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## Thanks be to God for His Grace!

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Thanks be to God for His grace that Happy Teens held a 4-day-3-night camp for the youth during Brazil's Carnival (March 2-5). There were 48 student participants and 21 co-workers, including 5 from North America led by Mrs. Pi.



Camp theme: I Can be Different

The purpose of the camp was to encourage young people living in this world filled with temptation, advanced technology, comparison and competition. These are kids who come from disadvantaged families, who are discriminated against at school, have low

self-esteem, struggling with language, trying to adjust to the new culture. Most of the students at Happy Teens grow up in environment like this. In order to help boost their self-esteem, the camp theme was therefore: I Can be Different.

What the CIM team brought to the camp: testimonies of team members and the failures they experienced while growing up, how their lives were changed and their confidence built up through Jesus, and their forgiveness



toward people who once hurt them. There was also a seminar for learning emotional management, a sharing of Joseph's story from Genesis, and a tea party specially designed to teach them how to dress for special occasions, and language and dining etiquette. Male students are even interested in crafts. There were endless interesting stories happening at the Camp.

God's presence and the Holy Spirit's working were obvious at every gathering and

seminar. All students focused on the sharing, especially at the last class when a short video of Jesus' crucifixion. The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many so that even some naughty students were moved to tears. Only God could have accomplished this! Almost all raised their hands for Jesus at the altar call. They wanted to accept Jesus' love and let Jesus be their guide.

We appreciate the effort of the

CIM STM team to lead the camp. The change in the students during only a few days' time was the best reward and encouragement from God.

May all glory and honor goes to the Most High!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pastor Douglas & Whitney Wu: God has opened a door for ministry in Johannesburg; reaching more non-believers through Friday Bible study; they are now preparing for a gathering at Christ Church Sandton starting in June.
2. Alex & Nicole Ko: for church shepherding ministry in Pretoria and for wisdom and strength to face challenges.
3. God's grace that believers at South Africa will continue gathering for worship despite unstable political and security situations and economic depression.
4. For believers in Rustenburg to attend Monday Bible study so they can grow in their knowledge of God and His Word more. For Mrs. Wu's teaching of basic Chinese to the children, that God will strengthen her and give her wisdom. For their traveling safety between Pretoria and Rustenburg.
5. Brazil, Belo Horizonte: their church has relocated. Pray that believers will continue gathering despite inconvenience from the new location, and that God will strengthen co-workers to serve with one heart and spread the Gospel.
6. Because of economic downturn in Salvador some have moved back to China and others have relocated to other cities. There are only 2 families left for regular Sunday worship. Pray for God's grace and faith that they will not be discouraged, will continue to love each other and witness to spread the Gospel.
7. For En Lin's willingness to lead a Bible study group on WeChat in Recife to build up their faith. Pray for God's blessing.
8. May God continue leading the youth in Sao Paulo Happy Teens ministry so that the teens are attracted by God's love and want to know Him better. Pray for wisdom for the teachers to guide and shepherd.
9. May God bless the pastoral team in Porto Alegre, so they lead believers to know God better, to learn and participate in service and also that they can reach those Chinese small business owners to spread the Good News.
10. May God bless co-workers at the Campinas church with health physically and spiritually, so that they can serve with one heart to further the Gospel and equip believers. Pray for STM team at the end of July to serve together.
11. Church workers in Brazil are mostly spiritually immature. They need guidance and training from a shepherd on church management, discipleship, spiritual growth and gospel outreach. CIM plans to recruit local leaders to join the ministry/service team. Pray that God will move hearts to serve those churches who currently have no shepherd and bring glory to God. Pray for wisdom to CIM staff in implementing this plan.
12. CIM 2019 Brazil STM team will serve in Porto Alegre, Recife, Salvador and Campinas from July 11-30. Pray for wisdom to equip disciples and to spread the Good News to the lost.
13. CIM Canada continues to work diligently in Ghana, Togo and Ukraine in cross-cultural mission. Pray for more people to get involved. Canada Burnaby Church STM team will hold a Roma Youth Camp in Ukraine in June. Pray for God's provision.
14. Pray for wisdom to CIM headquarter staff, so they are equipped for the work. Pray for more workers.
15. Pray for God's abundant financial provision.

On the last day, we selected five grand prizes for the camp: punctual king, friendly ambassador, gourmet king, bodybuilding champion and good voice king. When we talked to the youth who received the "Gourmet King" title, he revealed that he ate at least two or three plates per meal! Of course the food was delicious, but according to him, "My mother paid me to attend this camp, so I have to eat enough to make it worth the money." When we asked the kids what new things they learned at the camp, one said, "How to eat!" that made everybody laugh so hard! It turned out that he learned at the Tea Party all kinds of etiquette about how to eat with good manners - he really paid attention to the teaching. Another commented that the weather was forecasted to have heavy rain at night but it didn't and everyone was glad and happy gathered together at the camp fire, enjoying singing, sharing and of course the big marshmallows treat too!



## FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2019

	Income	Expense	Balance
<b>General</b>	\$7, 811	\$6, 820	\$991
<b>Missions</b>	\$8, 954	\$8, 543	\$411
<b>Total</b>	\$16, 765	\$15, 363	\$1, 402

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