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SHORT TERM MINISTRY

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Gospel is God's almighty power to save all those who believe. No matter what corners in the world, people need the Lord! We arrived in Salvador and Recife, to work alongside local coworkers in visiting shops, distributing Gospel tracts, shared about the Gospel Bridge; invited them to attend the upcoming marriage seminars, Sunday worship and workshops.

All Chinese-owned shops are about the same. The merchandise mainly includes goods made in China: bags and purses, clothing, trinkets, eye- and sunglasses, and running restaurants. Those who do successfully go on to open more shops, with couples and relatives manning the stores. Most go to Sao Paulo to stock their inventory while some go directly to China and have cargos shipped to Brazil. There are animosities and jealousies among them.

Some couples are quite harmonious and husbands engaged in serving at the church. Their children are currently being cared for by grandparents in China. Only when on holidays do they get to be in Brazil for gatherings. When shared with them about the ups and downs with children living away from their parents, they became tangled. The Brazilian

economies and education systems are critical points for them. Hence, they need more one-on-one caring by the church members. Only then will they have a more matured spiritual life to make a decision that is pleasing to the Lord.

A friend who came to the seminar was interested in the marriage sessions and not against the Gospel. However, his wife was in China visiting their children and has not returned. I trust that if the local brothers and sisters can diligently show their care for them, one day the Gospel will surely reach this family.

There's another family where the husband's family has been very harsh and the wife suffered much hardship. During our team's coming, the husband initially was very much against his wife coming to the church. We told her that our team would pray for him. God heard our prayers. Not only did her husband accompany her to attend the marriage seminars but also the Sunday worship as well as the workshops. She was very moved. They repeatedly invited us to their shop to pray for them. This was a great opportunity for the Gospel to enter this family.

One brother was accompanying us to do visitation. We discovered that

when he gets bored, he would play games on his mobile phones or read stories on the Internet to get rid of his monotonous lifestyle. And with businesses really going downhill these days, he even playing phone games into the night. We encouraged him to spend time in cultivating some healthy hobbies and to make plans for his life goals. He said that's not easy as he lacks motivation. The environment doesn't allow them to support and encourage each other in search of the truth and growth in their spiritual lives. May the Lord have mercy and open a door!

Two Mrs. Lee, originally from Taiwan some fifty and sixty years ago, are in their 70's and 80's. Brazil was in a much prosperous time, and the environments were very peaceful, with lots of social safety nets built in. In these last years, the country has become run down politically as well as economically. There is constant robbing going on. Their children were born there and married Brazilians. They had been believers before but now no longer attend church. Every day they just man their stores and complain a lot. I hope they would return to God and have hope.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that the Lord will grant an approval for Rev. Douglas Wu's visa to the U.S. to be issued before the celebration of CIM's 25th anniversary.
2. Please pray that Rev. Douglas and Whitney Wu will have abundant strength physically and spiritually.
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 as they plan to begin serving in South Africa in October.
5. 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.
6. Pray for political and law and order in South Africa.
7. Please remember the Happy Kids and Happy Teens Ministries began a new semester in August that all proceedings will roll out smoothly.
8. Pray for the monthly Saturday youth fellowship at Happy Teens that using the fellowship and sharing time will allow them to know the Lord more and slowly come to depend on and believe in Him.
9. 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.
10. Pray for the brothers and sisters in Recife that they will continue to have Bible studies and gatherings that through studying together they will draw closer to God and understand that His word is the source of their strength. Pray also for them to be able to return to God's temple and be built up and strengthened.
11. Pray for the registration of the Belo Horizonte church. Ask God to grant them also a suitable gathering place for worship. Pray for the coworkers that God will add to their strength, allowing them to support each other, and be filled with the confident to serve Him.
12. Pray for the Brasilia church to have an accurate serving attitude to equip new coworkers and for the brothers and sisters to be willing to learn how to share the Gospel.
13. Pray for more believers at the church in Porto Alegre to be raised up to learn how to serve God and work with each other.
14. Pray for the various ministries in Ghana and Togo of West Africa. Ask God to raise up more brothers and sisters to join in STM trips and support the ministry.
15. This generation is full of unrest. Ask God to bless us with peace in Christ, to be His faithful stewards.
16. CIM is preparing for our 25th Thanksgiving gathering on September 24. Please ask that the Lord will prepare and bless us to smoothly arrange everything according to His will.
17. Pray for members of the 25th anniversary publication committee to finish the task in a timely manner.
18. 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.
19. Please intercede for us that the Lord will prepare more new coworkers to serve CIM.
20. Pray for the financial needs of CIM in all ministries, asking God to provide abundantly.

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We saw couples who used to serve at church faithfully no longer involved in any ministries and the closeness between brothers and sisters in years past have now a gap in between them. Those who do serve lack training and are not retreating. All these are very painful to watch. But there are others who are fervently studying the Bible. The two brothers who accepted Christ last year were baptized and are still coming to church. Praise the Lord! Also, our team's coming attracted 36 adults who no longer came to church. The brothers and sisters of the Brazilian church who host

them were very friendly. One of them told us they were very happy in seeing so many Chinese came to gather.

Brazil is indeed a land of good soil waiting for harvest. But short-term teams can provide some teaching but that's just temporary. The needs are plenty but the workers are few. Are you willing to work alongside us to share the Gospel?

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FINANCIAL REPORT

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$6,502	\$4,105	\$2,497
Missions	\$6,602	\$3,430	\$3,168
Total	\$13,104	\$7,535	\$5,569

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