



Chinese International Missions, Inc.

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Brief Summary of CIM's STM at Machala Chinese Evangelical Christian Church

~Rev Jorge Loo
CIM coworker in Brazil

From December 10 to 27, 2021, my wife and I went to the Chinese Evangelical Christian Church in Machala, in southern Ecuador, for a STM. About 30 years ago, a group of aquatic product teams from Taiwan was invited by the government of that country to come to the city to help them establish a shrimp farming business. Several families of this group stayed and did not return to Taiwan, continued to run the business. Twenty years ago, some from mainland China also started to immigrate to this country. These new arrivals have also run many different businesses, but most did enter the business of shrimp farming. So currently, the local Chinese still focus on that business. The Chinese church is also made up of immigrants from the mainland. In 2008, several Christian families came here, especially the family of brother Zhu, his parents and two sisters. In addition, the family of brother Yang, from the same town as brother Zhu, as well as brother Li's family. Most of them are from Fujian. These few Christian families started to meet, and later the group also received help from North American missionaries, brother Luo, brother Su and his wife, previous members of Heavenly Melody. Every year they helped them arrange several STM teams from North American to help the newly started church at different times. My wife and I have also visited once a year since 2014 for a two-week period to provide free medical clinic. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the work was suspended. From December 10th to 27th, 2021, due to the good control of the pandemic situation and the fact that both of us had received three COVID vaccine shots, I decided to visit the church in Machala again.

In addition to medical treatment, we also participated in the Thanksgiving service at the church on December 18. The church moved from the building originally rented in the city center to the house in the community that we bought. Most of the members also live in this community. In addition to members, some non-Christian friends also came. Some came from China and some came from Taiwan. A total of more than 50 people participated, thank the Lord.

On the evening of December 25th, the church held a Christmas celebration party. The children performed a nativity drama, which was very good, and the youth fellowship also presented beautiful poems. In short, in a peaceful and harmonious atmosphere, we spent our time together. For an unforgettable Christmas, everyone also received a souvenir—cups that the youth painted with their own hands.

During the Sunday service on December 26, thank the Lord for the baptism of eight brothers and sisters. Here I would like to mention a little about brother Qi's baptism. He was a technician of an aquatics product team sent from Taiwan more than 30 years ago. And he was one of those who stayed and never returned to Taiwan. The first time I met him was when I attended the Pan American CCCOWE (Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelization) Conference in Panama City in 2013. He was just a seeker at the time. And from 2014 to 2019, every year when we went to Machala for STM, we looked for opportunities to preach the gospel to him, but he never accepted the Lord. And yet the Lord's time has come. This time we preached the gospel to him and he finally opened his heart and was willing to accept Jesus as the savior of his personal life. Thank the Lord! We will continue to pray for his unbelieving wife and children.

I am convinced that God will raise up the Machala Chinese Christian Church to become God's precious vessel and attract more Chinese to the Lord's Church. Spread the Gospel throughout Ecuador.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. The rate of infection of the Omicron variant of COVID 19 is still on the rise in South Africa, but most of them are mild and the death rate is very low. Please pray fervently for us, and hope that the Lord will soon quell this pandemic and bring God's peace.
2. Please pray urgently for Rev Douglas Wu and the others to resume in-person gatherings, as they use the venue of a local African church. May the Lord give them a deeper experience and help them with God's gracious hand.
3. PECCC suspended physical worship in December due to the Pandemic. They hope to resume it again at the end of January. Please intercede for this to happen soon.
4. In the face of the COVID and security issues, ask the Lord to open the hearts of Gospel friends and lead pastor Alex Ko to preach the Gospel to them.
5. Pray for Rev Jorge Loo's cardiac examination early February, as the decision on how to proceed will be made based on the results of this test.
6. Pray for the Bible study group of Belo Horizonte Church and Machala Church.
7. Pray for brother Zhou's preaching at Belem Chinese Church and Brother Liu's preaching at Machala Chinese Church this Sunday.
8. Praise God that CIM Canada ministries STM to Ghana in January was a success as Rev Isaac Quan and board chair brother Tomson Chan visited all nine church plant locations as well as their three mission school sites.
9. Pray for their international worker, sister Janice Jabab, as she starts her married life with her husband, Enoch.
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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	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$197,077	\$16,273	\$180,804
Missions	\$152,033	\$104,070	\$47,963
Total	<u>\$349,110</u>	<u>\$120,343</u>	<u>\$228,767</u>

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