



Chinese International Missions, Inc.

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Time Proves Our Hearts and Stamina for Mission

~Rev. Joseph Lee
Executive Director, CIM Hong Kong

[When I was over 47 years old, I was blessed enough to emerge myself in partnership with the Hong Kong CIM (Chinese International Mission) for more than 26 years. At the beginning of this year, I finally decided and received confirmation to resign. I also arranged for to close down the operation of the organization. All these have been supported by the Lord's grace and providences. Now that we have completed the mission and tasks at this stage, I would like to express my thoughts as remembrance. I would like to thank my fellow brothers and sisters of CIM for their love and support, and pray for the Lord's grace and acceptance.]

It's not that I chose to devote myself to missions in my life, but missions have long been in my way of life. God showed me the life example of a missionary at the beginning of my decision to become a Christian, so that I am not just a Christian who had received grace but more so one who is envied and admired to embark on a missionary life.

When I was young, my father used to take me to church. At the time I just thought it was a good place to go. In 1961, I turned 14 and went to the Taiwan Provincial Kaohsiung Middle School). My classmates invited me to the evangelistic meeting with the campus fellowship. There I made a decision based on the cognition and inspiration from "The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life for the Sheep". Later, I returned to the fellowship and got acquainted with its counselor, Wesley Milne, a Canadian OMF (Overseas Missions Fellowship) missionary. Officially, everyone called him Pastor Miao, but we like to call him Uncle Milne. He stayed single throughout his life, but became a blessing to everyone. He was the first missionary I encountered on my spiritual life. His example in ministry was also the first beacon for me to dedicate my life to the Lord.

After graduating from university and completing my military service, I taught high school mathematics for a year. I knew exactly that God called me to devote myself to full-time service throughout my life, and I started my 50-year full-time ministry since 1971. The first step was I joined the Campus Evangelical Fellowship ministry in Taiwan, which is dedicated to the gospel work of university and middle school students. It was during my time there that I met a sister who was also inspired by the role model of missionaries and also devoted herself to student gospel ministry and we got married. In this 14-year ministry, the call for missions became more visible to us, prompting us to let go of our ministry role in the campus gospel ministry. One year later (September 9, 1986) led by God, we were invited by the CCCOWE (Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism) and our family of four arrived in Hong Kong and joined the team to the evangelical ministry of reaching the Chinese churches universally.

While I served with the CCCOWE, my wife, Marjorie, was invited to participate in the simplified Chinese apologetic booklet in Hong Kong with OMF. A few years later, the late Rev. Clarence Pi and his family started CIM to care about and expand missions in South Africa and other places, and the Hong Kong CIM was established for missionaries sent out from here. Two years later, I was invited to join as a board member. Twenty-six years ago, the CIM I joined was a mission team where Chinese believers were concerned about Chinese participation in missions. I cared about the ministries of Rev. Joseph Hui's family (Chile) and Rev. Timothy Li's family (Paraguay) who traveled from Hong Kong to South America and Rev. Pi's family in Brazil. The ministry established has also helped Rev. Paul Li-Ming Hung's family from Taiwan to Germany. I also learned from Rev. Pi's family ministering in Africa. We have seen God arrange the Chinese missionaries to go to different corners of the world, and follow the gospel mission to various places. At the same time, thanks to Rev. Pi's broadened vision and advanced missional

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thinking, together with Rev. Hay Chun Maak, General Director of the CCCOWE at the time, CIM took the initiative to promote and organize the First Consultation on Chinese Missions in Africa Compendium, which I also greatly undertook in the preparatory work.... I am sincerely thankful for the expansion of my mission journey, ideas and vision through CIM over the years!



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. The Level I of South Africa's lockdown policy has been extended to November 15. Please pray for us to resume physical gatherings and ask God for guidance.
2. Pray for God to protect our brothers and sisters from the second dose of vaccine, and the COVID pandemic will soon subside.
3. PECCC has just resumed physical worship. There are still many things that need to be planned and arranged. Pray for guidance, wisdom and unity of our hearts.
4. Ask the Lord to safeguard the children of the three families who have just joined PECCC (family members of other religious beliefs) can participate in the church gathering steadily. May the gospel enter these families, and the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of parents and children.
5. Robbery cases in South Africa continue to happen more frequently. Please pray for security and ask God to keep the brothers and sisters safe.
6. Please pray for the medical team heading to the free clinic of Avivare Church in Itapevil, Sao Paulo State on December 4 to preach the gospel.
7. Rev Loo and his wife will go to the Chinese Gospel Church in Machalam, Ecuador. Please intercede this STM that will take place December 17-27.
8. Pray for the planning of an upcoming virtual training session with the Roma pastors.
9. Pray for the wedding of Janice Wong, CIM Canada's international worker and a local ministry partner Enoch Jabab in an outdoor wedding in rural Ghana to go smoothly under the pandemic.
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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Oct 2021

| | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expense</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General | \$66,532 | \$13,121 | \$53,411 |
| Missions | \$105,876 | \$85,837 | \$20,039 |
| Total | <u>\$172,408</u> | <u>\$98,958</u> | <u>\$73,450</u> |

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