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2016 Brazil Short Term Mission - Ready and Prepped

June 29 ~ July 14 July 15 ~ July 31

[Tse-May Chang]

This STM training allowed me to reflect on my thoughts, my actions, my attitude, and my mental state when I signed up for this trip.

I have gone on STM trips four to five times already. Even though I knew in my mind that the purpose of these trips is for God's Kingdom, for the pioneering of the worldwide church. But once I stepped foot on the field and began ministry, I found that I was using my work as my goal, using my performance as my measuring stick. This training allowed me to once again be reminded that: missions is entirely the work of Jesus Christ. All that we do and all that we are should be to partner with the Lord. I sincerely hope that I can learn to be prudent in my speech and in my deed, experience the Lord's heart more, or not to hinder the Lord's work during this trip.

[Lily Li]

The attack of the Zika virus came head on with this year's Brazil STM trip. But with the support and love from brothers and sisters, I

saw God's abundance and providence. Very often the body of Christ would tell me that they've been praying for



our trip. Some gave us mosquito repellent remedies, Vitamin C; still some gave us repellents to be used on the body and taken orally. Also, the children department of our church provided us with arts and crafts material; CCM (Chinese Christian Mission) gave us two boxes of



magazines and photography courses; some sisters who gave us books and literature. Our team stands ready to do God's work with joy. We are also in anticipation for the leading of the Holy Spirit, allowing us to see the fruits of our serving.

[Sunny Sun]

The training sessions have strengthened my understanding of missions; from an abstract concept to an active reality; from just talking about it to actually living it out.

At the beginning of sign-up, I was still feeling quite relaxed. But as we started prepping, I found the challenges I faced were more than I could imagine: unexpected obstacles, schoolwork loads, family issues, visa application problems.... all these made me want to retreat many times. But thanks be to the Lord that He guarded my heart, allowing me to let my missions trip to be my commitment to the Lord. This also guarded me to go through all my problems.

I have five sets of sermons to prepare for the trip. Previously I had very little chance to preach at the altar. It's always difficult when starting something new so this is a challenge for me. But during this process, I have gone through a period of learning and growing. As a seminary student, this challenge can perhaps be the link through my lifelong serving. Again thanks to be to the Lord that as I begin this trip, I already begin with this kind of training.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For the PECCC brothers and sisters to develop a thirst for God's word. Pray that they can organize a Bible study gathering as well as having a fellowship to start discipleship training.
2. Rev. Wu's eldest daughter, Sharon, has received her I20 application from the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. She will also be interviewing at the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (also in Chicago) on June 30. Please ask the Lord to show her a clear path. Pray also for their son, Clarence, who will sit for his college admission exam.
3. Please pray for a suitable venue to hold the family retreat in SA at the end of the year.
4. Continue to ask the Lord to raise up his servants in the churches in SA.
5. Thanks be to the Lord for the safety of Pastor Jimmy and his wife, Marie, in their three-week ministries in Pretoria and Rustenburg.
6. We thank the Lord for safely bringing Alex Ko's family to California for two weeks. They shared at several churches about God's call into full-time ministry and their studying in seminary in Taiwan. They also interviewed with CIM Board as potential missionaries. May the Lord guard their future path.
7. We give thanks that the tumors on Mrs. Wu's chest and abdomen have shrunk and she does not feel any pain. She will have follow-up examinations in two months. Please remember her in your prayer.
8. For civil order deterioration, theft, robberies still happen all the time in South Africa, with brothers and sisters of the churches there being robbed at gunpoint in their stores recently. Please fervently pray for the safety of this country.
9. May the Lord guard the coming and going of the Brazil STM team members as they minister in four cities, as well as their physical wellbeing from stomach-related illness or the Zika Virus. Ask the Lord to lead their footsteps in their visitation and all ministries in sharing the Gospel; that He will grant them success, bringing more believers to accept the Good News.
10. Ask the Lord to raise up brothers and sisters to go on short-term missions trips to Ghana and Togo and support the ministries.
11. Ask the Lord to raise up more workers to participate in CIM's various ministries and to abundantly prepare all the ministries' financial needs.

[Wang Li] experience God. Starting our

As I'm about to step foot on this missions journey, even though there's still a bit of fear in my heart, I feel great peace as well. During the many sessions of training, aside from planning the details of this trip, I felt that it's more important to get to know each other on the team, to plan, to partner, to pray, and to wait on a time to

training as soon as early April still didn't feel like

there's enough time, like we're still forgetting something. But now that we are waiting at the airport for our flight, we surrender all to His leading. May He use our team to glorify His name.



Brazil STM

June 29—July 7 Salvador
 July 7-July 14 Porto Alegre
 July 14-July 22 Belo Horizonte
 Jul 23-July 31 Sao Paolo

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2016

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$1,798	\$ 3,526	-\$1,728
Missions	\$4,996	\$ 4,993	\$3
Total	\$6,794	\$ 8,519	-\$1,725

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