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SOUTH AFRICA

[Whitney Wu] There are no tigers in the mountain and the monkeys reign. According to the Chinese calendar, Rev. Wu was born in the year of tiger and Whitney was born the year of monkey. But the two came together and became one in the Lord.

At the beginning of 2004 when we stepped into the mission field to serve the Lord, the first thing we had to do



was to set up our home. At the time, all the schools had already started their year

so we were not able to find one that was able to take in all three of our children. Just when we were feeling hopeless about having to send them to different schools, God sent us to Brooklyn Elementary School where they miraculously agreed to register all of them. As it turned out, the Lord had prepared the best for us already. Even now, they still attend this area's high school and college. It has saved us a lot of time not having to drive them here and there. Living in a small community, the neighbors are caring, and we no worries for our children's safety. We experienced that our God is indeed a caring God. Even while we did not understand, He already provided all our needs.

At the end of that same year, a family from the church was murdered (the suspect was also a Chinese) and resulted in lack of trust amongst the Chinese community. In the midst of the chaos, we steadfastly held on to God's word, encouraging brothers and sisters to keep their eyes on Christ. Before our furlough in 2007, a certain brother from the newly established Pretoria Fu-Qing Fellowship was shot. Just as we thought the fellowship would be disbanded, what happened to brother Yung brought about a newfound unity. Even though we do not understand God's will, we thank the Lord for His mercy and His care in making it possible for his wife and his son to be core coworkers in Pretoria.

We went through each challenge by leaning on God's grace. Thanks be to God for His additional grace and mercy. It is by counting His blessing that I have the boldness to carry on. If we do not believe the Lord's grace is among the living, we would have lost all courage already. It was because of God's intervention and your prayers that we are able to do the work of the One who sent us!

BRAZIL

Preparation of the STM team setting out in July is underway. This trip involves an evangelistic gathering and a revival meeting for the believers. We hope that the local staff will benefit from this. Rev. Loo is able to organize



the medical mission team in Brasilia and Horizont e so that the STM

can have the medical clinic complimenting the ministry, hopefully leading to personal evangelism.

Brasilia—The capital of Brazil was moved from Rio to here in 1960. An influx of immigrants arrived in 2000 from Fuzhou, China. They mostly work in the flea market and live a simple but hard live. New immigrants from recent years average thirty to forty years old, many with young children. They work very hard and for long hours. They also would not have time to establish a meaningful relationship with their children. This opens up a huge harvest for the Gospel. In 2004, a graduate from the Sao Paulo Seminary came and pastured here for two years, but no one was able to carry on the job once he left. Currently there are about fifty people in the local church, served by a group of five coworkers. May the Lord send His servants to herd His flock!

Belo Horizonte—The third largest city in Brazil, it is now one of the fastest developing cities in this country. During the 1980's, many Taiwanese immigrated here. After 2000, the majority of newcomers have been from China. A local Brazilian missionary couple is currently serving in children's ministry but they lack a pastor for the youth and the adults. The brothers and sisters continue to meet even though they are without a pastor. We ask that the Lord will send His servants to lead and to comfort these spiritually thirsty souls and spread the Good News through this land!

Curitiba—In 2010 Curitiba was awarded the Globe Sustainable City Award. The Chinese in this city came as early as the 1970s from Mozambique, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The second generation has mostly integrated into the Brazilian society. In more recent years, the influx of Chinese are from Guangdong, Taishan, and Kaiping became the newest generation of immigrants and most of them are in snacks stores or work in clothing and jewelry businesses. Language is an obstacle for the Chinese church in Curitiba. When brothers and sisters go on visitation, they are not able to engage in deeper conversations because of the language barrier. Curitiba is a land in need of the Gospel.



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HOME FRONT

Mrs. Christine Pi's eldest daughter, Rebecca, will be getting married on July 14. The ceremony will be held in a suburb of northwest Chicago. May the Lord bless her marriage and that she and her future husband will build a family according to God's will and receive the deepest blessing!

Also, thanks be to God that CIM has a new webpage. We invite everyone to check it out at <www.cimusa.org>. We hope to continue providing meaningful content and timely news to build a good communication platform.

WEST AFRICA—GHANA

[CIM Canada] Thanks be to the Lord that the June STM team of 13 has arrived home safely. There will be another small team of three that will be heading there in early July. May the Lord look after all the members and bless them with safe travels and successful serving. May He receive all the glory!

We are very thankful that Rev. Isaac Quan will be joining CIM Canada in September as the Assistant Executive Director. Rev. Quan has fifteen years of experience shepherding English ministries at Chinese churches in Canada. He will focus on the English-speaking Christian groups to promote cross cultural missions in Africa.



As Village School Project (VSP) is now our ministry focus this year, we are happy to announce that Anna Siu, an experienced school teacher with a deep passion for missions, will also join us full time as the VSP Coordinator effective July this year.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Pray for the Chinese students gospel work at the University of Pretoria. Ask God to grant wisdom and grace to bring opportunities on campus.
2. Praise God that Rev. Wu has returned to South Africa safely on June 25 and that his physical in Taipei was normal. However, the doctors were not able to diagnose any effective medication for his rashes. Please pray that the rashes won't become too much of a distraction for him.
3. From July 1-11, Taiwan Yung He Church will host a youth camp in South Africa. A total of forty people have registered. Pray that the Lord will mercifully lead and build up each attendant spiritually and may all the glory be to Him.
4. Pray for PECCC Youth Fellowship to have a smooth cross-cultural children's camp in Durban from July 12-14.

- 5. Pray that brother Lin will be healed and that the Lord will comfort his family.
6. Pray for the safety of brothers and sisters and the local Chinese living in South Africa.
7. Ask the Lord to send missionaries to South Africa to reap the harvest. Also ask Him to raise up local coworkers to work side-by-side along with us to expand His kingdom.
8. Pray for the expansion of ministries in Ghana and Togo.
9. Many Chinese churches in Brazil do not have a pastor shepherding them and all have different needs. Ask the Lord to bring workers and raise up coworkers to bring about a revival of the gospel.
10. Pray for the STM team to Brazil in July, especially that the Sao Paulo medical team will still be able to join them in Belo Horizonte and Brasilia.
11. Pray that the Lord will call more believers from the local churches to join in and serve together with the STM team to bring about success in the gospel kingdom.
12. Pray that the Lord will bless the spiritual growth of the youth in the churches in Brazil.
13. Pray for the Executive Director to seek the Lord's will in planning for this year's ministries, and that He will raise up coworkers to join in mission work.
14. Pray for the financial needs of CIM, especially in the area of administrative expenses.
15. Continue to pray for the recovery of Mrs. Pi's eyes!

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