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\* SOUTH AFRICA

[Rev. Douglas Wu]—The five short-termers from Chicago arrived in South Africa over Christmas. The Lord led us through a smooth and successful gathering into the New Year.

The Lord blessed us with fifty-one adults and five children who attended the retreat. Whitney and I are still enjoying the providence of abundant grace. This year, Mr. and Mrs. Kau served together and we had success in all the preparations. Praise the Lord who allowed Mr. and Mrs. Chang who brought a fine couples' workshop, "Journey to Intimacy." What touched Rev. Wu the most was seeing husbands and wives among the South African Chinese begin to practice holding hands! This truly brought our inter-personal relationships as well as our relationships with God closer. Two of the short-termers led the students and youth group, allowing us to see the blessings of service from the next generation. God has really blessed the Chinese in South Africa.



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[Nicole Chang] This is the first time I joined the family retreat held at the end of the year. The theme, "Journey to Intimacy," provided some secrets to enhance a harmonious relationship between husband and wife and parent and children. There were many views and details that I had neglected. Thank the Lord who used this retreat to bring these messages to me. I ask that He will help me to not just learn, but apply them so that my life can be more pleasing to Him.

At the retreat I was able to see God's amazing work in the brothers and sisters who came from Fu-Qing. Most of them have not had the opportunity to receive a good education, and throughout the year, they stay busy with their work inside the stores. Their lives revolve around operating their stores and making money, not paying attention to the quality of life or the exchange of real relationship. However, through the sharing from this retreat's interactive sessions, I saw many brothers and



sisters learn to express kind words as a result of the Spirit's prompting. This

included praises between spouses and giving thanks between mothers and daughters-in-law. I also saw some more reserved couples dialoguing while the counselors guided them during the interactive sessions.

Thank the Lord who allowed our church to successfully host the family retreat. May the Lord receive all the praise, glory, and honor.

[Jenny Chen] We were very pleased to have Christina and Jin from CIM Missionary lead the *Youth Daily Camp* that took place from January 3-5. The youth thoroughly enjoyed the activities such as worship, interactive bible studies and team building games that brought about fellowship among the youth members. The camp was well managed and we had a variety of activities presented.

As a participant of the camp, I personally feel that there was emphasis on the interaction between believers and those that still need to grow in the grace of our Lord. The leaders had asked the participants what they wanted to develop more in the aspects of living out a Christian life and I feel most of us learned much on spreading the gospel and commitment to Christ, which were just a few topics that we dealt with. We also learned much from one another through much sharing about one's unique relationship with Jesus, which was particularly special.

On behalf of the Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Youth, I would like to thank Christina and Jin for such an insightful and enjoyable camp. We really appreciate the time and loving hearts they contributed in serving our Lord, and no words can describe the gratitude and love we have for them.



\* BRAZIL

CIM's Executive Director Mrs. Christine Pi and board member, Elder Ying Chang, will be exploring possible ministries in Brazil this Jan. They plan to visit five cities in three weeks' time. Pray that the Lord will go before them and grant wisdom so that they have a deeper understanding of needs there in order to serve more effectively. May the gospel seeds be spread in Brazil!

The Chinese living in Brazil usually leave their children back in their country. Once they have secured a more stable life, they return and bring the children back to be united with them. This change in environment is often quite traumatic for these children, understandably, and they have difficulties adjusting to their lives and studies. As a result, the tutoring and teaching that Happy Family Ministries provides is a great blessing to these families.



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The number of students keeps growing and they are in real need of more Chinese and Portuguese-speaking Christian teachers. Ask the Lord to prepare hearts so that through these teachers, these young people can not only receive practical assistance in their daily lives but also the good news of God's love.

\* WEST AFRICA—GHANA

[Canada CIM] The highlight of our ministry this year is the Village School Project, which is another partnership endeavor with Ghanaian churches to reach unschooled children in the rural areas in northern Ghana. The six locations we have chosen are either Moslem-dominated or prevalent in traditional faith. We have yet to see how effective it will be in helping the children come to Christ, but since starting the project we have employed 27 local senior high graduates who are devoted Christians with a passion and commitment to serve the children in the rural regions both academically and spiritually. Currently, the number of children included in the project is around a thousand.

Our church-planting ministry has benefited from our partnership effort with the local churches. In less than two years, we have helped support several local church-planters who have faithfully established 29 worshipping locations in towns as well as village areas. Six hundred adults, and about the same number of children, are meeting weekly in these locations. Our short-term missions teams shared personal testimonies and helped establish the credibility of the church-planters with local communities.

\* HOMEFRONT

CIM is actively recruiting missionaries, long-term as well as short-term, for 2012. Pray that the Lord will call suitable workers to participate. We also hope that you will gladly respond to this calling and not quench the Holy Spirit's moving.

**STM Team Recruitment Notice for 2012**

**Locations:** Brazil, South Africa, Ghana, Togo

**Time:** June, July, 2012 – further dates to be determined

**Ministries:** personal evangelization, medical missions, leadership equipping, collegiate evangelization ministry, visitation, cross-cultural mission ministry, church-planting ministry.

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**PRAYER ITEMS**

- 1. The Fu-qing Fellowship in Pretoria has begun renting the facilities of the Brooklyn Reformed Church. Pray for the safety of the Fellowship gatherings.
- 2. Thank the Lord for the family retreat in South Africa. Pray that the theme, "The Journey to Intimacy," will bring God's transformation in each family who participated.
- 3. Continue to pray for Rev. Wu's rash to be completely healed. Also pray for a safe and smooth move and that the Lord will bless them in their new home.
- 4. That the Lord will send more missionaries to reap the harvest in South Africa and Brazil.
- 5. That ministry in Ghana and Togo continues growing.
- 6. Pray for Mrs. Pi Elder Ying Chang as they travel to Brazil to examine the needs of the field.
- 7. This is the summer rainy season in Brazil, greatly affecting much-needed repairs. Please pray for all the projects so that when school begins again on February 1, the close to 200 students may have a comfortable facility in which to learn.
- 8. That the Lord will bring more bilingual (Chinese- and Portuguese-speaking) teachers to serve at the Happy Kids and Happy Teens Ministry needs.
- 9. CIM is actively recruiting missionaries and new members for STM teams for 2012. Ask that the Lord will bring people to serve. Also pray for the Executive Director, Mrs. Pi, as she coordinates all the ministries for the coming year.
- 10. For the financial needs of CIM.
- 11. Continue to pray for the complete recovery of Mrs. Pi's eye.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: January- December 2011**

If you have a burden for CIM ministries, you may send in a check payable to CIM and mail to: P. O. Box 700185, San Jose, CA 95170-0185, USA. Thank you!

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$36,936	\$52,973	-\$16,037
Missions	\$59,195	\$41,471	\$17,724
Total	\$96,131	\$94,444	\$1,687

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