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## 2016 Brazil Short Term Mission - Ready and Prepped

June 29 ~ July 14      July 15 ~ July 31

[Christine Pi]

The opportunity to broaden their horizons and experience breathtaking

scenery really makes travel fascinating for many people. However, having to spend several hours in and out of customs for inspection, fearing a loss of luggage, time differences, possible delays and many other unpredictable problems makes us wonder if it's worth going after all. How is traveling on long-distance missions trips different from traveling for pleasure? Indeed, if it's not due to God's prodding, we might rather just stay home. Why risk facing all these potential problems? It is our own hands that willingly give up our comforts and our own feet taking this path. No regrets, no turning back? If given a choice, would we change our minds about going?

Yet as we are about to land, I look out the airplane window and see all the cramped houses and the high-rises of Sao Paulo and I wonder how many of these people have not yet heard the Gospel. How many lost souls are waiting to receive the Good News. Oh, Lord! Please forgive this heart that covets creature comforts, forgetting the pledge made, "Wherever You Lead, I'll Go." I ask that God's love will ignite us to bring the Gospel to all tribes and nations. This is a commandment, one that we cannot ignore. Woe is me if I do

not share the Good News! Compared to all that Christ endured, these temporary and

less-than-important inconveniences cannot, and do not, measure up. Dear God, please teach us to rely on Your love that is living water. When I think about how the local brothers and sisters offer up themselves to the ministry, transforming their lives, and serving joyfully, my heart is full of thanksgiving. The wonder of God's work far exceeds what we can ask for or imagine.

Since April our STM team has been busy preparing for the upcoming trip to Brazil. If not for God's grace and all of your prayers, we cannot accomplish this mission. He is clearing the road ahead for us and we continue to seek his favor. On behalf of our team, we covet your fervent prayers.

[Christy Leung ]

I had wanted to go to Brazil for short-term missions for a few years now. But timing hasn't seemed to work so far. So when I heard about one at the beginning of this year, in my heart I really wanted to go. Unfortunately I still have to work part-time. Therefore I prayed to God, "If it is your will for me to go to Brazil, allow me to not having to work after I go and visit my mom

in Hong Kong in March. That way I will be able to go on this STM trip." Sure enough God really allowed me to have trouble asking for time off to Hong Kong so I resigned. Right away I agreed to go on this STM trip.

As this is the first missions trip for me, I felt that the training before the trip is very important. This is especially true for every item and introduction in the training manual. All of these allow me to be well prepared psychologically and spiritually. The most imperative thing I consider is memorizing Bible verses because quoting them to share the Gospel is inevitable. Other than we try to prepare the best we can, we have to also ask God to lead us continuously and grant this trip a success.

[Albert Shvu]

Time passed so quickly, it'll be summer soon. This year I will join the Brazil STM team of seven members to the two cities of Salvador and Porto Alegre from June 29 to July 15 to do coworkers training, evangelism and visitation. I need to prepare about ten topics and messages. Every other member also has a part each is responsible.

This is my first time heading to Brazil and I'm filled with expectation. Going on short-term missions trip has become a big event for me every year. Being able to preach God's word is very glorifying ministry. Even though the result may not be immediately seen, but being able to do one's



## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for open door for a new Bible study group at PECCC, hope that this will be a disciple equipping fellowship.
2. Please continue to intercede for Rev. Douglas Wu's daughter Sharon's graduate applications, may the Lord open the door for her, and for his son Clarence to do well when taking the college entrance examination.
3. Pray for a suitable venue for the year end church retreat in Pretoria.
4. May the Lord raise up local workers to serve our kinsmen in South Africa and make disciples of Christ.
5. Pastor and Mrs. Kung's South Africa short-term missions at the end of May for three weeks. May God keep them and grant them a fruitful ministry.
6. Ask the Lord to send out missionaries to harvest the field together in South Africa.
7. Please remember South African worsened public security in your prayers. Please pray especially for the safety of our kinsmen in Rustenburg. May the Lord keep them, and robbery incidents may decrease.
8. Ask the Lord to allow our Brazil Short Term Mission team members to have sufficient time and wisdom to prepare all the materials and complete all the assigned duties.
9. Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of brothers and sisters of the local churches that we may build a good working relationship and to allow them to humbly listen to God's word.
10. That the Lord's love will fill the entire team. Ask God to teach us to learn how to be humble and to multiply our strength with the local coworkers to glorify Him.
11. Ask God to safeguard our Brazil Short Term Mission team, not only spiritual but also physically—the temperatures, the hygiene, and the possibility of mosquitoes causing discomfort to our bodies. Ask the Lord to give each team member a caring heart, a vigour, a boldness, and good demeanour to accept each other.
12. Ask God to give Short Term Mission team members boldness to break down any language barrier, able to connect with the new immigrants and the Chinese nationals there as much as possible.
13. Pray for Brazil: the instability of the political situations; the unsettling of the economic conditions; the insecurity of the living surroundings; and the *zika* virus carried by certain mosquito bites as well as uncertain diseases such as the swine flu etc.
14. Ask the Lord to raise up brothers and sisters to go on short-term missions trips to Ghana and Togo and support the ministries.
15. Ask the Lord to raise up more workers to participate in CIM's various ministries.
16. Ask the Lord to abundantly prepare all the ministries' financial needs.

best in the building of His Kingdom is already a very satisfying business.

God's work is never separate from prayers. My own prayers as well as the prayers of the coworkers.

This is a spiritual war requiring spiritual weapons, of which prayer is one of them and something everyone can help in doing. Therefore, I would like to sincerely ask you to be prayer partners, lifting our team up one by one in the following items:

\* For each of the team member pursuit before the Lord, to be near Him and walk with Him, to be cleansed and become

one who is fitting to be used by God.

\* For the message that we are to preach to be gifted from God.

\* For physical stamina to be able to adjust to the environment and the concerted visitation.

\* For being able to gain favor in requesting time off from work to go without obstacles.

\* For the political environment, the safety, and



weather of Brazil.

\* For those we will be in contact with that God will inspire their hearts.

\* For the safety of our travels.

\* For our physical wellbeing to adjust to the local environment.

\* For the partnership to go well within our team.

\* For families of the team to be well so as not to cause us to worry.

\* For you to be able to continue to pray for us every day till the conclusion of our trip.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2016

	Income	Expense	Balance
<b>General</b>	\$1,992	\$8,093	-\$6,101
<b>Missions</b>	\$4,569	\$4,853	-\$284
<b>Total</b>	\$6,561	\$12,946	- \$6,385

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