



Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia Short-Term Mission Trip Report

~Rev Jorge Loo
CIM coworker in Brazil

From May 27th to June 6th, me and my wife went to Santa Cruz de la Sierra in Bolivia for a short medical mission trip. This city is the second largest city in Bolivia. At an altitude of 460 meters, it has a population of about 1.4 million people. From an economic point of view, it is the richest city in Bolivia. Fifty-five percent of the country's population is made up of 36 different ethnic aboriginal peoples of which the two largest are the Aymara and Quechua, and the other 45 percent is of Hispanic or mixed-race or other immigrants from the country, including Chinese, Japanese and Koreans. There are about 3,000 Chinese people living in this city, most of them are Cantonese, followed by people from Putian, Fujian and other provinces, and a small number of Taiwanese. There are Cantonese-speaking people who have immigrated there for more than 50 years, and Fujianese people who have just come here for a year or two. There are also some Chinese organizations here, such as the Guangdong-Guangzhou Association. There is only one Chinese Christian church whose official name is Iglesia Evangelica China en Bolivia.

The church was established in 1988 with more than 30 members. The pastor was Brother Xie Ruixing from Hong Kong, who was later ordained as pastor in this church. Pastor Xie shepherded the church until 2008 until he rested in the arms of the Lord. When Pastor Xie pastored, the church had reached more than 40 people. Since Pastor Xie passed away, the church gradually weakened and the meetings gradually stopped. In addition, the problems among the church members caused discord in the church, which affected some members to be reluctant to come to church gatherings. When the COVID pandemic became more severe two years ago, the church was completely closed. A brother from Putian, Fujian, said that he had been wanting to attend Sunday worship for nearly five years, but every Sunday when he came to church, the door of the church was always closed.

Several teams from different countries came for this short mission: My wife and I came from Brazil, representing CIM and VISE (Sino-Brasileiro Vida, Saude e Evangelismo, a medical team in São Paulo Jorge Loo established), Pastor Luo Enlin from Gospel Operation International (GOI) and two co-workers Deng Guanghua and Yu Shaomin from Canada, North American missionary Luo Jiajun, Su Xiyuan and his wife and Wang Feng from the Chinese Evangelical Church in Machala, Ecuador. After discussion with everyone, Zhu Na and Zhu Hengpeng decided that my wife and I would be responsible for seeing patients at the church in the morning and afternoon, while the others were divided into three teams to do visitation. The overseas Chinese were invited to come see the doctor and also join our meetings.

We arranged the following gatherings, on Tuesday evening, I gave a lecture on heaven and hell and Thursday night, Missionary Luo Jiajun gave a lecture on sanctification and holy living. In addition, both Sunday services were preached by me. Under such a distribution, everyone divides their work and cooperates, and each performs its own duties to complete this task.

In eight days, I saw more than 100 people, and performed 160 acupuncture treatments. Mr. Li Yongze from Xiamen and Ms. Liao Yanqin from Guangdong, who now lives in Suriname, accepted the Lord. There were also a brother Yao Hanquan, a new brother, brother Lin Chunguang (the one who has been wanting to join the church for five years), and a new guest, Miss Zhang came as well. I think the biggest gain of this trip is that the Holy Spirit's work has untied the discord among the members of the church for many years, a knot that could not be untied otherwise. Through the coordination of the pastors, the members are willing to forgive each other, tolerate each other, and accept each other. That's it, the body becomes one. I am sure that God will bless this church once again that belongs to Him, to be

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good witness for Him here, and to lead more Chinese and Bolivians to the Lord. May all the glory and praise go to



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. We thank the churches that lent the venue to the Sandton Chinese Church in Johannesburg and the Rostenburg Chinese Church. They both agreed with Pastor Wu and the others to increase the use of the venue for two physical worship gatherings in July. May the Lord keep everything going smoothly.
2. Please continue to pray for Rev Wu to prepare his sermons and Bible studies, and for Whitney to prepare her heart and strength for the children's teaching materials. After the country re-opened, the number of visitations, prayers, and fellowship gatherings increased significantly. Pray for the Lord to grant grace and enough physical strength.
3. Please continue to pray for Sandton Church to apply for a bank account as currently it is not qualified. Ask God to open the way.
4. PECCC plans to start the co-worker training course in August, please help us to prepare suitable teaching materials, and prepare brothers and sisters who have the heart to be taught and to serve, and can actively participate and respond.
5. Recently, the power supply in South Africa is seriously insufficient. Various districts are taking turns in having outages. It can last 5-10 hours a day, which has a great impact on online gatherings and daily lives. Please ask the Lord to help improve the situation as soon as possible.
6. There are 2 weeks of school holidays in July, and more activities for young people have to be arranged. Pray that the Lord will lead pastor Alex Ko to edify believers and attract unbelievers to participate.
7. Please continue to pray for Nicole's health. Her dizziness has not improved, and other symptoms (loss of smell, taste, hearing, vision, etc.) have appeared one after another. She has recently contracted an unknown virus. Please ask the Lord to have mercy on her. Ask the Lord for complete healing.
8. Pray for Rev Loo as he will be heading inside the slum of Paraisopolis for a free clinic ministry August 13. This is the second large slum in the city of Sao Paulo.
9. A short-term mission trip from CIM will be heading to serve at the Chinese churches in four cities early September: Belo Horizonte, Belem, Porto Alegre, and Caminas. May the Lord guide them and lead them.
10. Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. Though much of the fighting has been concentrated on Eastern Ukraine, refugees continue to travel west to flee the country. Our partner, House of Mercy, is working hard to provide for them and send aid to the rest of the country. A lot of innocent people are still dying everyday and many from the Roma camps have also fled the country.
11. Pray for guidance and discernment as to when is the best time to start sending STM teams safely overseas again.
12. Pray for the pastors and teachers that CIM Canada support in Ghana. Inflation is currently very high as the cost of living including petrol, food, power, have increased significantly and many are struggling to get by financially.
13. **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. If you know of anyone who is interested and qualifies, please contact us.
14. 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.

NOTE

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FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2022

	Income	Expense	Balance
General *	\$36,010	\$10,335	\$25,675
Missions	\$62,761	\$60,332	\$2,429
Total	\$98,771	\$70,667	\$28,104

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