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Brazil Mission trip diary

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[July 9] We thank the Lord for His protection on our trip. After 18 hours of traveling, we arrived safely at our first stop, Porto Alegre, Brazil. Arrangement has been made for us to stay at the home of three brothers and sisters there. We split into two groups and visited shops owned by Chinese immigrants and invited them to join us at our evangelistic meeting on Sunday. Most of them come from the city of Qingtlen in Zhejiang Province engaging in operating different ‘dollar’ stores. Those who came from Fuzhou mostly opened jewelry stores. Even though most of the people there did not have any interest in the Christian faith yet, they _____ treated us respectfully and even one or two who indicated they would come to the gathering. Praise the Lord!

[July 10] The children of God are indeed blessed. Even though we live thousands of miles from each other and come from different countries and cultures, we nonetheless became like a family in a very short time. In the morning we were assigned to assist in two special cases and then split into two teams. We also had a time of more sharing and praying at the home of Dr. Zhou. Later on at Elder Guo’s place after an evening of hymn singing, testimonies, and special topics, the atmosphere felt even more like a family!

[July 11] The Women’s fellowship and the Young adult meetings successfully concluded today.

[July 12] The two gatherings at brother Guo’s farm both went smoothly. Whether it was the worship, the message, or the conversation during meal times and after the meetings, we all felt His

presence and were deeply encouraged. We were separately assigned to several families and since we need transportation to all our comings and goings, we feel like we were burdening the local coworkers. It also created inconvenience to our daily devotion, prayers and preparations for the next day’s events.

[July 13] The accommodation where Eric and I stayed experienced several hours of power outage as a result of the constant thunderstorms from Porto Alegre and the nearby cities. This morning we took a train and traveled to the city of New Hamburg, 45 km away. The



pouring rain was unusually exciting for those of us from the drought-stricken California. The object of our visit opened up as a result of meeting fellow Chinese in the little town and talked with us for about three hours. Other team members had to cancel the plan to visit another small town because of the torrential downpour.

[July 14] Even though Ming-ing and Angela had to make arrangements as a result of missing a flight, they were able to meet up with us today nonetheless. We appreciate everyone’s fervent prayers. Even though we were staying at two different places in Belo Horizonte, every morning the local coworkers would bring Johnson’s team of four to where we’re staying and join us in Bible studies and

prayers. Even though the church in BH does not yet have a pastor, the brothers and sisters are on fire for the Lord and had already arranged specific topics for the next five days. They also led us to do visitation and coordinated our free medical clinic sessions, serving tirelessly and completely.

[July 15] Praise the Lord that our team had our morning devotion with the four local coworkers. It was the first time our team was able to study the Bible together since we began our trip. All were willing to learn to face any unexpected situations and preached the Gospel with a strategy and determination and yet in a lively manner. The number of Chinese-operated storeowners in BH far exceeded those in Porto Alegre. Even with several families who have very deep Buddhist belief background, they all received the Gospel materials in a friendly manner. Due to the nature of their work, it was not easy to have a few non-interrupted minutes with them or to have deeper discussions of the Gospel. We all prepared to have an attitude of “seed sowing” beforehand. Ming-ing’s object even made the decision to accept Christ and joined the adult-specific topic gathering. May all the glory belong to the Lord!

[July 16] During our morning devotion and sharing, we learned a



lesson: When we see disagreements or inadequacies in brothers and sisters of local churches, we can only share with them how our churches handled similar situation as

Prayer Requests

1. Continue to pray for the ten brothers and sisters at the Rustenburg church in South Africa as they begin their course on "The Characters of those Who Serve the Lord" as well as for the "Study and Apply the Bible" group that is held during the Tuesdays and Wednesdays Bible study classes. May everyone can successfully complete the classes.
2. Please pray for a suitable venue for the family retreat to be held during Christmas time in South Africa.
3. Please pray for travel safety as well energy for Rev. Douglas Wu as he leads the worship service on Sunday mornings in Pretoria and during Sunday evenings in Rustenburg. May the Lord multiply His grace and mercy.
4. Intercede for the schoolwork of Rev. Wu's three children.
5. Ask the Lord to continue raise up His workers to serve the Chinese in South Africa.
6. The two weeks of serving in Brazil from the STM team gave brothers and sisters an opportunity to be equipped and seekers to receive the Gospel. May the Holy Spirit continue His work to allow these people to know Him more.
7. Ask God to enable the teachers at the Happy Kids and Happy Teens ministries to help their students to know His love, receive salvation and follow Him all the days of their lives.
8. Pray for the brothers and sisters at the church in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, for their training in studying the Bible and seeking and experiencing Him more.
9. Pray for the brothers and sisters at the church in Salvador, Brazil to want to study the Bible more and to learn to seek the Lord's leading.
10. Pray for the promotion work of the Village School Ministries in Ghana. Ask the Lord to call forth brothers and sisters to join STM trips to support and help in this ministry.
11. Ask the Lord to raise up more workers to join in the many ministries in Togo.
12. Ask the Lord to abundantly provide for all the financial needs at CIM.
13. Ask the Lord to raise up coworkers to serve at CIM.
14. Pray for complete healing in Mrs. Pi's eyes and for good health.

well as how our experience has shaped our growth without them but not try to be the mediators.

[July 17] The lesson our team learned and were able to put in practice the most is how to flexibly adjust to needs and to change plans. The topic for today's youth retreat was "Purity before Marriage." To the group of 18- to 26-year olds, the content was justifiably serious and heavy, yet they still responded with interesting and challenging questions. May the Holy Spirit inspire them.

[July 18] There were still two special topics sessions today and because the young people had a chance to know each other better and interacted more, they began to share from some of their own experiences more willingly. We thank and praise the Lord for His grace and your prayers. One young man felt I had answered his question and clearly understand

the four basic points of the Christian faith. He then gladly asked us to lead him to pray for his decision for Christ.

[July 19] We saw the fruits of our invitations from the several days of Visitations and free medical clinic.

More than seventy people came to today's evangelistic meeting, more than twice the number of worshipers during normal Sunday's service. Many came to the church for the first time, thereby bringing much excitement to the local coworkers as well as to our team. After some moving worship music, a group of twelve young people and I went to another room to discuss the topic of "How to Serve."

[July 20] After our morning

devotion with the local coworkers, they took us to visit a Catholic church nestled on the top of a hill in the suburb of BH. Inside every building there was a story told by various sculptures, giving an account

of Jesus marching to the cross, from where He fervently prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane while His disciples sweetly slept to where

our Lord was crucified on the cross. During the evening we held a parents and youth exchange at where we were staying. The space was filled to its fullest. When it was time to depart, we all exchanged blessings and embraces.

[July 21] Thanks to the Lord for His presence and His leading as the STM team completed two weeks of serving. Pray for travel mercy as we are returning to the U.S. tonight.



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FINANCIAL REPORT (June 2015)

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$ 5,666	\$ 5,344	\$ 322
Missions	\$ 5,685	\$ 3,400	\$ 2,285
Total	\$ 11,351	\$ 8,744	\$ 2,607

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