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SOUTH AFRICA

~Theresa Poon

The Lord blessed me with the opportunity to meet up with Rev. Douglas Wu in Taipei. He has been there for treatment for his chronic Hepatitis C condition.

Although the interferon blood test from March 17 showed a successful eradication of the Hepatitis C virus, the treatment has also decreased his white blood cell count significantly. During his treatment in April, the index for his white blood cells, platelets, and hemoglobin were very unstable. His doctor said that if the white blood cell count drops to below 1500, they will have to stop his treatment immediately. Praise the Lord that with Whitney's coming to Taipei to care for Douglas in April allowed him to enjoy some delicious home-cooked meals. Whitney also accompanied him to the hospital to get the shots and joined him in his prayer time with God.

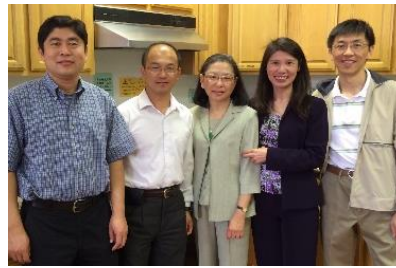
Having her there was very encouraging both in mind and body, especially during this trying time. While Whitney was there, they were also able to attend more gatherings and share about their ministry.



Douglas got real excited as we chatted about his ministries in South Africa. In fact, sometimes it was hard to believe that this was the same patient who did not have the strength to carry on a ten minute conversation a few weeks ago. When facing a health challenge such as this one, many people would consider leaving the field to focus on health and family. However, Douglas could only marvel at the fact that though he had grieved God with his sinful ways during his youth, the Lord never forgot or forsook him. In the end, Douglas ended our visit with a praise he uses often in his newsletter, "I can only continue to give thanks."

BRAZIL

Praise the Lord for His providence and provision. The six member STM team going to Brazil from July 16 to Aug 2 has already begun training. This is the first time the Lord has opened doors to other cities in Brazil: Salvador, Sao Paulo, and Belo Horizonte. Please pray that we may be greatly used by God during this trip



through visitation, evangelistic meetings, and training; for the partnership and the unity between the Chinese Fellowship in Salvador, Happy Teens Center in Sao Paulo and the Chinese Church in Belo Horizonte; and also for our eighteen days of travel within the country.

This time we will head first to Salvador, the old capitol of Brazil. The first Catholic Church and the first Archbishop of the Church were both here, a city with a long history. 87% of Brazilians live along the coast and the Chinese are no exception. Some sisters invited our team to join the Sao Paulo medical team to share the Gospel with the new immigrants. Our hope is that through offering free medical services to the new immigrants, the teams may carry out one-on-one evangelistic conversations with them and share the Gospel with them as well. Please remember our ministry there in your prayers.

Currently our team is preparing for the youth program in Sao Paulo. The youth all hope we can bring fresh materials to them. Because of problems with security and chaos in the country, this year's camp will not be held in an outdoor venue but at the Happy Teens Center instead. The space is not as big so we pray for wisdom and knowledge in the design of topics and activities that would be suitable for both the age group as well as the environment that is available. May the Lord bless these young people with a thirst and a longing for His will and His heart, as they seek to follow Him in their lives. We hope the team can help and encourage them to be willing to live with Christ-likeness and the plan is to discuss topics such as education, marriage, and career to equip these young people.

Youth ministry is a great opportunity God has given us to build His kingdom, with the mighty power to change the world! We must do our best to fulfill His charge and to build up our young people to live godly lives during their formative years. During our time in Sao Paulo, we will also seek to encourage and equip the coworkers as they work their students.

Our third stop will be in the city of Belo Horizonte. During the evening, the team will split in two—one will focus on training the adult believers of the Chinese church in developing a joy for reading the Bible as well



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as the art of prayer. The other team will work with the young people, working on solidifying their Christian belief and to equipping them to be Christ-like.

The church in Belo Horizonte has started praying actively for our team. At noon everyday, they drop everything they are doing and pray for the STM ministry for one minute. We are encouraged and blessed by their efforts and their crying out to the Lord on our behalf. We look forward to joining with them in ministry in three - months' time.

GHANA

We are very thankful that we have received close to 20 people who have applied to go to our STM trips to Ghana during the summer months thus far. The teams will be accompanied by local church pastors as they go on visitations and share their testimonies at open meetings or during church services.



Some STM team members who are qualified

teachers will conduct training and workshops to the local teaching staff at the three schools we are currently supporting in the rural villages.

STM teams from June to August are all full. Those who are interested in going from September through December of 2014 are encouraged to contact Rev. Isaac Quan (isaacquan@gmail.com) for details.

☆ Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to pray for the healing of Rev. Douglas Wu's Hepatitis C. Ask the Lord to heal him completely within half a year's time.
2. Ask the Lord to bless the success of the Pretoria youth fellowship's July STM team as they serve in Taiwan.
3. Pray for Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Church's reapplication with the government office.
4. Pray for Alex Ko and his wife in Taiwan as they continue their seminary studies and training.
5. During this time of election in South Africa, the state of law and order is deteriorating even more. May the Lord have mercy and keep all the brothers and sisters safe in their goings and comings.

6. The Brazil STM team will be heading to Salvador, Sao Paulo and Belo Horizonte this summer. Please pray for our team, that the Lord will bless us with a united spirit and that we can meet the many needs of the people there through His Spirit.

7. Ask God to bless the residents of Brazil, especially the believers and seekers, during the World Cup this summer, as well as the presidential election happening in October this year. There have been demonstrations and riots taking place everywhere in recent days, causing extreme chaos and unrest.

8. Pray for the Sao Paulo medical team, led by Rev. & Mrs. Loo, that we can work together with one heart.

9. Please lift up the Village School Ministry in the villages of Ghana. Ask the Lord to bring STM teams to help with this ministry.

10. Ask the Lord to raise up French-speaking coworkers in Canada to join in the various ministries in Togo.

11. Ask God to provide for the needs of various ministries at CIM, especially for all the projects this year.

12. Mrs. Christine Pi and board member Theresa Poon will be heading to South Africa in May to assist with the ministries there during the absence of Rev. Douglas Wu. Please pray for traveling mercies and that their ministries would be according to God's will.

13. Please continue to pray for Mrs. Pi's eye illness and her health.

☆ Financial Report: March, 2014

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$4,056	\$4,438	-\$382
Missions	\$8,045	\$3,188	\$4,857
Total	\$12,101	\$7,626	\$4,475

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