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Short Term Missions

In recent years, short-term missions in the Chinese church has grown tremendously.

Why Short-Term Missions?

Short-term missions trips often help and strengthen the work of long-term missionaries, allowing for more effectiveness in expanding God's kingdom. They are not meant to replace long-term missions work.

The world population now stands at over seven billion. This tells us that the harvest field is more than a small group of missionaries can handle. Therefore, if we are to reach all the nations and share God's love and mighty power, short-term missions teams can play a very important role.

Short-term missions is not a one-way street but rather a two-way channel. One group goes out bringing God's word to anoint and to heal. When they return, they bring with them a new worldview! Are you willing to encourage and ignite a fire in brothers and sisters upon your return and to bring about a revival in the Gospel among other Christians?

What's Cross-Cultural Exchange?

Every missionary who goes out will have a cross-cultural experience. This means that some of the things we are familiar with (such as music, language, clothing, etc.) will seem foreign to us when we enter into another culture.

If we want to be a witness for Christ, we have to seek to understand and respect other people's cultures. We have to remember that when we enter into a different culture, we are the foreigners. We are the ones who hold a different viewpoint,

carry an accent, dress differently. We must respect the locals and not judge them. In order to build relationship with others, we must have a servant heart and attitude to communicate with them, rather than having an attitude of wanting to show them a better way or that our way is best.

Are the Short-Term Locations Far?

Using Brazil as an example:

Distance b/t countries Flight Time

San Francisco—Brazil: 13 hrs 27 min
(6457 miles)

San Francisco—Taiwan: 13 hrs 24 min
(6449 miles)

San Francisco—Beijing: 11 hrs 45 min
(5918 miles)

San Francisco—Shanghai: 12 hrs 50 min
(6165 miles)

What Can I Do?

First of all, pray. When you have a willing heart, God will surely reveal His will to you and provide wisdom and ability. Perhaps you can first join us as a prayer partner, interceding for ministries in various mission fields. After you really understand the ministry of a short-term missions team, perhaps God will call you into this ministry. Prayer and financial support are the basic needs of ministries, whether for those fighting on the front-line or guarding the ammunition in the back.

How Can I Prepare Ahead of Time?

Self-reflection: What are my spiritual gifts? Teaching? Worship? Counseling? Visitation? Medical services and compassion for others?

Self-Equipping: Those we are trying to befriend in these places are often busy in their work. We have many opportunities to carry out one-on-one evangelism. Therefore, we need to equip our-

selves to know the Bible and to understand the Truth well.

One-on-One Evangelism: Prepare your personal testimony. Be ready to share your experiences with anyone at any time.

Gather Information: Study basic questions that non-believers often raise about the Christian faith. Look for passages in the Bible that are the easiest for people to understand. For example: "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16:26

What is Required Prior to the Trip?

Prepare all government-related documents necessary for visa applications

Find out the weather forecast of your destination as to better prepare clothing, etc.

Understand the location's communication system and prepare accordingly.

Make hard copies of all electronic clips and files and messages.

How Many Members Make Up a Team?

Usually it takes about five to six members to thoroughly prepare for all areas of needs that we encounter. When the number of people registered becomes large, we may divide them into smaller teams to head out to different cities, as the situation dictates.

How Much Would This Cost?

It varies from city to city. The biggest expense is usually the airfare. Most of the time the local brothers and sisters are more than welcoming in providing for housing needs. Food will also not cost much. The standard of living is different from place to place as well as the costs associated with it so please inquire ahead of time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for a suitable venue for the year end family retreat in South Africa.
2. Pray for travel safety as well as energy for Rev. Douglas Wu as he leads the worship service on Sunday mornings in Pretoria and Sunday evenings in Rustenburg.
3. Continue to pray for the brothers and sisters in Rustenburg as they continue their course on "The Characters of Christ's Servants" as well as for the "Practical ways to Study the Bible" group on the Tuesdays and Wednesdays Bible study classes. May everyone successfully complete the classes.
4. Pray for the academic future of Rev. Wu's two daughters.
5. Ask the Lord to continue raise up His workers to serve the Chinese in South Africa.
6. South Africa remains a place of lawlessness. Cases of Chinese immigrants being robbed and their houses raided continue daily. Please pray for them to have the Lord's protection in their comings and goings.
7. The Brazil STM team finished their ministry in July. Please ask the Lord to continue to work in the believers in Brazil, that they will have opportunities to receive more equipping and also that our seeker friends may be able to understand the Gospel and become disciples of the Lord.
8. Ask God to enable the teachers at the Happy Kids and Happy Teens ministries to help their students know His love, receive salvation and follow Him all the days of their lives.
9. Pray for the brothers and sisters in Belo Horizonte and Salvador in Brazil, for their training in studying the Bible and seeking and experiencing Him more.
10. Pray for the brothers and sisters in churches in Brazil, that they will be more confident in following God, and cultivate a daily habit of devotions and seeking to understand the Bible.
11. Ask the Lord to raise up more workers to join in the many ministries in Togo.
12. Pray for the Village School Ministries in Ghana. Ask the Lord to call forth brothers and sisters to join STM teams to support this ministry.
13. Ask the Lord to provide for all the financial needs of CIM.
14. Pray for complete healing in Mrs. Pi's eyes and for good health.

BRAZIL

Not being able to speak Portuguese is not an obstacle to short term missions. You only need to speak Chinese or English and it'll be enough! Both new and old immigrants are from Taiwan, Hong Kong and mainland China so they all speak Chinese. If you speak other dialects of the Chinese language, that is even better. The younger generation is also



familiar with English; local churches there will arrange translators for us to serve together as well. Thus, language is certainly not an obstacle. Experiences from members of

past STM teams proved to be the best and the most powerful testimonies. Never had the language stopped us from moving forward with God's kingdom work. We welcome you to come and bear your testimony to the glory of God.

SOUTH AFRICA

The ministries among the Chinese nationals in South Africa have been affected by the Ministry of Internal Affairs' policy of limiting the number of immigrants. This has led to many Chinese applications and renewals of visas to be rejected. The value of the South African Rand has also dropped sharply (from 1RMB=1Rand to 0.5RMB=1Rand), causing many fellow Chinese citizens to return to their own country or to another one altogether as they have fewer and fewer friends in the area with which to connect.

Current ministries are focusing on equipping the believers: PECCC with the youth fellowship; and co-workers at the Churches in Rustenburg and in Pretoria.



Rustenburg started a class on Christian doctrine for those who are willing to be baptized. Also, four families have left the Fu-qing Fellowship in Middelburg and therefore the Bible study class is temporarily cancelled. Instead, Rev. Wu now visits the remaining two families once every three months. Please ask the Lord for open doors and for showing us His will.

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FINANCIAL REPORT (July 2015)

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$1,412	\$4,149	-\$2,737
Missions	\$2,929	\$4,321	-\$1,392
Total	\$4,341	\$8,470	-\$4,129

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Thank you!

