

Chinese International Missions, Inc.

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Mission Trip Report -Belo Horizonte Church in Brazil

~Minister Dan Yeh

Early this morning (July 15th), I received the news that David Chiang, one of CIM's board members, passed away into our Lord's arms. I miss him who always served as the team lead of CIM's short-term mission teams to Brazil. In Brazil, he preached the Gospel across six states. In September last year, Brother David was still working with us here. His life of "Love the Lord and serve the Lord" has become my inspiration and example. He also brought and left beautiful testimonies of life to friends and brothers and sisters in Brazil!

Looking back on my own serving history: In 1997, with the encouragement of the late Rev. Clarence Pi, I went to the South American Chinese Theological Seminary for audited classes. During my study, I was moved by the Holy Spirit and became a full-time student. After graduating in 2002, because God didn't give me a calling to be a pastor, I stayed to serve in the academic affairs office of the seminary, and served in the São Paulo Chinese Missionary Church on Sundays until today. In 2008, I was invited to serve as the principal of the Happy Kids and Happy Teens Center until now. In 2015, I participated in the short-term medical mission team of Rev. Jorge Loo, and began to step out of my comfort zone, and went to other states and places where the gospel has not reached where the Chinese gathered. Because of the missional serving, I can see the vastness of the harvest field. How great is the need for workers! I can really understand what the apostle Paul said: "I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" Through CIM's mission service in Brazil, I know and understand the burden of mission and the great commission given by God! God does not want anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance!

In mid-June this year, I went to serve at the Chinese Church in Belo Horizonte, which is 584 kilometers away from Sao Paulo. The church has not been led by a pastor for many years. The church has rented two Sunday school classrooms in a local Brazilian Baptist church. It worships every Sunday from 5:30pm to 7:00 pm, because almost all members are shop owners, and they can only close shops at 4:00pm on Sundays. They lead very tiring lives and after 4pm is the only time they can get rest. This time I went to Belo in order to enhance the interaction among the members. I used the holiday to organize a day trip for them. I also thanked CIM for paying the tour bus fee for the outing. Some seekers participated, thank God! Although this outing did not meet our expectations, at least it gave the seekers a sense of the beauty and kindness of brothers living together in harmony! There were two days when a team went to visit brothers and sisters who have been sick and absent for a long time. Because the brothers and sisters in the church are usually busy with their own affairs, it is very good to be able to attend the meeting on the Lord's Day. Then they can take care of these sick and weak ones. Therefore, our visitation was well received and welcomed.

At present this church has disciple training on Tuesdays, Sunday school classes on Wednesdays, and prayer meetings on Saturdays. All of the above are conducted via Zoom, conducted by Rev. Loo and myself. The Sunday worship will begin in August. Apart from Rev. Loo and I using video recording, co-workers were also arranged to share in turn. That is currently the format in the absence of a pastor. Belo church hopes that Rev. Loo and I can visit them at least once a month. CIM has a great burden on the Belo Church. I hope this church can cooperate with CIM short-term mission team and its partners in Brazil with one mind. May God grant wisdom, authority, love, and grace to lead the church to consolidate and grow.

Please pray for the other small churches that CIM cares about in Brazil. Due to the lack of workers, not enough resources can take care of them. May the Lord raise up more brothers and sisters who have the burden in missions to join our team. Let us become the conduits of revival, the warriors of praise, to spread the Gospel.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Thank God for allowing Rev Douglas Wu to replace his right thigh artificial hip successfully. Because Rev Wu had a larger skeleton, the operation time doubled to more than three hours, and two bags of blood were transfused. The Holy Spirit preserved the doctor to complete the operation smoothly and safely.
- 2. Please pray for the replacement of the artificial hip joint in Rev Wu's right thigh and pray for a smooth recovery. He hopes that he will be able to walk in three months and return to normal walking in six months. The God of Jehovah Rapha will heal Rev Wu.
- 3. Minister Alex Ko and their brothers and sisters are planning the ministry arrangements for the church in the second half of the year. Please ask the Lord to give their co-workers inspiration and wisdom from the Holy Spirit.
- 4. Pray that the Lord will lead Minister Ko in the care and service of husband and wife and parent-child relationship, and give their grace and strength, especially those who have serious mental problems and have been referred to the hospital. May the Lord grant them wisdom in caring and know how to lead others to the Lord.
- 5. Pray for Rev Lin's first service at Belo Horizonte Chinese Baptist Church from 29th to 31st of July.
- 6. Pray for the co-workers of Belo Horizonte Church will start to participate in the preaching on Sunday: brother Lin, brother Wen, and sister Wang.
- 7. Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. The invasion rages on and innocent lives are lost each day. Pray for House of Mercy as they care for refugees, physically and spiritually. Pray also for the planning of the "Mercy in the Midst of Turmoil" September trip to Canada for Pastor Vasya and Pastor Vlad.
- 8. Pray for the pastors and teachers that CIM Canada supports in Ghana and Togo. Inflation is still greatly affecting their lives. Pray that there will be donors for the benevolent fund so they can help with some of their physical needs. Pray for the formation of STM teams this summer and for 2024.
- 9. Our board member, brother David Chiang, passed away into our Lord's arms on July 15 from cancer. The board would like to show much appreciation and admiration for his serving in the last five years and more. May the Lord comfort and give peace to his family.
- 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. If you know of anyone who is interested and qualifies, please contact us.
- 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.

NOTE

Please call 408-596-4567 to contact CIM for questions or comments. Thank you for your continual support.

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2023

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$41,488	\$7,426	\$34,062
Missions	\$58,942	\$68,393	-\$9,451
Total	\$100,430	\$75,819	\$24,611

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