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BRAZIL STM 2017 REFLECTION

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This is my second time to go on a STM trip to Brazil so I was more familiar with the pre-trip training and the schedule, unlike the jittery I experienced last year. I again served as the team secretary so I was quite confident.

Brazil's economy has worsened compared to last year. Corruption in government dwelt the setback further. Businesses are in a slump and people are destitute, it forces some go rob and steal. There is no peace there, especially for the Chinese. Business revenue goes down, they are all reckoning for a change. No one is smiling because of stress. They really need God's salvation.

Our team's first stop is Salvador, where we visited



last year so we feel particular close to them. They began worshipping on Sundays at a brother's restaurant and then moved to a Brazilian church, free of charge. God also provided an Elder from Sao Paulo to shepherd them,

gradually becoming the model of a traditional church. The attendance has also increased. Thank God that He never lets those who seek Him be lost!

This time Christine Pi invited a professional family counselor, sister Rou-Bing, to join our team, which God used to be the focus of this trip. The Chinese

storeowners put their entire time and energy on their stores, neglecting their relationship with their children and families. The number of single moms is gradually on the rise, kids are being sent back to China to be cared for by grandparents. Some parents do not give

their children the opportunity to further study at universities back home but instead applying for them to return to Brazil to help with the store business. During the

two nights of workshop, Rou-Bing addressed the topics of "The Art of Communication for Couples" and "Conflict Resolution" and they proved very helpful to the local believers as well as newcomers. Several even

arranged to meet with her privately for help.

Our second stop is Recife, a beautiful place. The entire city was constructed



along the sea, with many rivers and bridges crossing over it, thereby earning the nickname, "Venice of Brazil". There is no minister leading the church here. There used to be about thirty-fourty brothers and sisters gathered for worship but now there are only eleven, with no Sunday School or Children programs.

The church exists in name only. It's very sad! But our Lord will never abandon churches He built on earth. He led our team to this church and He went on to use Rou-Bing's workshops to attract the thirty-plus believers to join us. We observed the Lord's Supper on Sunday. A young man snapped a photo of the cup and the bread, saying that it has been a long time, he wanted to remember this special occasion!

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that the Lord will grant a smooth procedure for Rev. Douglas Wu to apply for his visa to the U.S. to be issued before the celebration of CIM's 25th anniversary. Also pray for the arrangement for Rev. and Whitney Wu to meet and share with their supporting churches in the San Jose and Chicago areas during his furlough to be a smooth one as well.
2. Pray that Rev. Douglas and Whitney Wu will have abundant strength physically and spiritually, and a vigorous life.
3. Intercede for the university application of Rev. Wu's son, and ask God to clearly show him his way forward.
4. Alex and Nicole Ko are in the U.S. seeking support from churches for their ministry in South Africa, hoping they will be able to raise enough funding. Please ask God to open paths and doors for them.
5. Many brothers and sisters continued to leave South Africa and return to China to settle. The number of congregants from the three churches has plummeted. Ask God to grant Rev. and Mrs. Wu merciful strength and share the Gospel without getting discouraged.
6. Pray for God to inspire the brothers and sisters of the various churches in South Africa to cultivate their daily habit of studying the Bible and growth in His Word.
7. Continue to pray for political and law and order in South Africa, more willing to keep the Chinese way of life and habits, understand the trust of Jesus can be safe.
8. Give thanks for the safe return of the Brazil STM team, for God allowing churches in various cities to receive revivals, brothers and sisters being trained and built up. Ask God to protect and solidify each church to continue be rooted in the word of God.
9. Happy Kids and Happy Teens Ministries will begin a new semester in August pray that all proceedings will roll out smoothly.
10. Pray for the brothers and sisters of the Salvador church and ask God to add to them wisdom and discerning to serve Him with one heart.
11. Pray for the registration of the Belo Horizonte church. Ask God to grant them also a suitable gathering place for worship.
12. Pray for more brothers and sisters at the church in Porto Alegre to be raised up to learn how to serve God and work with each other.
13. Pray for the church in Brasilia to equip their new coworkers with the correct attitude of serving. Pray also for the believers to be willing to learn to preach the Gospel.
14. Pray for Rev. Isaac Quan of CIM Canada. Ask the Lord to add to him strength to share cross-culturally through short-term missions in the local people of West Africa.
15. Pray for the various ministries in Ghana and Togo of West Africa. Ask the Lord to raise up more brothers and sisters to join in STM trips and support the ministry.
16. This generation is full of unrest. Ask God to bless us with peace in Christ, to be His faithful stewards.
17. CIM is preparing for our 25th Thanksgiving gathering on September 24. Ask that God will prepare and bless us to smoothly arrange everything according to His will.
18. Pray for members of the 25th anniversary publication committee to finish the task in a timely manner.
19. Ask God to bless coworkers on the home front with wisdom; that they will offer their best to accomplish what the Lord has bestowed upon us.
20. Please intercede for us that the Lord will prepare more new coworkers to serve CIM.

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In sharing the Gospel, beauty of partnership. I other than visiting stores God also gave us the opportunity to partner with the Sao Paulo medical team. We were given a day and a half to share the Gospel with them, tasting the

learned as I went, taking the newcomers' blood pressure. God blessed us with four people accepting the Lord.

I thank God for giving me this opportunity to go on

this trip, further strengthened my mind in sharing the Gospel. Asking Him to lead and equip me in the road ahead, I await the next time to partner with Him once again to fight this glorious battle. Amen!

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2017

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$3,194	\$4,350	-\$1,156
Missions	\$4,142	\$3,889	\$253
Total	\$7,336	\$8,239	-\$903

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