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Jehovah Jireh, Jehovah Nissi! Soldiers for God's battle have been launched! 2 separate short-term missions teams have both begun their planned mission ministry according to plan. There is a group of 7 from Taipei Yung-He church serving from June 28-July 1; and a group of 11 from three different churches in California from June 30-July 14.

Romans 10:14 says, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" The short-term teams are there to serve those who have yet to hear about the gospel "But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' (Romans 10:16). For those who have doubts and those who have hardened hearts, the teams continue to offer their love. "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." (Roman 10:17-18). Those who have been called and are willing to participate in short-term mission ministry for the sake of spreading the gospel to all corners and for the sake of God's kingdom are offering what is pleasing to God.

But as they are getting ready, it is difficult not to be anxious. Questions such as, "Will I be able to adjust to the language barrier?" "Will I have the flexibility to adjust to the situation?" "How can I get adjusted to an unfamiliar environment right away?" are common concerns. Besides providing pre-trip team training and as much information about the locale as possible to equip them, CIM also asks many brothers and sisters to earnestly pray for the teams, asking God to give them courage. Joshua 1:9 said, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." When multitudes are interceding in prayer, the Lord will hear.

It is critical for faith and love to be deeply planted in the team members so that they will have no fear but a joyful willing heart! We also ask that through the mission experience, team members can broaden their worldview, understand the need for the gospel in a different cultural setting so that some will be willing to go out and serve long-term. The Great

Commission that God has commanded us truly needs more workers to the vast harvest field to collect the ripened harvest!

## SOUTH AFRICA

At the beginning of June, Elder Nam Shiu, his wife and their youngest daughter from Chicago Union church visited Rev. Wu to further understand CIM's ministries. Not only did they participate in Sunday worship and visited several Bible study sessions, Elder Shiu's daughter also shared a wonderful message with the youth fellowship, bringing a new perspective to the belief of a new generation. We hope that more brothers and sisters from all corners of the world are able to experience for themselves the need for cross-cultural mission so that more people will obey God's call to offer up themselves for the sake of the need for gospel.

The work for the short-term mission ministry has earnestly begun. We hope that God will use them according to His will to allow the gospel seed to be sown in Pretoria.

Rev. Wu hopes to nurture a good habit of reading the Bible daily in brothers and sisters. May the Lord have mercy and grant them wisdom and patience to continue this good habit. Pray that they may achieve the goal of reading the Bible all the way through in a year.

Rev. Wu's health continues to be less than desirable. The rash and the numbness in his left leg have not seen any improvement. He is now trying to arrange some time to return to Taiwan and have a complete check-up to hopefully find out the root cause of these illnesses and receive treatment sooner.

## BRAZIL

The short-term mission team will be serving in different ministries in Sao Paulo, Mogi das Cruzes, Rio de Janeiro, Curitiba and Belo Horizonte from July 1-10.

Beginning on the 11<sup>th</sup>,

they will be divided into two groups to do individual





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visitations, medical evangelism, and everyday life workshops. They are scheduled to return to the U.S. in fourteen days. May the Lord guide the team and grant them health physically and spiritually; that their ministries will be pleasing to Him and that they will have a safe journey home. It is wintertime there right now. In addition, the recent cold front and rain brought the lowest temperature in ten years to the south to -7°C. We really have to pray for the health of the team members.

**GHANA**

The short-term team that returned to Canada earlier in June shared many beautiful testimonies. This is the first time Chinese Christians entered into Muslim villages. Because of a power outage, they were not able to cook any food. This allowed them to truly experience the lives of the local villagers as well as be witnesses of many of God's power. Among His miracles was their ability to cast out demons from a possessed woman. When the team came together to pray in the name of Jesus, she laid on the floor for three minutes and was cured. What an amazing and mighty God that we believe in!

A drought has been going on there for quite some time. But when the team earnestly prayed, a storm miraculously began to allow them see God's amazing grace! There are also local camps where they jail witches. Usually after they have been jailed for a period of time, they are executed. During this trip, the team had an opportunity to visit one of the camps and spoke about God's amazing love hoping that even though they were bound in this world, they could hear and receive the gospel that some day they could be released.

Since this is the first time for such a visit, the team could only engage in the work of loosening the soil. In the future, bridge-building work has to be carried out one step at a time to spread Christ's love and to instill His hope so that all the people in Ghana may return to the only true God in the universe.

**PRAYER ITEMS**

1. The two short-term mission teams have begun their trips and are serving as planned. Pray that the Lord's grace will sustain them, bless them with physical and spiritual health, and that their serving may bring forth fruits.
2. The Chinese Christian Student Society is now

- officially established at the University of Pretoria. 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. Please 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. He is planning to return to Taiwan and have a completely physical to find out root causes.
5. Pray for CIM's website and the planning of other ministries that He will send suitable coworkers and that its Executive Director has the wisdom to not be anxious in anything but to walk by faith in God's will.
6. Mrs. Pi's eye will be completely healed. During a follow-up visit, the doctor said that even though the procedures were successful, the wound has signs of swelling and need to be observed over the next four months. Pray that the merciful Lord will cause the swelling to recede so as to prevent her from having to bear the suffering of a second operation.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: May 2011**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>General</b>	\$1,495	\$4,248	-\$2,753
<b>Missions</b>	\$3,509	\$2,872	\$637
<b>Total</b>	\$5,004	\$7,120	-\$2,116

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