



Duty or Love

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Not long ago a friend of mine commented that she now realized her attitudes toward her children has changed. She feels much happier than before and the relationship between her and her children is different. She begins to enjoy whatever she is doing for them, doing things out of love ignites the joy inside her rather than being a duty that she needs to do and a burden if she is not doing it well. I found this profound wisdom-love versus duty, which reflects for our serving the Lord, and I have been asking myself in a similar context, all that I do in missions - is that because of my duty or because it is out of love?!

Paul reminds us if we give but have not love it is just like a gong and we gain nothing.

In the past I have heard comments about going to Short Term Mission trip, that was just a matter of a checklist, fulfilling the requirement as a Christian to spread the Gospel. "Now that I went once, it is all that is needed." That really makes me wonder what is the purpose for us joining the team to evangelize to the unbelievers. It is out of duty or because we love them, we want to share our blessings with them so they might have eternal life also. I myself am perplexed with this distinction in the attitude of serving. I hope we take a moment to think about how we are going to respond to God's call. There is nothing wrong to be mindful of such 'duty' that we as Christians to go to make disciples of all nations, but we will find it more fulfilling if we add love to it. No matter what you do, you must do it from your heart, like doing it to the Lord (Col. 3:23).

Thanksgiving has come and gone, this holiday reminds us that living with gratitude can make us the messenger of love. Now New Year is coming, how to tell non-believers that it is not a holiday waiting for a gift, but a day when we are a gift. How to see that life is not about choosing which kind of comfortable life, but choosing to roll up the sleeves and share with others. It is more blessed to give than to receive. If we can see the needs of others, and therefore learn how to love those who are broken, poor, and lonely, it is worthwhile to be busy, tired, and spend more. Our hearts also will be full of joy, giving is not lost, but another kind of getting.

Only when we know how to share love with others, the love we have makes sense. Someone once said, "Love is inconvenient most of the time, choose to let yourself be disturbed." When we see the need, stop, and let us give ourselves. Many people choose to let themselves be disturbed and choose to love even when they are inconvenienced. With the grace of God, he is calling us to sacrifice, to give, to love deeper. Jesus came and gave himself to us; we went and gave ourselves to others.

Let's give all praises and gratitude to the Lord who loves us. It is not because of duty that Jesus came to the world to save us but out of love he came and died for us. Let's be mindful that we are blessed with such great love and that we should love those who are around us and beyond!

We are thankful for your partnership with us through your prayers and financial gifts. We have so much to be thankful for!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Wu for wisdom to balance shepherding ministry between Johannesburg and Rustenburg. May God help them grow spiritually and walk in God's wills.
2. Because of the increasing visit and commute to Johannesburg, Rev. and Mrs. Wu are looking to relocate to Johannesburg. Pray for God's provision of a suitable residence.
3. Pray for Alex and Nicole Ko's service at Pretoria for wisdom, blessing and guidance. Also pray for brothers and sisters for their spreading the Gospel, using their spiritual gifts, setting minds on the things of God and serving in one heart.
4. Brazil churches that CIM works with are in desperate need of regular shepherds to lead and train. Pray that God will raise up local leaders and pastoral workers from N. America to join the team to equip believers and bring Gospel to those who are lost.
5. May God bless Salvador church with faithful believers to work together in spreading the Good News and to grow through service.
6. May God bless Recife church believers with willingness to participate in Bible study. Pray especially for those new believers that God who gives growth will prepare people who waters to be around them.
7. May God continue guide teachers of Happy Kids and Happy Teens at Sao Paulo and grant them with wisdom to help the students grow not only academically, but also spiritually, so they know God better.
8. May God bless pastors and elders of Porto Alegre Church with burdens of evangelism, leading believers learn to serve, and inviting visitors to church gatherings, especially those Chinese small businessmen. May God open their hearts to accept Christ.
9. May God bless workers at Campinas church with one heart in spreading the Gospel. Encourage them to equip believers actively and lead them in learning God's word eagerly so they know God better. May God bless Belo Horizonte church believers hearts to attend church gathering regularly. Pray for mercy on co-workers who are tied up with life's busyness! Pray for physical, mental and spiritual health and for wisdom so they meet the demands from all aspects of life.
10. Pray for believers' faith in Brasilia church. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Steven Hsieh for their service, from strength to strength and with one blessing after the other.
11. CIM Canada has been working on cross culture evangelism in Ghana, Togo and Ukraine diligently. Pray for more workers in spreading the Gospel and for moving in the hearts of brothers and sisters to care and support.
12. Pray that God will bless co-workers at CIM headquarter wisdom to do their own parts to complete works entrusted by God. Pray also for more believers to serve together, and to support CIM ministries, so to prosper the Kingdom.
13. Pray for abundant provision on all financial needs, especially general expenses.

As the year of 2019 is coming to a closing we should be mindful to give thanks and praises to God unceasingly, count our blessings, and do not forget the grace of God. We thank God that he protected us during our mission trips both in South Africa and Brazil, we thank God for your partnership with us and support us through prayers and financial offerings. We appreciate your partnership with us so we won't feel alone in serving the Lord because we have all of you praying alongside with us. May the grace and kindness of the Lord encourage us to pursue and serve Him more at the end of the year.

On behalf of the CIM team we send our greetings to you and your family to have a Happy New Year.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

FINANCIAL REPORT

November 2019

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$2,326	\$6,329	-\$4,003
Missions	\$11,300	\$7,407	\$3,893
Total	\$13,626	\$13,736	\$110

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