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SOUTH AFRICA

While Rev. Wu's rash has not gone away, he has now also been experiencing numbness in his left leg for the past two weeks. May the Lord graciously provide a trusted doctor to accurately diagnose his condition and heal him quickly.

Soon a short-term mission (STM) team from the Taiwan Yong he Church will be arriving at the end of June to partner with the youth fellowship coworkers to labor for the sake of the Good News. There are still housing arrangements to be confirmed. May the Lord lay a burden on the hearts of the local believers who are able to provide the space.

The location for the PECCC family retreat at the end of December has been secured. Two Chicago churches have already signed up to serve. However, because the venue's usage fee has gone up by one third, the total cost to attend the camp has also increased. May the Lord provide so that the higher registration fee will not have an adverse effect on the number of attendees. Please pray for the team members' fund-raising efforts and visa applications.

Even though the Students Fellowship had received permission from the University of Pretoria, school officials have yet to follow-up with them regarding the rules. As a result, they haven't been able to begin Bible study or fellowship meetings. Please pray that the Fellowship can proceed accordingly to spread the Good News.



There has been an increase in the number of undergraduate students from China. However, the number of research students has decreased. This has actually created an advantage for the Gospel since those who are able to hear it are getting younger and younger. Rev. Wu is also planning to begin a Bible study class to focus on the Principle of the Truth. This should cause the young people to better know the Truth and to build a more sturdy foundation.

The number of kinsman arriving from Fu-qing has steadily increased. The mission field is expanding but the workers are few. We earnestly hope that there will be more workers burdened to go and serve them.

BRAZIL

There is only about another month before the STM team will head out. They are busily coordinating all the sessions and programs. The plan is to go to Sao Paulo, Mogi das Cruzes, Rio de Janeiro, Curitiba & Belo Horizonte. May the Lord grant them safety and wisdom, and build up their strength for what is to come.

As soon as the team arrives on July 1, there will be a gathering for the youth in early evening. Then on the 2nd, there will be a teachers retreat and a parenting workshop



held in Sao Paulo. At the same time, there will be an Evangelistic

meeting and a parenting workshop on July 3rd to be held in Mogi. The Ta An Presbyterian church has already begun inviting people to attend. May the Lord bring more people and may the Holy Spirit open their hearts and minds to search for the Truth.

From Monday thru Thursday our team will be working with Happy Kids with VBS and Happy Teens' youth workshop, the team will lead them in meditating on the direction of their lives. Hopefully this will lead them to see the importance of knowing the true God and to know that Jesus is not only for the elderly or the weak. He is the salvation that all of us need. The team will also provide a one-hour mini English camp. Hopefully through the language learning they can spread the Gospel. During the first week, they will reach out to children, youth, and teachers.

The team will also be serving at two other churches in Rio. The following week, the team will head to Belo Horizonte to have a medical ministry and an evangelistic meeting. There will also be children and youth special meetings. The local church rented a larger place in the hope of a bigger crowd. The team needs to prepare a brand new curriculum and program so please intercede for wisdom and mercy.

There will also be a clinical ministry and personal evangelism meeting to be held at the Curitiba church. Pray that God will have mercy and lead the team to open a door for the Truth and that the Holy Spirit may touch those people's hearts to find the Truth and seek the right path.

The mission team still has two more training sessions left in June. Please ask the Lord to prepare their hearts, bless them with safety and health, and enable them to use



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their time wisely so that all members may compliment each other in the preparation of all their ministries. At the same time, pray that the team will be flexible enough to adjust to any last-minute changes so to be a beautiful witness for the Lord. Praise the coworkers in Brazil for their intercessory prayers.

GHANA

Praise the Lord that a Canadian STM team of eight people was able to serve in Ghana for three weeks. They safely returned on May 20. At the arrangement of the church planting coworkers, they visited some families, hospitals and schools in a Muslim village on the north side of the country. They also shared the Gospel with people of all ages in the neighboring rural villages. This is likely the first time the villages have seen any Chinese and the response was very good. We have indeed seen God's grace being magnified!

The schools in the villages welcome ongoing STM teams there to partner with their ministry. Other than doing visitation ministry with the



newly planted churches, the team was also able to go into the villages and visited the six schools co-sponsored by CIM and a local church. Through these schools, not only will hundreds of children be able to receive formal education, short-term mission teams are also able to visit and reach out to the students' families and encourage them to allow their children to attend school. There is also the opportunity to share the gospel and bear godly witnesses. It is our hope that there will be more brothers and sisters willing to participate in this cross-cultural ministry. Especially when the Chinese are visiting, people are curiously drawn to come and hear what the Gospel is about. We can then seize this opportunity to present God's love as one who does not distinguish between our skin color, our age, or our gender. His love to us is of no end.

PRAYER ITEMS

- 1. The STM team from the Taipei Yong He Church that is heading to lead the camp at the end of June has been busy preparing and training. Please pray for their safety and that their efforts may bear fruits. Ask God to prepare local families to open up their homes for the lodging arrangement of the team.

- 2. The Chinese Christian Student Fellowship is now officially established at the University of Pretoria. Pray that school officials will soon provide the list of rules to the Fellowship so that Bible study classes can begin meeting. Ask the Lord to grant wisdom and might to the coworkers and that the Gospel may be spread all throughout the campus.
- 3. God will raise up workers to serve in South Africa, long term or short term, to meet the urgent spiritual needs of the more than 350,000 Chinese living there.
- 4. Pray for the safety among the Chinese, especially the believers, living in South Africa as there has been an increase in robberies on the freeways.
- 5. Pray that the teachers of the Happy Kids Ministry will have a smooth partnership with the short-term mission team during the winter break. Ask also for the success of the team in serving the church near Sao Paulo. May the Lord grant them strength and lead them to some practical training.
- 6. That the hearts of the Brazil STM team be ready to serve and that the ministry will be carried out smoothly and successfully.
- 7. Pray that Rev. Wu's rash condition will be completely healed soon and that he can get a correct diagnosis for the numbness in his left leg.
- 8. Ask the Lord to bless the construction of CIM's website and the planning of other ministries that He will send the appropriate coworkers. Ask also that He will grant wisdom to the Executive Director that she will not be harried but, instead, walk in the footsteps of God's will.
- 9. Mrs. Pi's eye disease will be completely healed and that she will have wisdom and a sense of peace.

FINANCIAL REPORT: April 2011

	Income	Expenses	Balance
General	\$3,387	\$3,406	-\$19
Missions	\$4,432	\$1,634	\$2,798
Total	\$7,819	\$5,040	\$2,779

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