



# Chinese International Missions, Inc.

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## Chinese Baptist Church Belo Horizonte, Brazil Experience in Serving

~ Rev Ying Tsung Lin

CIM has invested greatly in missionary work in Belo Horizonte. Thank God for allowing me, a humble servant, to have the opportunity to participate in the local church's service for an entire year.

There are several early members of the Belo Horizonte Church who have been unable to attend Sunday worship for a long time because of their age and mobility issues. After learning about it, we arranged a family gathering (Friday or Saturday) and filled it with happy memories. They experienced the leadership of many preachers and talked about their passionate mood during the first gathering. Brother Lin Zhen Zong and his wife enthusiastically greeted brothers and sisters, picked up and dropped them off, and turned their home into a gathering place. Thank the Lord when I saw the business model of the early church, there were many people who shared the joys and sorrows and contributed finances and effort.

Things have changed, and most of today's church members are from China. They rely on their parents at home and go out to work for their living. In order to settle down and start a business, renting a small stall in the market also costs a lot of money. For those with some ability, renting a large store, goods, employees, and taxes are all huge expenses. Therefore, everyone operates day and night, and is open as usual on holidays and Sundays. (It's a bit of a luxury to attend Sunday services)

The church does not have its own meeting place. The two-hour classroom meeting every week is like worship under the shelter of others. The church has not been able to establish a reliable system for assigning responsibilities to co-workers, and the economic benefits of the church are in its operation is a problem.

If you have your own church, you can use the evening time. During the week, you can hold on-site Bible studies, discussions, tea parties, pool, music and craft teaching, directly or indirectly cultivate the feelings of relatives, friends and Chinese diaspora. First of all good relationships can be established, and then people can be brought to the gospel of the Lord Jesus. Then, church grown can be better realized.

The job of a preacher is not to turn people into "Christians" or to make them "confess their sins." It is not the preacher's responsibility to let the people choose more important things. The mission of the preacher is to lead them directly or indirectly to the presence of the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will work in their lives. May the Lord continue to bless his church. Amen.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank the Lord for leading Nicole back to South Africa from China smoothly and for ensuring that her father has a clear plan for cardiovascular and cerebrovascular treatment. May the Lord continue to care for and heal him.
2. Please pray for Pastor Alex's arrangement of their end-of-year gospel ministry, good news to the Chinese mall, Christmas Sunday and concerts, and baptismal services. May the Lord provide for all their needs and use their services and those of their brothers and sisters. Preach the gospel.
3. Please pray for the baptism at Belo Horizonte Chinese Church on December 8th. The ceremony will be held at Brother Lin Zhen Zong's house.
4. Pray for the church's Christmas celebrations and program preparations.
5. Also pray for the church's arrangement of preachers for next year.
6. Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. The invasion rages on and innocent lives are lost each day.
7. Pray for House of Mercy as they take care of refugees, physically and spiritually. The war has intensified as Ukraine has invaded Russia for several months now.
8. Pray for guidance and direction for our next steps for our Roma Ministry. After attending the Roma Network Conference and the subsequent visits to Roma communities, Rev Isaac and his team have been presented with different opportunities especially in North Macedonia and Serbia. Our goal is to start sending teams in 2025.
9. Pray for the pastors and teachers that we support in Ghana. Inflation is still greatly affecting their lives. Pray for wisdom to know how to support pastors on how to empower church members to support their churches in these economically challenging times. Pray for peace as it is an election year. Pray for rain for the farmers who are greatly affected by climate change.
10. Pray for the finances of CIM Ministries. Pray for new donors and a healthy general fund to run our ministries. In order to run our ministries effectively, we are currently seeking monthly donors.
11. 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.
12. 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

Oct 2024

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>General</b>	\$50,346	\$11,788	\$38,558
<b>Missions</b>	\$64,982	\$51,333	\$13,649
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$115,328</b>	<b>\$63,121</b>	<b>\$52,207</b>

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