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A trip to South Africa

Rev. Jorge Loo

On March 19 to 26, 2018, I took a trip to Pretoria, capital of South Africa, to attend the commissioning ceremony of CIM missionary Alex Ko. When my wife and I, along with Minister Yeh, took the flight from Brazil to Johannesburg, I reminisced that I had already been to South Africa 52 years ago. I was only 16 when I emigrated from Taiwan to Brazil by taking a Dutch ship that went through Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the South African cities of Durban and Cape Town. We sailed through Indian Ocean, went around the Cape of Good Hope, entered the Atlantic Ocean, and then we went straight to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, after 52 days on the sea. We even received a certificate as proof we had been to Cape of Good Hope!

I clearly remember when our ship was near Durban and Cape Town in South Africa, the passengers debated whether to disembark and go visit the cities. Why did we need to worry? Because we were afraid that once we disembark, we'd be captured by the African cannibals and become their dinners! Little did we know those cities were very modern cities! I felt silly even as I recall those memories.

I thank the Lord that after 52 years I was again able to travel to South Africa. Minister Yeh and I represented CIM

Brazil's Board of Director to attend the commissioning



ceremony. From North America came the Vice Chair of CIM, Rev. Andrew Ho, and Executive Director, Mrs. Christine Pi, to officiate the ceremony. Through the attentive planning by Mrs. Christine Pi and CIM missionary Rev. Douglas Wu, we had a wonderful time touring

various beautiful sites during the week of our stay, such as Table Mountain National Park, African penguin beach, botanical garden, Cape of Good Hope, and the presidential palace. We also had opportunities to meet several different churches, and to serve those brothers and sisters, their relatives, and some Black friends through free medical clinics.

We held a total of three free

medical clinics. The first one was at the home of Minister Chen of the Cape Town Linliang Church. It was a Wednesday night and about 20 of us gathered together. My wife and I started the clinic after dinner while Rev. Douglas Wu led a Bible study at the living room. It was a pleasant and memorable night!

The second free clinic was held on a Saturday morning in Pretoria at the PECCC site for the Fuqing Fellowship. Quite a number of patients came to the clinic that day, and there were both church and non-church people, as well as other locals. I was very happy to be able to meet Rev. Douglas Wu and his family in this trip. His older sister knows how to do Chinese massage and was a great help for us in the clinic. I also talked to Rev. Wu's younger brother and found out he lived at



Zhudong, Taiwan, and can speak Hakka. Right away I felt like I've met an old family member because I was from Zhudong originally, and we had a very enjoyable conversation. Although he still hasn't believed in God but he has been moved by the testimonies of his pastor brother.

The third medical clinic was held on a Sunday night in Rustenburg at RECCC.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for God to keep Rev. Douglas Wu and his wife's footsteps in their last month of furlough at U.S.
2. Ask God to help Alex and Nicole Ko, and to give them strength as they need to serve three churches during Rev. Wu's absence in his furlough.
3. Pray for the growth of Pretoria church's Young Adult Fellowship. Ask the Lord for renewal and gifts of the Holy Spirit for them to serve with one heart in spreading the gospel.
4. Pray for the brothers and sisters of Pretoria Fuqing Fellowship that when faced with business and financial difficulties, they would still have faith and seek God's guidance, and experience God's powers.
5. Pray for the nation of South Africa, especially for its political and high crime situations.
6. The 2018 CIM Brazil STM will target six churches: 6/28 ~ 7/12 at Salvador and Recife, 7/12 ~ 7/25 at Porto Alegre and Belo Horizonte; 9/14 ~ 9/25 at Campinas and Sao Paulo. Pray for the Lord to renew the churches and equip the brothers and sisters. We still need members for the Porto Alegre STM team, please remember in your prayer.
7. The STM team training is taking place every Saturday morning in May and June. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead so that all preparation works would fall within God's will, as well as for God's love to fill the team. May all team members receive power from God in accomplishing their assigned tasks, and also in becoming a blessing for the churches in Brazil.
8. Pray for the Holy Spirit to renew the church at Salvador and all the believers so God's name is raised there. May each believer have a fervent heart to serve and worship God.
9. Brazil's continued political chaos, the unstable economy, plus unsafe living conditions have caused uneasiness and stress in many brothers and sisters, and they need your prayers.
10. Continue to pray for Belo Horizonte church's search for a new Sunday worship site. Ask the Lord to prepare a location with convenient transportation access to better spread the gospel.
11. Pray for the various ministries in Ghana and Togo. May the Lord call more brothers and sisters to participate in cross-cultural STM teams.
12. Pray for the new evangelical ministry to attract more Roma people (Gypsies) of Ukraine to the gospel so they can learn about God.
13. Ask the Lord to bless the CIM co-workers with wisdom and to serve faithfully, so that we can accomplish what the Lord has bestowed upon us.
14. Continue to look to God to provide abundantly for the financial needs of CIM.

I attended the Sunday service since my wife was handling the clinic. There weren't many patients that night but over twenty people joined the worship.

As mentioned earlier, the main purpose of this South Africa trip was to attend the commissioning ceremony of CIM missionary Alex Ko. I thank God for Alex, together with his wife Nicole,

dedicating themselves to God! I witnessed how the late Rev. Clarence Pi came to South Africa with an evangelical vision, and the seeds he had sown have begun to bear fruits. God's servant Rev. Douglas Wu has established churches and is serving at various gospel sites. God has continued to bless CIM and has brought Alex Ko to serve alongside Rev. Wu in the South Africa evangelical field.

There are a total of 15 Chinese churches among the major South African cities, yet most still do not have a pastor. It's just as mentioned in Matthew 9:37-38 that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into his harvest field.

May the Lord continue to bless and lead CIM, to raise more missionaries to answer His calling, and to spread the gospel to the ends of the world.

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	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$6,214	\$8,328	-\$2,114
Missions	\$12,419	\$6,324	\$6,095
Total	\$18,633	\$14,652	\$3,981

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