



Endless Thanksgiving

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Jeremiah had said the lives of everyone in this world are in God's hands. I'd like to share God's abundant grace on me through three events in my life.

1. God's Timing.

I was born in a small town in Hsinchu County, Taiwan. My family followed Buddhist practices from local influences, so I often went with the adults to the temples. When I was in middle school, I enrolled in a local Catholic church's English class, but I didn't attend any Mass or religious activities. I had no idea about Catholicism or Christianity, and I didn't learn anything about Jesus Christ.

Our family immigrated to Brazil as I entered high school in 1966. I was in college at Sao Paulo when I attended church for the first time through Rev Francisco Lo. He was my middle school English teacher for three years, and we had a good teacher-student relationship. We lost contact after I moved away, but we ran into each other again miraculously on our way to Brazil, and we became even closer. Rev Lo became a Christian after he moved to Brazil, and I also finally found Jesus and was baptized in 1976.

Today I recall my path to become a Christian started with the Catholic church English class, where I missed the opportunity to know God. But through chance reunion with my teacher I heard God's message and became a believer. I firmly believe it was all God's planning for me to know Him! This was how Lord Jesus Christ became my personal savior!

2. God in Control

God also guided me in my marriage after I became a Christian. In 1980 I got a job offer in the state health clinic located near a ghetto, so almost all patients were poor. The clinic was far from my home and my salary wasn't high; my monthly pay would just barely cover the expenses. But after I confirmed God's will was for me to work at the clinic, I accepted the job without hesitation.

Two years later I met sister Mara Chi through several spiritual elders. In conversation she told me she wouldn't marry a doctor because she had seen many bad examples as a dietician in the state hospital. She told me the only thing I said that moved her was my testimony on working at that ghetto health clinic, and because of that we were able to maintain our relationship. After six months she finally agreed to marry me.

Praise the Lord! I realized that had I not submitted to God's will to work at the clinic two years before, I wouldn't have married my wife. We've now been married for 38 years, and Mara is not only my best partner, she is also my best coworker in the medical evangelism ministry. I only have thanksgiving for God!

3. God's Protection

The incident occurred on the morning of July 13, 2012. I was at the seminary when I suddenly felt a sharp pain on the right side of my back. It was as if my flesh was torn by a beast! At first, I thought it was spinal pain so I laid down to rest, but within five minutes I felt an identical pain on the left side of my back. Immediately I knew it was something more serious. I went to the hospital right away and it was diagnosed as an aorta aneurysm, a life-threatening situation. The doctor immediately ordered the surgery for that evening.

As I was laying in the ICU, a female doctor came and introduced herself as Elisea (meaning God's deliverance). Then came a male doctor named Rafael

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Covid-19 cases in South Africa has increased every day. Chinese diaspora is also infected. Please pray for the situation and for the church. Ask God to keep them from being infected.
2. Pastor Douglas Wu's eldest daughter Sharon's professional visa expires at the end of July. Please pray for her path ahead. Helen is interning at the NE Hospital of Welkom. The supervisor warns that every patient must be treated as a having the confirmed virus . Clarence's school finally opened in June and he entered the hospital for internship support. Please pray for their safety.
3. Pray for the faith of brothers and sisters that they be able to persevere in the Lord, study the Bible, meet, worship, read the Bible, pray and look to God.
4. Pray that the Lord will lead Pastor Alex and Nicole Ko to serve in the epidemic and protect their safety when they go out to visit and serve; the online gatherings can effectively prepare and allocate time.
5. Please lift up Joseph and Isaaca to study at home and ask the Lord to give Nicole wisdom to arrange and teach. Isaaca has just submitted an application to enter a primary school next year. Ask the Lord to prepare a suitable school for her.
6. In addition to preaching and church service, Alex also participates in the seminary online courses. Ask the Lord to give him wisdom, know how to allocate time, and learn safely.
7. Robberies in SA have also increased a lot. Please pray for security and safety.
8. Pray for the overall COVID-19 situation in Brazil and for the infection rate to slow down.
9. Pray for the Chinese community as most of them are small businesses owners who are hit hard financially by the situation.
10. Pray for the members of the various churches there for God to keep them safe from the virus.
11. Pray for God to strengthen the church leaders to keep up with the fellowship and shepherding when they can't meet personally.
12. Pray for the Christians there to have faith and peace in the Lord during this time of uncertainty.
13. Pray for CIM Canada's cross-cultural missionaries in Ghana, Togo, and Ukraine. Ask God to grant wisdom and guidance on when to start sending out STM teams to work on the Lord's harvests.
14. Pray that more donors will give financially to CIM Canada in 2020. Though many of their ministries have been put on hold, they still have financial obligations with their partners to care for the church planters and village schoolteachers.
15. Ask that God would grant wisdom of coworkers to do their duty to complete the ministry entrusted by the Lord. Pray that God will move more brothers and sisters to participate in serving so that the kingdom of God will be more prosperous. Pray that God will provide for CIM's funding needs.

who was my surgeon. When I heard his name, I knew that I'd survive the high-risk operation because it means "God's healing". God had told me through the mouths of the doctors that I'd be healed!

Praise the Lord, my operation was a success and I recovered quickly. God moved Mara and I, through this incident, to have more burden for evangelical ministry. Beginning in 1993, with training from Rev Clarence Pi and the South America Chinese Christian Seminary, I've served as pastor at Sao Paulo Chinese Baptist Church since graduation until end of 2019, and in June Mara and I joined CIM after encouragement from Executive Director Christine Pi. May God continue to lead us in our services going forward.

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2020

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$4,322	\$6,686	-\$2,364
Missions	\$27,650	\$8,090	\$19,560
Total	\$31,972	\$14,776	\$17,196

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