



Chinese International Missions, Inc.

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Looking for Missions Opportunities in the Pandemic

~Rev. Yoman Man

Even though COVID rages on, yet our passion for spreading the gospel didn't diminish! Many missions work were suspended in the early days of the pandemic, but as communities are now gradually re-opening, we should strive to look for opportunities to lead people to Christ.

Just as the governor of Illinois announced more stringent COVID-19 prevention measures in September, a group of us of more than 30 brothers and sisters from six different churches organized a five-day local STM. We had spent about six months in preparation and received the support of each church's board, with pastor and minister from each church also participated in the event. The STM team parachuted into the neighborhood of a church each day to evangelize. Some churches took the opportunity to look for new targets for the gospel; some harvested the fruits of earlier evangelistic work; some asked for more training for their own teams; and some wanted to revitalize their own missions work through this coordinated action.

A total of five couples and two sisters from our church participated in this event. The twelve of us encountered 86 people in five days and we preached the gospel to 52 of them, from which 23 finished listening to our talk and ultimately 14 people accepted Christ! God has given us this opportunity to fellowship with other churches on the gospel and evangelism. It's just like the partnership between the apostle Paul and the Philippi church, from which the gospel would prosper through their joint effort from the same heart. Joint evangelistic work between churches is encouraged in the Bible, and when done well, the effect would be more than what a church could achieve on its own. This joint STM wasn't just unique; it had also uplifted the evangelistic ministry in my church.

We focused on Chicago suburbs with a widely scattered Chinese population in the STM. Some small teams visited families or called their non-believer friends, some visited restaurants, and we also went to Chicago Chinatown with its dense Chinese population – all in search of gospel opportunities. In caring for the poor, a church handed out food to about 300 people and the team was there to meet the recipients, looking for opportunity to pray and lead them to Jesus for the real help they need. Another church held an outreach event at a senior housing and shared the gospel to about 100 elders. Yet another church sent a STM team to introduce church activities for students to the waiting parents outside of schools. Altogether, these churches used the STM team to witness to many people through this single event. Colossians 1:28~29 *"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me."*

I'd like to share some inspiration on missions strategy I gained from this joint effort. Since my church is located in the suburb, we have many differences compared to the gospel targets of urban churches, and that has led churches to focus on evangelistic efforts separately on their own. However, we discovered many elders who live in the city have children and grandchildren living in suburbs, and it's difficult for city churches to reach out to those younger generations. But if urban churches can be a bridge and lead them to suburb churches, we could then reach out to the elders in the city through visitations in the suburb and lead those families to the Lord. We also observed a unique phenomenon among the Chinese restaurant workers – over half of them actually live in the city even though they work in the suburbs. When those workers become Christians from the work of suburb churches in the restaurants, it's difficult for those churches to continue to grow and equip those new believers. Instead, the suburb churches can introduce those fruits of evangelizing to the city churches, which could in turn shepherd those young Christians and preach the gospel to their families. I believe this enlightenment is a good demonstration of joint evangelistic ministry between churches.

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Philippians 1:9~11 “*And this is my prayer; that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.*”

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray to God for the healing for Rev Douglas Wu’s heart arrhythmia, and that the medicine will be effective.
2. Rev Wu's cousin suffered from COVID and died on August 12 without! Please pray for the recovery and safety of the other two cousins from the virus.
3. Please pray for Rev Wu to be able to concentrate, focus on his thoughts and ask God for the grace of His words.
4. COVID in South Africa is still serious so please ask the Lord to take special care of the infected brothers and sisters and gospel friends so that they can experience God's love.
5. Recently, through assisting in medical treatment and getting vaccinations, Alex and Nicole have come into contact with some new gospel friends. Pray that the Lord will open their hearts and lead Alex and Nicole to share the Gospel with these friends.
6. Please pray for sister Zhang, a local coworker of the Belem Chinese Christian Church, who had started studying the Bible.
7. For the preaching training class (six students) led by Pastor Loo on Tuesday mornings and for the CCF Bible study group on Thursday nights.
8. Pray for a safe journey back to Ghana for our international worker, Janice Wong on September 28 as her home assignment comes to a close.
9. Pray for the drafting and amendments of our grant agreements with our oversea partners to comply with the Canada Revenue Agency.
10. 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.
11. 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.

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	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$10,156	\$1,480	\$8,676
Missions	\$18,490	\$10,530	\$7,960
Total	\$28,646	\$12,010	\$16,636

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