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Two-Thirds of the World Mission Movement

Beginning in the 1970s, the concept of the "Two-Thirds of the World Mission Movement" began to spread. Currently, more than half of the world's missionaries come from non-Western churches, which clearly means that missionary resources no longer come only from traditional rich and powerful countries but have expanded to two-thirds of the world. The influence of the Korean church on the Asian missionary movement can be regarded as the representative of two-thirds of the world missionary movement. In 1979, the Korean church sent out 93 cross-cultural missionaries. By ten years ago, it had sent out more than 20,000 missionaries to serve in 168 countries. In the past, missions were dominated by Western co-workers. Taking the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (formerly China Inland Mission) as an example, now more than 40% of the missionaries are Asians.

Missionary scholar Andrew Walls proposed a more amazing concept—mission "from everywhere to everywhere". He said: "No nation or country can accomplish the Great Commission alone. God sends people from every nation, tribe, and every language. We need to be humble and introspective in order to spread the gospel to all the peoples of the world and to jointly participate in the mission given to us by God." Walls also pointed out that the most important element of missionary work is a willingness to accept the decisions of others. The mentality of living on terms set by others is to learn from the example of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

Migrant Population and Mission Opportunities

The concept of migrant population was not new. The Apostle Peter wrote to the early church believers scattered throughout Asia, encouraging them to live holy lives and obey Christ. The Greek word "diaspora" generally refers to the scattered Israelites in the Old Testament era and the scattered believers in the New Testament era. Modern terminology extends it to a moving population. According to research, the global overseas migrant population continues to increase, including Chinese people around the world. In Africa alone, the Chinese population is close to two million. There are very few Christians among them. I am grateful that many Chinese missionaries have received the vision and sent missionaries to care for the Chinese in Africa, especially the businessmen and workers from China to Africa.

Lausanne World Pulse, the monthly magazine of the Lausanne Movement, published an article on the migrant population in 2007: "We have reached an important moment. Christians need to take a big step forward and care for the needs of the migrant population. They are at the forefront of the people and have great potential. They gain faith and hope through Christ and return to their homeland to propel localized churches and missionary movements."

Foresight for Chinese Churches to Participate in World Missions

The author recommends that Chinese churches strengthen their serving in the following eight areas:

1. Strengthen the comprehensive teachings of the Bible, understand God's missionary intentions throughout the ages, and understand our role today.
2. A missionary strategy based on the theology of the cross to preach the gospel of truth and grace.
3. Study more about the Two-Thirds of the World Mission Movement and learn from it.
4. The Transformation of Missionary Concepts—with evangelical partners in the East, West, North, and South.

5. Seize the opportunity of "missions in neighbors" for the global mobile population.
6. The Chinese Church will do more research on missionary talents and combine reflection and practice
7. Overseas Chinese churches synchronize and work with churches in China to share resources, and participate in world missions.
8. Mobilize a new generation and look for missionary workers who possess both courage and humility.

At the heart of mission is the message of the cross; the denial of self, the sacrifice of Christ for our salvation, giving up the glory of heaven. The driving force of mission is the power of the cross and resurrection. God's power is revealed when we are weak and helpless and when others think we are incompetent. The model of missionary work is that the Word becomes flesh and dwells among people, without deceit or hiding. It is as if the Apostle Paul said: "...We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings." (1 Corinthians 4:9)

Looking back a hundred years, during the "Gengzi Incident" in China in 1900, countless missionaries were martyred for the Lord. Looking through the last words of the martyrs, we saw that they only had four words in their hearts: "No regrets this life." Mission is shared orally and personally, and it is also the deliverance of life. There is no fear in the heart.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank the Lord, Minister Alex Ko's knee injury did not affect the Easter service. God also prepared the treatment and needs.
2. Please pray for their 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 family will go to the United States from June 10 to July 22 to report on ministries. They will go to three cities: Chicago, San Jose and Los Angeles. Please ask God to guide us in our itinerary and sharing arrangements in the US. If there are any imperfections please, please have mercy on me.
4. Please pray for the discipleship training class led by Rev Jorge Loo in Brazil on Monday nights.
5. Pray for the baptism class led by Minister Ye Dan of Belo Horizonte Chinese Church every Thursday nights.
6. Please pray for the Brazil short-term mission team heading there in early July. Because of downpour in certain parts of the country for over a month now, one city the team is planning on going is still flooded. Ask the Lord to pave the way for the whole journey as in His plan.
7. Also pray for the follow-up class for new believers at the evangelistic meetings led by Rev Loo on Friday nights.
8. Please pray for guidance and direction for CIM Canada's next steps for their Roma Ministry. After attending the Roma Network Conference and the subsequent visits to Roma communities, Rev Isaac Quan has been presented with different opportunities.
9. Pray for the finances of CIM Canada ministries. Pray for new donors and a healthy general fund to run their ministries in order to run their ministries effectively they are currently seeking.
10. 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.

NOTE

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FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2024

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$11,570	\$5,050	\$6,520
Missions	\$17,559	\$23,479	-\$5,920
Total	<u>\$29,129</u>	<u>\$28,529</u>	<u>\$600</u>

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