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Heart for Missions

Rev. Douglas Wu—From June 26 to July 1, the short term missions team from the Yung-He Church in Taipei came with a beautiful team-serving model, providing admiration and encouragement to my wife and me. There might have been challenges, but the body of Christ more than made up for these in their model of service. They shared the same vision and the same desire, allowing themselves to be used as broken vessels for the Lord to reveal His utmost glory! I also thank the Lord for raising up our three children. They are truly our best co-laborers—whether it was in receiving voyagers, or serving in church ministries, they willingly offer their all.

We ask God for more and more grace so that the Gospel can spread among the Chinese in South Africa. I hope that PECCC will also be a missional church, sent by the Lord from Pretoria to be His servants. May His will be done.

SOUTH AFRICA MISSIONS TRIP



Ming-Shan Lee—When I began my first short term missions trip in 2008, South Africa was a very foreign country to me and naturally I was worried and fearful. However, when I saw the passion in Rev. Wu's serving, I was very touched. This year, I once again witnessed the unrelenting passion in Rev. Wu's family in serving. Knowing that they only had a window of opportunity of helping new immigrants in the first two to three years, Rev. Wu had to take every opportunity to establish a relationship with them and bring them God's love.

Our chief ministry on this trip was to hold a retreat for the local youth. We were determined to

share the topic of “rebirth” and the transformation that should come with it. On the third night during the campfire, two-thirds of the students gave their testimonies in front of the entire group, sharing struggles they have in their lives, how they felt the church was their spiritual home, and what they saw and felt during this retreat. My heart was filled with thanks and praise.

Yun-ping Kuo—Each summer, the Gospel team provides service opportunities for students. I had begun to forget the true meaning of the Gospel and the spirit of serving to the point where I did not understand why I was serving and why I was investing so much time and energy in ministries before going on this trip. But God is just, righteous, and full of love and mercy. He did not forsake me or punish me because of my sins or my small faith. On the contrary, He patiently and lovingly guides me. Through the team, I saw how we were able to support and raise up each other. I saw that a missionary must wait on the Lord for renewed strength and follow Him in pursuing Kingdom work.

George Song—South Africa, the farthest place I have ever been, was where I experienced God's power that surpassed all. The Lord amazingly grouped all the middle-school boys in my group, which included one local Caucasian boy who did not know much Chinese. Yet I found that even though they had difficulties understanding Chinese, they still participated in every small group sharing and other activities enthusiastically. That allowed me to understand that God uses all situations to show us that He is a God of relationships. The work the Lord was doing in these boys led me to adjust the way I approached serving. Even if we may not get an immediate response after sharing the Gospel, the Lord will nonetheless bring good to those who serve Him.

Yu-Chun Cheng—From the moment I confirmed my participation in this mission trip to South Africa, I felt a tremendous sense of anticipation and thankfulness! I experienced that God's love is not limited to space or culture. At the retreat we used praise songs, activities, and testimonies about our everyday lives to share the transformation that God brings to our lives. The youth were very thankful that they could join the retreat and be together with others their own age. I



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felt the Holy Spirit working in their hearts, bringing freedom in the Lord that transcends boundaries.

Cheryl Cho—I was unable to participate during the first day of retreat because I did not feel well. It was at that time that I fully understood the advice our elder gave before we left, “With you, the Gospel team might receive something. But without you, it will lack nothing.” I realized how small and ordinary I was. Thank the Lord that He was willing to use me to serve Him through this team. One of my most memorable moments was when one member of our small group expressed his dislike of the country. He had no interest in the Christian faith nor the desire to join in the retreat. I prayed in my heart for the Holy Spirit’s leading to build a relationship with this boy that would allow him to feel God’s love. After Rev. Wu finished his testimony and began his altar call, the young man raised his hand without hesitance. I was shocked but very touched. It allowed me to truly experience Christ’ hand touching his heart and once again see His wondrous work is beyond measure! I saw how Rev. Wu and his family willingly lay down themselves and offer up their all for the sake of the Chinese in this foreign land.

Yueh-Heng Lin—This Gospel team allowed me to experience God’s faithfulness. Even though I was very nervous when I first started leading my small group, God gave me a very capable leader to partner with. As I served the youth, I saw how joyful they sang the praise songs and participated in the activities. People with different backgrounds and different languages could be so united because of God’s love—that gave me tremendous encouragement. I thank the Lord for allowing me to understand relationship in God’s love and the incredible experiences I had in South Africa.

BRAZIL

The short term mission team safely returned to the U.S. on July 15. We will publish their thoughts and testimonies on next issue due to the space limitation.

GHANA

Two short term mission teams travelled to Ghana in June and July. The first team of eight visited six church-planting sites to do house visitation, personal

evangelism and sharing in open meetings. They also visited the village schools that CIM sponsors.

One of the team members wrote: “None of us got really sick on the road. Thanks for your prayers. God has already prepared many villagers’ hearts before we arrived. We felt God’s presences in the villages, hospitals, schools, local markets and in small churches.”

Another team consisted of mostly medical personnel. After their first trip, they wondered if God was calling them to a tent-making mission career in Ghana. They visited hospitals as well as local churches and were blessed with rich experiences in their six weeks of travel throughout the country.

PRAYER ITEMS

1. Pray that all the STM teams who have returned home will continue to grow in their passion and commitment in missions. Pray that they will see clearly how God is leading them and that they will be obedient to God’s calling.
2. Pray that Rev. Wu’s rash condition will be completely healed.
3. Pray for CIM’s website and the plans for other ministries that He will send suitable coworkers.
5. Pray that the merciful Lord will completely heal Mrs. Pi’s eye.

FINANCIAL REPORT: July 2011

| | Income | Expense | Balance |
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| General | \$ 3,813 | \$ 5,321 | -\$1,508 |
| Missions | \$ 6,195 | \$ 6,334 | -\$ 139 |
| Total | \$10,008 | \$11,655 | -\$1,647 |

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