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I can be different!

Su Yuan Hsu, the Happy Teens coordinator invited CIM to bring a short term mission team to conduct a youth camp for her students. In preparation of our team, she told us a lot of different stories about her students, who were born in Brazil, but sent back to China to be raised by grandparents or relatives and have now returned as adolescents. Many of them had stories that could be written into a best-selling novel or adapted into a TV series. Young people should be happy and embrace life to the fullest, and yet these young people have experienced so much hurt and hate in their lives. It is clear that God is the only solution and that only with God's love can they be happy and satisfied with who they are.



God gave Su Yuan a heart of compassion, that compels her to advance the gospel of Christ while teaching the students the Portuguese language and tutoring other subjects in order to be able to catch up with the school work at their level. These students are facing difficulties with their parents, siblings, school work, as well as their own peers.



The youth camp ran from March 2-5, three nights and four days jam packed with activities. We enjoyed the company of forty-eight young people in a secluded beautiful camp ground, with six Happy Teens staff, ten young adult small group leaders, and our five member short term mission team. After the opening ceremony, all the participants mingled together in playing ice breaker games, followed by a three-hour scavenger hunt. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another.

The theme of this camp was, "I can be different!"

With four messages built around the theme, the first being "How do I see myself?", followed by "How do OTHERS see me?" The third used Joseph as an example of someone who experienced a lot of similar difficulties as they did – moving to a foreign land away from familiar surroundings, having to learn a different language, being without friends. But Joseph was different because God was with him, and though he was alone; he had God! He was never alone because God promised to be with him and cared for him regardless of his circumstances. Joseph had the freedom to choose how to respond to his difficult circumstances and rise above; or fall prey to self pity. We concluded with, "How does GOD see me?" emphasizing that I can be different because I am precious to God and He is the one who cares for me no matter where I am and when I am facing loneliness and challenges that I cannot handle. Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful. We need God's grace to practice living, knowing that God is with us and watching over everything.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Rev. Douglas and Whitney Wu: pioneer ministry in Johannesburg, planning on borrowing venue from Christ Church starting in June; for God's opening the way, raising up local workers, their ministry at Rustenburg and peace and physical safety when traveling from Rustenburg, Pretoria and Johannesburg.
2. Alex and Nicole Ko: for church shepherding ministry in Pretoria; wisdom to tackle challenges on all fronts.
3. Pray for God's mercy upon believers in South Africa, that they participate in church meetings regularly despite an unstable political situation, economy and other issues.
4. Pray that God will move the hearts of believers in Rustenburg to participate in the newly developed Bible study class to know God and His Word more.
5. Belo Horizonte Church in Brazil has moved to a new place. Pray that believers will not stop gathering because of the change in venue. May God strengthen and unite workers to further the Gospel.
6. Due to poor economy, only two families are gathering for Sunday worship in Salvador. Pray for mercy and faith that they will not be discouraged, continue to love each other and further the Gospel.
7. Pray that God will lead the believers in Recife through economic depression and that they continue gathering together. May God bless them. Pray for En Lin for his willingness to lead Bible study on WeChat.
8. Happy Teens retreat in San Paulo was a success due to God's great grace. May God continue leading the youth so they are attracted by His love and willing to know Him more. May the teachers follow up diligently.
9. May God draw pastors and elders in Porto Alegre to lead believers closer to God and serve; that they continue faithfully to outreach to small business owners from China.
10. Pray for physical and spiritual strength for workers in Campinas so they spread the Gospel and learn to equip believers in one heart. CIM STM is invited to serve together with them in September. Pray for co-workers to join the endeavor.
11. Church workers in Brazil they need guidance and training from a regular shepherd on church management, discipleship, spiritual growth and gospel outreach. Seeing that, CIM plans to recruit local leaders to join the service team. Pray that God will move hearts to serve churches currently without shepherds and bring glory to God. Pray for wisdom to CIM staff in implementing this plan.
12. CIM Canada works diligently in Ghana, Togo and Ukraine with cross cultural missions. They will head to Ukraine and Serbia in April to search for opportunity to work with Roma people.
13. Pray for wisdom to CIM headquarter staff so they are equipped for the work of the ministry. Pray for more workers to join the team.
14. Pray for God's abundant financial provision.



In the afternoon we had workshops/games in time and money management, and how to handle our emotions, as well as a tea party to learn basic etiquette. Of course, we had time for sports and crafts as well. On the last day's sharing time, everyone expressed their wish to have another camp next year, and some of them talked about appreciating the messages that motivated a new way of thinking with a different perspective.

As believers, we have the unique opportunity to influence the next generation for Christ. God can use each of us to spread His wisdom from one generation to the next. Would you take a moment to pray about how God might want to

use you? Together we can offer truth and encouragement to make a difference, one life at a time.



FINANCIAL REPORT

February 2019

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$2,491	\$6,551	-\$4,060
Missions	\$8,157	\$8,595	-\$438
Total	\$10,648	\$15,146	-\$4,498

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