rendering him with no more energy or time to add on more work. We can only cry out to God and pray that someone will be willing to serve in Middleburg and can shepherd the sheep here! Pray also for the brothers and sisters, that they will continue persevering in the Lord and seeking Him earnestly.

☆ Prayer Requests

1. For a smooth re-registration of the Chinese Christian Students Society in University of Pretoria.

- 2. For the PECCC youth gospel camp ministry in July. Yonghe Church in Taiwan will be leading.
- 3. Ask that the Lord will bring a STM team to lead the family retreat in January 2014 in South Africa.
- 4. Sister Chrisna will be teaching an English class at the Pretoria Fu Qing Church starting end of May. Ask that the Lord will use this class to bring blessings to the believers as well as share the gospel.
- 5. Ask that God will open a path for Alex and Nicole that they may successfully obtain their visas to Taiwan.
- 6. Ask that the Lord of harvest will send His workers to reap the harvest in the mission fields of South Africa and Brazil.
- 7. CIM will be leading a STM team to Sao Paulo and Belo Horizonte from July 4 to July 18 to hold a Mandarin youth camp, medical as well as evangelism ministries. Pray for all the planning, venues, recruitment of youth, and the STM team to serve joyfully with one heart.
- 8. Ask that God's grace will lead the youth who are willing to participate in the youth retreat this July, that they can arrive at the camp safely and that He will provide for the necessary expenses.
- 9. Many churches in Brazil do not have pastors. Ask that the Lord will send workers to be shepherds.
- 10. Please pray for more new teachers as the number of people attending Friday night's Bible study classes at the Happy Teens ministry in Sao Paulo continues to grow.
- 11. Earnestly pray that the Lord will provide for the financial needs of CIM, especially the costs for several special ministries, as well as the usual administrative expenses earlier in the year.

☆ Financial Report (March 2013)

If you have the burden for the CIM ministries, you may send in a check payable to CIM and mail it to P.O. Box 700185, San Jose, CA 95170-0185, USA. Thank you!

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$1,057	\$11,217	-\$10,160
Missions	\$2,083	\$ 4,511	-\$ 2,428
Total	\$3,140	\$15,728	-\$12,588

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