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Brazil Short Term Mission Experiences

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At my church, in the past thirteen years since our mandarin congregations was established, no one has ever participated in STM. I wanted to attend this particular STM to encourage and motivate my fellow believers to participate in missions themselves. I wanted to lead by example and show my church how to respond to God's great commission to bring the word of God to other cultures and languages. The STM members from this trip included 4 from Canada and 4 from America. In the 3 weeks time together, I deeply felt the warmth from God's family. There were mixed feelings of exhaustion but warmth and busyness and joy. We cared for each other in words and actions. We were tired physically, but fervent spiritually. We strived to spread the Gospel in one heart with laughter and joy. We visited local immigrant churches at Porto Alegre, Recife, Campinas and Salvador to care for and learn about their needs. We tried to build up their faith with timely resources, testimonies and prayers. Seminars or special trainings were offered to further strengthen their belief and ministry.



Pray that God's people can experience love and community and that the church can witness God's glory and faithfulness through God's people so that more people will be drawn to the blessing of salvation.

Lydia Chiu

I can't stop praising God knowing that He is gracious to let me participate in this Brazil Short Term Mission. I truly believe that God will also bless the Brazilian churches we visited this time.



Team members included believers from other American churches; we didn't know each other at first. However, we became acquainted quickly upon our arrival to Brazil meeting up with local workers. We were almost like old friends conversing happily and commencing our work immediately.

We visited 3 local churches in Porto Alegre, Recife and Campinas. Serving together with local believers, we were touched by the faithfulness and their heartfelt service. Love among believers in God's house was witnessed at the airport pickup, in church co-working, in meal planning, in outreach ministry, in brothers and sisters opening up their homes to receive us.

God showed me the need of the Gospel in the world through church gatherings, visitations, outreach, seminar, training, and fellowship with church brothers and sisters. I also felt for those brothers and sisters who lack shepherds in these churches. They need to be built up in doctrine, and their spiritual lives need to be revived. The urgency to build up the believers and to spread the Gospel is obvious. At the same time I was reminded to cherish the grace upon my own church, and to encourage brothers and sisters to support world missions.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Wu in their pioneering efforts in Johannesburg and the pastoral responsibilities in Rustenburg. May God safeguard their coming in and going out.
2. Pray for Pastor Alex and Nicole Ko's ministries at PECCC. Pray also for the brothers and sisters to evangelize, to use their God-given gifts to minister, and to serve with one heart to fulfill God's will.
3. The churches that CIM contacted in Brazil are in great need of a long-term shepherd to lead and grow the congregation. Ask God to give local leaders and pastoral staff in N. America to a desire and opportunity to join in the ministry team, equip the believers, and share the Gospel.
4. The economic downturn has affected the church in Salvador. There are only five or six believers who regularly attend Sunday worship. Ask God to enable faithful brothers and sisters to answer the call to ministry and share the gospel by partnering with each other, and allow their lives grow by serving.
5. Ask God to take away the fatigue of the brothers and sisters at the Church in Recife as they work long hours. Pray for their participation in Bible study and especially for the new believers, that the Lord helps them to grow in their faith.
6. Ask God to continue to lead the teachers of Happy Kids and Happy Teens ministries in São Paulo to have wisdom and discernment to help the children and young people not only grow up in their studies, but to also cultivate their spiritual lives.
7. Ask God to bless the pastoral leaders of the church in Port Alegre with the burden of evangelism, to lead believers to learn and participate in ministry, and to invite new friends to attend church meetings. Especially for the evangelistic efforts towards those from China working in small businesses.
8. Ask God to bless the church members in Campinas to work together to spread the gospel, that they can actively equip believers and lead them to learn more about God by learning His Word.
9. Ask God to bless the church in Belo Horizonte that the believers have a faithful heart to attend church meetings. Ask God to grant the coworkers healthy bodies and minds.
10. CIM Canada continues to conduct cross-cultural missions in Ghana, Togo, and Ukraine. Ask God to send more believers to participate in the ministry of sharing the Gospel.
11. Ask God to grant wisdom to coworkers at headquarters as they serve through the administrative logistical tasks. Ask God to increase the number of brothers and sisters to participate in serving, supporting the ministry of CIM, and making God's kingdom more prosperous.
12. Ask God for CIM's financial needs, especially the general funds.

What I gained through this STM was not merely new experiences. Although we did give the local churches assistance, but I learned so much more through their hospitality. I believe that our serving together was edifying to us all, both among members of our STM team and the local churches we visited. We were able to learn from each other and grow together. In reality, our STM lasted for only 3 weeks, during which time we were not able to resolve deeper and more challenging issues. I can only hope that we did give them love from God and some encouragement and comfort.

I surely miss the churches and brothers and sisters and also the store owners and friends we visited. I will share their needs to church friends here at home and others and will continue praying for them. If God permits, I will invite more coworkers to join me to visit them again. Praises and thanksgiving to be our Lord! I thank God for letting me experience His abundant amazing grace and to learn to respond more to His grace!



FINANCIAL REPORT

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	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$3,786	\$7,345	-\$3,559
Missions	\$8,304	\$7,623	\$681
Total	\$12,090	\$14,968	-\$2,877

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