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Brazil Short Term Missions 2015

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Manaus

Our first stop in Brazil was Manaus on the country's north-western side, and it just happened to be the last day of Rev. Loo's free clinic medical team. There were quite a few Chinese

anointing of the Holy Spirit. This showed that God truly loves this small church even though it is without a pastor to lead these young believers.

Rev. Ho held small group discussions during the evening sessions and was met with much enthusiasm. A young seeker decided to follow the Lord during one of these services. The hymns sung during the gathering were very touching and the choir members sang with all their hearts.



In particular, a Chinese hymn called "Fellow Traveler" that brought forth the Holy Spirit's anointing.

Rev. Ho also gave us time to share when the timing was right. Kai Wen shared from the scientific point of view and Carolyn mainly shared about "Reading the Bible in Oneness". It was a delight that when sharing about the importance of reading the entire Bible on a daily and orderly fashion, a sister immediately volunteered to start a Bible reading group. The next day Carolyn went to visit her to encourage her to promote a Bible speed-reading group. This will enable the sisters to be closer to the Lord as well as increase their communication and unity among each other.

During the Sunday school ministry Carolyn suggested to round up the mothers of the children, train them to be the teachers, take turns teaching 15-20 minutes every month to develop this ministry and not merely teaching the kids music and singing. It is not until the mothers'

spiritual lives begin to grow can the teaching be expanded to crafts, activities, and singing. This way there will not even be any need to hire a music teacher from outside.

Among the congregation there was a brother who accepted Christ many years ago but had never fervently sought the Lord. As a single man, he needed encouragement. Another member was widowed at a young age and she used to worship idols. After she accepted Christ, often times she was not able to concentrate. These believers all need the church to continue to pray and encourage them.

Mogi das Cruzes

Rev. Chen, a local pastor, led us onward to visit a Presbyterian Church near Sao Paulo. It brought back memories to cherish the year of the founding six families' faith unearthing. Seeing how prosperous the church is today, we truly had to praise the Lord for the grace He bestowed upon the Chinese Christians in Brazil. During the comings and goings, we accompanied Rev. Ho and Rev. Chen and passed by several places to visit church



members, learning how to care for these immigrants from China.

Later as we toured Rio by ourselves, we saw many small restaurants operated by Chinese immigrants and we went in to care for them the same way we learned earlier and some accepted Christ as a result. This was a big harvest during this mission trip for us.

immigrants among the 1.7 million inhabitants of this city. The older group of Chinese hail mainly from Taiwan while the newer group comes from China but they all engage in small businesses. There was only one Chinese Presbyterian Church in downtown, currently without a pastor (rumor had it that because of the hot temperatures in Manaus, no preacher is willing to go there to serve on a permanent basis). And yet, the brothers and sisters there all possess a heart of simple faith and pure love and dedication for the Lord.

During the Sunday service, the Holy Spirit miraculously poured down and caused the brothers and sisters to weep, even the sister who was translating the message for Rev. Ho into Portuguese could only continue in tears. At the end of the worship, the entire congregation applauded without prompting. Praise God for the special

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the year-end family retreat in South Africa: the logistics, the STM team from North America, camp enrollment. May the Lord make everything go smoothly.
2. Living costs and prices in South Africa have risen yet again, some brothers and sisters hope to sell their stores and return to China. Ask the Lord to guard the process, their safety, and for a safe journey home.
3. Pray for the recent emergence of counterfeit visas, stamps, and documents (the counterfeit of proof of no criminal records from the South Africa Police Department). Ask the Lord to guard the Chinese, that they will not be cheated and bring on trouble.
4. Pray for Mrs. Whitney Wu as she has recently developed mild case of depression.
5. Unstable public safety, break-ins, and robberies continue to take place in South Africa. Please earnestly pray for the country.
6. Ask the Lord to raise up coworkers for the churches in South Africa.
7. With Brazil's recent political unrest and economic downturn, many brothers and sisters have returned to China or moved to other cities to find new opportunities. Ask God to lead their steps and to guard their journey. Ask also that those staying at the churches will love Him and the people there by serving more fervently.
8. Ask God to revive the hearts of the teachers at the Happy Kids & Teens Ministry in Sao Paulo, so that they will not be weary and will be able to lead the students to excel both academically and spiritually, to understand that knowing Christ is a treasure.
9. Please remember the youth at the church in Belo Horizonte, that the young people's lives be taken over by the Lord completely, that they will receive grace from the Lord, humbly serving and glorifying Him.
10. Pray for the church in Belo Horizonte to find a new gathering place. May the Lord mercifully prepare a place that will allow for a convenient commute.
11. Pray for unity in the church at Salvador. Ask the Spirit to continue to guard the faith of those brothers and sisters so that they may actively seek the Lord.
12. Pray for the Village School Project in Ghana. Ask the Lord to call brothers and sisters to join in short-term missions teams to help support this ministry.
13. Ask the Lord to raise up more coworkers to join in the serving of various ministries in Togo.
14. Ask God to bless the coworkers on the home front with wisdom—that even though the ministries are many they will fulfill what the Lord has entrusted each to do. May the Lord have mercy.
15. CIM's Annual Board Meeting will be held on November 2nd and 3rd. Pray that the meeting will be pleasing to God's will. Pray for all the board members to have safe travels.
17. Ask the Lord to provide for sufficient funding among the different expenses at CIM.

Sao Paulo

Sister Yeh Dan greeted us



warmly in Sao Paulo. The first evening, we were very glad to see Christine Pi, the Executive Director of CIM. This STM trip was arranged and coordinated by her and we were most thankful for her.

Happy Kids Teachers' Retreat

The following two days we had the Happy Kids teachers' retreat. Principal Yeh Dan and her coworkers

were well prepared. Rev. Ho spoke about how to improve the communication among the body of Christ, how to bless each other, how to pray for our children's holiness in their conducts, and how to claim victory over temptations. All topics were very practical. There were workshops as well. During meals times and snack breaks, we had opportunities to encourage the brothers and sisters who were



attending the retreat.

During the last day's of classes, Rev. Ho showed a film, "Walking in the Light," from Ambassadors for Christ, Inc., that commemorates a moving testimony of Christiania Tsai, a famous Christian evangelist from China in the early 1900's in China and the author of "Queen of the Dark Chamber". Many brothers and sisters were moved to tears.

Thoughts

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." I can't help but think of years ago when Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Pi were willing to abandon their comfortable lives in North America and go to Brazil and South Africa to serve. Theirs were truly a complete offering to, and for, the Lord.

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FINANCIAL REPORT (August 2015)

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$10,795	\$4,049	\$10,746
Missions	\$3,641	\$3,499	\$142
Total	\$18,436	\$7,548	\$10,888

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