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A glimpse of my Brazil Trip

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This year is my third year going on a three-week Brazil STM: Salvador, Recife, and Belo Horizonte. The vision of a STM is to spread the Gospel and disciple local coworkers. None of these places has a pastor and the coworkers have not received any basic training in Bible reading, having quiet time or sharing the Gospel. We tried to use the time wisely, hoping that they would be rooted spiritually in God's word.

Salvador

We visited stores everyday. Some of the storefronts were installed with iron gates, with buying and selling done through the gates. We also chatted with the owners that way. What an



environment they have to work under. A lady shared with us that everyday she came to open the store anxiously, hoping no robbers will come that would cause injuries or casualties.

We also met a plump man eating his lunch in his store. A brother from our STM team went to chat with him.

Even before sharing of the Gospel, he told us not to continue and that he will not believe in it. He admitted that he is a gambler and he enjoys it. He cannot change or want to change. He does not care about losing money and even



his wife or family can't control him! Alas! It is very difficult for a lost person to seek the master that he cannot see. They have all been devoured by Satan and have no time to think about the meaning of life!

Recife

The main church members are the nine in brother Lin's household, not willing to give up in Sunday worship. They really love the Lord! Every year when a team comes, brother Lin would contact other members to join the gathering and workshops. More than thirty came last year. Only about twenty-something came this year. The desires for people to seek God's heart are lost to the busy lifestyles! But God did not abandon this church. CIM

will be sending a retired elder here for two months to help them rebuild the church, training them to take up the role of coworkers. Ask God to greatly use this elder to lead the church!

Belo Horizonte (BH)

The third largest city in Brazil. The weather and the temperatures are the same as in San Francisco! The civil order here is better than in Salvador and Recife. The structure at BH

Baptist church is rather big, with six regular coworkers. About twenty to thirty attend weekly worship. But they are still in need of a pastor. We saw that all the stores were in two three-story commercial buildings. Every store was small, like those in Asia's lower middle shopping centers. They work six and a half day a week. CIM started helping the church to hold a family camp three years ago. The goal was to bring them to a ranch in the country to allow them some relaxation. Most importantly was to bring them to know God and to feel His love. This year we broke a record, with 106 people registered. About eighty came to the Sunday worship, very exciting and encouraging. After our team

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For Rev. Douglas Wu's ministry in Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Rustenburg. Ask God to lead him and safeguard his coming and going.
2. Ask God to lead young families to participate in PECCC's family activities.
3. Ask the Lord to motivate believers at PECCC to start another Bible study group during the week.
4. Ask God to bless Alex Ko as he leads a Gospel training for the young Adult fellowship, that they will be motivated to prosper the Gospel together.
5. Pray for the Pretoria Fu-Qing Church believers to faithfully look to and wait on God's leading during their economic hardships.
6. Pray that the logistics for the STM Christmas family camp in Pretoria will go smoothly by His leading.
7. Pray for the country's law and order and the economy.
8. Ask God to bless Elder Chen's serving in Recife: that believers will participate in the weeknight Bible study gatherings, and be eager to study and understand God's words.
9. Pray that the Belo Horizonte church finds a new place for Sunday worship. Ask the Lord to bless and prepare a place that is located conveniently, allowing for increased work of the Gospel.
10. Ask the Spirit to revive believers at the Salvador church; that amidst economic hardship they can still earnestly seek God's mercy; to study the Bible more and hold fast to their faith.
11. Pray for the STM team heading to Sao Paulo from September 12 to 24. Ask God to open doors for evangelism and to bless them with the words to share the Gospel, and to boldly invite people to receive salvation.
12. Ask the Lord to bless the Porto Alegre STM from September 27 to October 2 with wisdom, preparedness and effectiveness.
13. Brazil's believers living with the political unrest, economic instability, and high crime. Pray for them.
14. The various ministries in Ghana and Togo. Ask the Lord to call more believers to participate and be willing to be a part of the cross-cultural ministries.
15. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead the ministries to the Roma people in Ukraine and allow God's love to spread in the whole area.
16. Pray for the October STM team going to Ghana and Togo. May God's name be lifted high in these places to be a blessing to the people there.
17. Executive Director will be in Brazil in September to serve with two STM teams in three cities. Pray for strength and good health.
18. Ask the Lord to bless headquarter coworkers with wisdom that each can fulfill his/her responsibilities to fulfill God's assignment.
19. Pray that God will provide for CIM's various financial needs abundantly.

sang "How Can It Be", God led Christine Pi to preach the first session and that touched many. After dinner, only about forty people remained, most of them young people. I felt saddened that though these parents prioritized bringing their children to this

retreat; they chose to miss most of it themselves for the sake of earning money. They really need God's light to show them true value. During the sharing, one youth suggested starting a weekly youth fellowship. Praise God that after praying, all the parents gave

permission for them to attend! May God bless them and lead them on their way to faithful discipleship.

May God raise up more pastors and missionaries to serve in these fields and to revive these churches, allowing these lost sheep to finally come home.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$4,277	\$5,336	\$1,059
Missions	\$6,350	\$6,507	-\$157
Total	\$10,627	\$11,843	-\$1,216

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