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Greetings from South Africa

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In the blink of an eye, 2018 has come to an end. We joined CIM at the end of 2017, sharing our personal testimony, mission vision and ministry needs at churches in USA and Taiwan. In retrospect, it seems like yesterday. We talked about God's call, our struggle and fear and God's grace in our lives at that time. Today, God leads us to spread the Good News to the Chinese people in South Africa.

In the past year in South Africa, searching for God's guidance is a daily task. Sometimes I ponder, "Lord! Why don't You just appear in front of us and tell us what You want us to do and which person to draw to You?" We then can concentrate with the limited resources. However, God never did. He does show up in our visits to fellow believers, in our interaction with seekers, in our commute, in prayers, in the people around us, in all those agonies, in simple satisfaction, and



even in those angry or unpeaceful gazes. I see God's mercy as he transforms us into the person God wants for Himself. Despite our frustration, weakness, sadness, tears, failure and self-condemnation, we are comforted and restored by God. To new missionaries like us, the lessons learned are necessary and precious. Pray for His continued guidance through mountains and valleys of service to be markings of His grace.

Currently we serve mainly in Pretoria, the capital of South Africa, at Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church

which was established during early years of CIM. Our ministry of shepherding includes weekday Bible study, young adult and senior fellowships. We try to outreach to local Chinese people with the gospel, especially at colleges and middle schools, through soccer and basketball activities, to get to know those unbelievers. There are many young families. We pray for a gospel group composed of young families. We are trying to form a deeper relationship with them through church activities invitation, family picnic and visits, so we can become their friends in life. Some of them have other beliefs, some reject Christianity, some are not interested in religion. Even so, we still see God at work as some have accepted our invitation to church activities, although they rejected us before. This change took a year. Pray that God will continue working in their hearts to accomplish His will in His time.

January this year, our older son Samuel (9 years old) will start 3rd grade and younger daughter Isaaca (4 years old) her 2nd year of preschool. They have adjusted to school life here. Samuel was bullied when he first started. Now it is getting better. I believe this is a precious lesson for him growing up. He has formed friendship in class now. Samuel and Isaaca have different personalities. Once we talked about heaven and I told them heaven is a beautiful place. All believers will go there one day. Mom will go there, too. Samuel was sad after that and said, "I don't want you to leave me." However, Isaaca claimed nervously, "Ah! Who's gonna cook for me!" We thank God all the time for these



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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray God's leading and direction for Rev. Douglas Wu's pioneering work in Johannesburg. Also ask for safety from the Lord in his busy schedule between his home in Pretoria, Rustenburg, and Johannesburg.
2. Pray for Alex Ko's ministry in South Africa, and especially for the stability of the Youth Fellowship so they may have spiritual growth.
3. Pray for the believers who have accepted Christ in South Africa but have since returned to China to adjust to life there, and to be able to find a suitable church to continue their spiritual growth.
4. Most of the coworkers in Brazil Chinese churches are spiritually young. Pray for the Lord to provide a permanent pastor to lead them in church management, discipleship, spiritual growth, and evangelism areas.
5. Pray for the planning and recruiting of the Youth Camp at Sao Paulo on March 2-5, and that the STM team could meet their needs.
6. More than half of the coworkers of the Salvador church have moved away due to economic situation there. Pray for the remaining brothers and sisters to have faith and be able to continue their normal fellowship.
7. Pray for the perseverance of the believers of Recife church to continue their Bible study fellowship. Ask God to raise mature Christians willing to lead and care for those brothers and sisters.
8. Pray for the Youth Fellowship of the Belo Horizonte church. May Lord keep the young brothers and sisters so they will persevere in studying Bible and attending the fellowship. Ask the Lord to also provide a coworker to lead them.
9. May the Lord bless the pastor and elders of the Porto Alegre church in leading the brothers and sisters to know God better and learning to serve.
10. Pray for God's blessing and the health of the body, heart, and soul of the coworkers in Campinas church as they learn how to spread the gospel.
11. Pray for CIM Canada's cross cultural ministry and ask God to call for more brothers and sisters to participate in various ministries at Ghana, Togo, and Ukraine.
12. Ask the Lord to bless CIM coworkers with wisdom and to serve faithfully, so that we can accomplish what the Lord has bestowed upon us. Pray for the Lord to add more brothers and sisters to participate in the ministry.
13. Pray for God to provide abundantly for the financial needs of CIM.

two children. God give them different traits and they use their own "ways" to interact with friends young and old. Pray that they follow God's leading, be used by God and fulfill God's wills in their life.



We, as a couple, seldom have time for ourselves amidst service and family duties. However, we share our thoughts and feelings and support each other. Although God lets us see things differently, we share the same vision and mind. Pray we learn to be more considerate to bear with each other and be mindful of God's will as ours.



Mission work does not only involve the missionary himself, but it is also the commitment of the whole family, and also the churches and fellow believers who support in prayer and finance for the Gospel. Support in prayer, offering, and caring is dear to us. We are all united in our mission work with the same vision and goal to strain toward. We appreciate your support in 2018 very much. May God bless all of you and may we continue to work together to spread the gospel to glorify God in 2019.

FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2018

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$23,401	\$7,448	\$15,953
Missions	\$28,103	\$6,702	\$21,401
Total	\$51,504	\$14,150	\$37,354

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