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Walking with God in South Africa

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It was at the end of 2018, winter in North America and summer in South Africa. A ten member STM team headed to Cape Town and Pretoria for a 3 days 2 nights family retreat, hoping to invite local Chinese Christians and seeker families. Outside of retreat, the STM team participated in special gatherings, visited individual families and stores to encourage their deeper relationship with God.



Since the middle of year, we planned, prepared and rehearsed for all that was needed for the trip. We made sure everything was ready by setting our minds on the Lord's leading and progressed every work orderly with seamless cooperation among co-workers.

The departure time has finally arrived amidst our ardent expectations. We were excited, but also uneasy. Upon arriving in Cape Town, Dr. David Huang from local and Rev. Douglas Wu from Pretoria came to meet us.

Retreat started the next day. Praise the Lord for bringing the sheep to us so we could spread the seeds of the Gospel through worship, messages and topical discussions. The message brought out deeper discussions about sins and the root of heart problems. Two couples from the STM team and several couples from the attendees had fruitful and beneficial discussions about the sanctity of marriage. Although thick clouds made the stars being invisible, the sharing was in a peaceful atmosphere around door campfire. A conversion nessed – a 19 year old who South Africa for college only months ago shared a moving Pray that Holy Spirit will lead her and help her grow.



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At the Pretoria camp, messages were delivered, and topical discussions were led by testimonies, We were excited to witness the baptism ceremony of a brother and a sister by Pastor Ko in the camp swimming pool. What a wonderful grace from God!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Rev. Douglas Wu and his wife Whitney: wisdom to pioneer at a new location in Johannesburg, that the Lord would provide local co-workers, opening up ways to find a church building within Johannesburg and for their travel between Rustenburg, Pretoria and Johannesburg; for physical strength and safety.
2. For Pastor Alex and Mrs. Ko's comprehensive ministry service at Pretoria church: wisdom to resolve any possible challenges.
3. With grace from God that brothers and sisters at South Africa will continue fellowship despite unstable social security, economic downturn and other disturbances.
4. That believers in Rustenburg use the opportunity of a new Bible study class to know God deeper and understand the Word.
5. For the Belo Horizonte church that believers will continue gathering while relocating to a new place to worship.
6. At Salvador only 2 families are left for Sunday worship in the economic downturn. Pray for mercy and strengthening, and let them be filled with love toward each other, testify and spread the good news.
7. That the Lord would lead the believers at Recife to endure the economic depression, not be discouraged, continue fellowship and enjoy peace and joy from heaven.
8. A youth retreat will be held for Happy Teens in Sao Paulo from March 2-5. Pray for safety and blessings on the young participants, that the STM team members work with local workers seamlessly and joyfully to prepare for all activities with wisdom so they are built up and revived by the Spirit.
9. Bless the ministers at Porto Alegre church to know God deeper and learn to serve.
10. Bless the workers at Campinas church with physical and spiritual health, so they work together to further the Gospel and build up believers.
11. Church workers at Brazil are mostly young in age. Permanent ministers are needed desperately to lead them in church administration, discipleship, spiritual advancing and Gospel outreach. Pray for wisdom for CIM staff in implementing plans for recruiting local leaders to the team. Pray for God to move believers' hearts to serve.
12. CIM is recruiting 2019 STM team members at various churches to bring the Gospel to the lost in South Africa and Brazil and to build each other up. Pray that God moves hearts.
13. CIM Canada working diligently in Ghana, Togo and Ukraine in cross cultural missions. Pray for more believers' participation.
14. Pray for wisdom for CIM headquarter staff so they are equipped for the work of the ministry. Pray for more workers to add to the team. Also pray for God's abundant financial provision.



In South Africa, life is not easy and friction between husband and wife is unavoidable. We hope that our message on Biblical marriage helped many to understand the meaning of marriage, and they also learned about the 5 love languages and we had some lively and interactive testimony. The children's lovely hymn offering was touch-



ing during the last Sunday worship.

In our daily devotion God's Word and hymns comforted and encouraged us. We served with one heart, cherishing and supporting each other. May all glory go to our Lord!

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2019

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$3,151	\$6,713	-\$3,562
Missions	\$9,576	\$14,319	-\$4,743
Total	\$12,727	\$21,032	-\$8,305

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