



# Chinese International Missions, Inc.

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## A Brief Introduction to the STM of the Chinese Church in Belém

~Rev Jorge Loo

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We have been to the Chinese Christian Church in Belem in northern Brazil several times for short-term missions. From February 16 to 26 this year, my wife and I went to this city again to do evangelical work. The main missions direction of this trip was to provide free clinics and visit Chinese shops in this city to learn about the families and living conditions of these overseas Chinese.

In the past few times when we went on STMs, we used free clinics to treat the Chinese diáspora in the church, and waited for them to come to us for treatment. But this time we changed our approach, that is, we visited these Chinese shops one by one and introduced to them our medical background. When someone needs treatment, as long as they were willing, we would immediately provide it, giving them acupuncture, massage, osteopath or prescribe medicine on the spot etc. Thank the Lord!

On the first day of our visit, we met a friend, Mr. Ou, who is from Fujian. We not only treated Mr. Ou and his wife in their office, but Mr. Ou happened to be the president of the city's Chinese Chamber of Commerce. So when he learned about our plan, he immediately took a picture of us with his mobile phone, and then sent it to the overseas Chinese community. In this way, he brought us great convenience. Now, because these Chinese people know us, it will be much easier to visit them in the next few days. As soon as we arrived at their stores, they knew the reason for our visit, and we also deeply felt that the conversation with them has a better and more intimate relationship.

When we visited a lady, she said her husband was not feeling well and said she would take us to her husband's shop right away to see him. So, we went. Through this experience, I discovered that these business owners are really too busy. Because many people open two or even three stores in a family, and they simply cannot go to see a doctor unless absolutely necessary. In this way, we can go to their store to visit and apply treatment, which is also convenient for them.

During this trip, we also baptized a sister. Her name was Xie Meijin, from Fujian. She is 36 years old, married, and has a son and a daughter. More than a year ago, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The tumor affected her auditory and optic nerves. Later, she decided to return to China for surgery. It turned out to be a benign tumor, but she lost her hearing and vision. According to the surgeon, there was little hope that she will regain these functions. This disease has changed sister Xie's life so much! She has changed from a normal and independent person to an invisible person who has to rely on others for almost everything. These sudden changes not only caused physical inconvenience but also brought psychological imbalance, and her temper got worse. We would like to thank the Lord that from the time sister Xie began to fall ill until she had surgery, sister Zhang from Belen Church has been patiently visiting her, caring for her, and comforting her. She also encouraged her, prayed for her often and preached the Gospel to her. Eventually, she opened her heart and decided to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. So, we baptized her. Through this, we also understand what the Bible says, that everything has its time.

Matthew 9:36-38 says, "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Because they are troubled and homeless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

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This trip showed us that not only the world needs the Gospel, but also many lost sheep need to be returned to the sheepfold. Let us continue to pray together for the Gospel work of the Belen Chinese Church. We also pray that the CIM STM team will come to care and help the Belen Chinese Christian Church in July. Amen!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank the Lord, Pastor Alex Ko's knee injury did not affect the Easter service. God also prepared the treatment and needs.
2. Please pray for PECCC's plans for gospel ministry and church pastoral care this year, and ask the Lord to use them to spread the gospel and equip disciples.
3. The Ko's family will go to the U. S. from June 10 to July 22 to share their ministries in South Africa with their supporters there. They will go to three cities: Chicago, San Jose, and Los Angeles. Please ask God to guide them in their itinerary and sharing arrangements there. If there are any areas that are less than perfect, please have mercy on them.
4. Please pray for Pastor Lin of the Belo Horizonte Church in Brazil to find a house to rent.
5. Also pray for the mid-week Bible studies of Belo Church and Belen Church so that more members can participate.
6. Please remember the short-term missionary team coming to Brazil in July.
7. Please pray for guidance and wisdom from the Lord as CIM Canada explore and evaluate the future of the Togo ministries. Pray for Pastor Matthieu as he embarks in ministry after his time with CIM.
8. Pray for the finances of CIM Canada ministries. Their funds continue to be very low. Pray for a healthy general fund to run their ministries and that they can do a good job in promotions. Pray that they can find new donors and more support churches. Pray that they can have more monthly donors.
9. Please continue to 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.
10. 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

**March 2024**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>General *</b>	\$8,987	\$4,024	\$4,962
<b>Missions</b>	\$14,207	\$15,989	-\$1,782
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$23,193</u>	<u>\$20,013</u>	<u>\$3,180</u>

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