



# Chinese International Missions, Inc.

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## Belo Horizonte Chinese Church Ministry Report

~Rev Ying Tsung Lin

I have lived in Brazil for thirty-eight years and was introduced to CIM by Rev Jorge Loo. In 2023, I went to Belo Horizonte to visit the church and local Chinese friends for the first time. I was warmly received by Brother Zhenzong Lin, who passionately loves the Lord, and introduced the current situation of the church.

On January 4th this year, upon the recommendation of Rev Loo, I was happy to accept the support of US CIM and went to live in Belo Horizonte City with the mission of evangelism to serve in the mid-term mission.

The early Christians in the area started gathering at homes 35 years ago; during this period, several preachers went there and started to establish churches. Although it does not yet have its own fixed gathering place, it is currently using a classroom of the local Brazilian Baptist Church temporarily to hold Sunday worship services and classes for Sunday school students.

There were plans to rent a house in a suitable location to serve as a venue for Sunday worship and weekly gatherings. After two months of searching, I personally visited many locations; some locations were too far away, and some rooms and living rooms were too small, not suitable for gatherings...

Finally, my wife and I visited many agencies and found a house in early April that was more suitable for the church. A discussion meeting with co-workers was held after the service, with 9 people present; 7 were in favor, one was not sure why the church needed to rent another house for gatherings, and one opposed.

A vote was taken during the meeting. At 14:30 the next day, we would go to the site to visit the house. At 13:30, some co-workers expressed their unwillingness to participate; the reasons were: the location was not good and there were concerns about safety... so it was canceled! And they have not seen the venue yet. Maybe the time is not yet ripe. I pray that God will have mercy and continue to lead the brothers and sisters of Belo Horizonte Church to have confidence.

The average church attendance in the past five months has been 28 people (23 of which observed the Lord's supper). During the visit, we learned that there are currently about 1,000 Chinese in Belo Horizonte, and 57 people are currently members of the Belo Chinese Christian Church (most of whom have not yet attended worship services). This is the field for preaching the Gospel. If ten percentage of the people participates in the church, there will be a hundred. Although it is not easy, pray that we can work with the Lord. Moreover, several members work in the Oiapoque mall. This mall has special regulations that stores must be open until 8 pm every night, and no "late arrivals and early departures" are allowed. Violators are fined. Work doesn't end until 18:00 on Sundays, making it difficult to attend Sunday services. (Sunday worship starts at 17:30).

We call on churches everywhere to pray for the Belo Church in Brazil and ask the Holy Spirit to give us inspiring work. We will once again awaken existing Christians to participate in prayers and gatherings, first become a Christian with a renewed life and testimony; then we can set an example for others to admire. By setting an example for fellow believers, we can effectively invite our relatives and friends to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank the Lord for preparing minister Alex Ko's family for their mission trip to the U.S. this time. No matter if it is with church sharing arrangements, accommodation and reception, and all other arrangements, they are all full of the Lord's grace. Thank the Lord his knee has recovered, and he can walk without crutches before leaving South Africa, which makes the trip scheduling much easier.
2. Thank the Lord for leading Rev and Mrs. Chiu from Canada to South Africa to support the PECCC and the gospel ministry there. May the Lord watch over them and protect their serving and living during their stay in South Africa.
3. Please pray for the Monday evening discipleship training classes of Belo Horizonte Church in Brazil, which includes Brother *Zhu Jiasu*, Brother *Dong*, Brother *Chen Peifang*, Brother *Wang Fei*, and Brother *Ji Wen hui*. Pray for the new discipleship class on Friday nights.
4. Pray for CIM's short-term mission team coming to Brazil in July; Help them prepare messages, songs, sharing and discussions at the São Paulo Youth Gospel Camp and the other four regions; Prepare their own hearts and the hearts of the people they will meet in the four regions of Brazil; Watch over STM team members and their families that they are healthy both physically and mentally; and lifting up the STM team a safe and smooth trip there and back.
5. 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.
6. Pray also 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.
7. Pray for Janice, coworker in Ghana, as she continues with her ministry after her maternity leave. Pray that she can find balance between her work with CIM and caring for their baby, Lucy.
8. 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.
9. 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

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	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>General</b>	\$13,556	\$6,180	\$7,376
<b>Missions</b>	\$20,123	\$28,728	<b>-\$8,605</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$33,679</u>	<u>\$34,908</u>	<b>-\$1,229</b>

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