



Chinese International Missions, Inc.

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April 2021 Brazil Medical STM Trip

~Rev. Jorge Loo

Thanks to the Lord! I took a medical STM team to the cities of Belém and São Luis in Northeastern Brazil from April 16th to 26th and had a successful trip .

We departed from São Paulo at 6:30am on April 16, traveled via Recife and arrived at Belém around 11:30am. At the airport we were greeted by sister Zhang, who came from Fujian more than 20 years ago and accepted Jesus as her personal savior two years ago. Before then she had been possessed by evil spirit until sister Shi of the Chinese Christian Church at São Paulo asked Rev. Lo and a Brazilian pastor to cast out the demon from her, as well as removed all idols from her household. Sister Zhang's life changed ever since – full of joy everyday and with a passion to serve the Lord. She's one of the earlier arrival in the local Chinese community, which consists mostly of people from the Zhejiang and Fujian provinces of China, and the length of time in Brazil ranging from one year to ten or twenty years. Sister Zhang has helped many new immigrants with life in the new land and she is affectionately known as "Big Sister Zhang" in the community.

The STM team consisted of me and my wife, plus Dra Flávia, a Brazilian woman dentist with much STM experience. On the day of our arrival, Rev. Sidvaldo, who is a friend of sister Zhang, took us to the First Assembly of God Church in Brazil that was established by two American missionaries in 1911. With the help of the pastor of that church, we were able to use two rooms for our free clinic on April 17-19 for seven hours each day to see patients, and at the same time to tell them the gospel by using The Four Spiritual Laws. Altogether we saw more than 30 acupuncture patients and 24 dental patients. It may not seem like a large number of patients, but through dental cleaning, cavities and wisdom teeth extraction, and other procedures, a total of 377 treatments were performed.

Among the patients was a couple, the Chens, from Guandong, who accepted Jesus Christ during the free clinic. They have been in Brazil for seven years and run a restaurant locally. We also met several other Christians and we hope to set up a Bible study group. Lastly, I also met a Mr. Ou from Fujian, who has just recently become a Buddhist. I shared the Christian beliefs with him and he expressed interest to have further discussion to understand more about Christianity. Please remember Mr. Ou in your prayers.

After three days at Belém we proceeded to São Luis, which is the capital of the state of Maranhão and the destination of our first medical STM trip in January of this year. This time the free clinic was held on April 21-25 at the building of the newly established São Luis Chinese Chamber of Commerce, located at the city center and close to many shops run by Chinese people. Because many patients from last time returned to see us and referred others, and because we offered dental treatment this time, so the total number of people that came to the free clinic was more than doubled from last time. Praise the Lord!

Because of the friendship forged from last visit, we clearly felt we were more accepted and treated more warmly this time by the local Chinese community, and the newly installed Chinese Chamber of Commerce executive team also actively supported the free clinic. We asked for two patient beds and some medical equipment, and the executive team helped to procure them immediately. When the free clinic ended on the afternoon of April 24, the executive team further treated us to the famous Brazilian barbeque dinner that night. We took the opportunity to share the visions of CIM and VSE ministries with them and hoped we'd have evangelical meetings when we return next time.

Besides holding the free clinic, we also distributed tracts and shared the gospel with acupuncture patients during their treatment time. When we visited in January we didn't meet any Christians, but this time we met five! Praise the Lord! After we returned to São Paulo we started an online Bible study via Zoom on Tuesday nights with brothers and sisters in Belém and São Luis.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the Lord to give Rev Douglas and Whitney Wu the perseverance, determination, and sufficient physical strength, as well as grace from Him, to honor God and benefit others.
2. The suspension of the vaccine in South Africa has begun again, but at a slow pace. The daily number of confirmed COVID-19 infections has risen to around 1,500, and the death toll has risen to more than 100 per day. Please continue to pray and ask the Lord to appease the situation.
3. Pray for the Lord to grant Rev Wu to write sermons quietly, to receive God's grace from the word, and to properly analyze the word of God !
4. The PECCC plans to resume physical worship in June, so that co-workers can also resume their service in the church, Ask the Lord to protect and review His will.
5. Please pray for Alex and Nicole have wisdom and grace in preparing teaching materials and allocating time well for preaching, Bible study and fellowship. Pray also for their safety as they serve outside every day and ask the Lord to care for them.
6. Pray for a new bible study group that was established on Tuesdays in Belém and São Luis in Brazil. pandemic, it has been hard to finalize a date.
7. Pray for the planning and preparation of a virtual meeting with the Roma pastors. Because of the ongoing pandemic, it has been hard to finalize a date.
8. Pray for healing for CIM Canada board member, Siu Lui Ho, as he continues to recover from cancer treatments.
9. Pray for the recruiting effort underway to fill job vacancies in CIM for a Director of Ministry to oversee STM and daily operations, and an Executive Director successor.
10. Pray that God will move more brothers and sisters to join the ministry so God's kingdom would be more prosperous. Pray for God's abundant provision for all the financial needs of CIM.

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Beginning March 1, please call 408-596-4567 to contact CIM for questions or comments. Thank you for your continual support.

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2021

As of Apr-2021			
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$4,136	\$1,076	\$3,060
Missions	\$13,566	\$7,756	\$5,810
Total	<u>\$17,702</u>	<u>\$8,832</u>	<u>\$8,870</u>

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March 2021 -(corrected version)

As of Mar-2021			
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$16,727	\$1,602	\$15,125
Missions	\$14,606	\$8,322	\$6,284
Total	<u>\$31,333</u>	<u>\$9,924</u>	<u>\$21,409</u>

