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★ SOUTH AFRICA

[Rev. Douglas Wu] We were filled with awe and thankfulness during this last trip to California with our three children. God’s will, God’s promise, God’s timing were all faithful, allowing us to believe, submit, and trust. The focus is still on “going.” This Good News was never meant to be kept in its original place but to be shared. So we continue to pray earnestly for the Lord to send His servants, just like he did in Barnabas, Mark, Silas, and Timothy. Seeing responses from brothers and sisters who were touched by the Holy Spirit, our hearts cannot help but praise His will and His amazing work.



I still have conflicting feelings between going on home assignments and going out to share the gospel. Even after crying out to the Lord many times to enable me to have them complement each other, the reality is that we still have not seen anyone coming to the field after nine years of calling out to the Lord. Does going on home assignment become “the

cross I have to carry”? and the “going” out to missions become “my physical preferences”? May the Lord keep me faithful.

During our conversation with Elder Xianhui Song, the Holy Spirit helped me to sort out commitment to the mission field, commitment to the mission agency and the relationship between the two. It means having a passion and burden specifically for the “Chinese in Africa.” It also means bonding with mission agencies and being willing to serve anywhere, in any culture. Even though I learned all this in seminary, I thank God for allowing me to think through and sort out my burdens anew. South Africa is my spiritual hometown, where I got married, had children, and built up a spirit-filled home. Receiving His call to serve Him, God’s saving grace found me here. That is where God’s servant, Clarence Pi, was taken up to heaven right in front of my eyes; and it was also because of the principal of missions that I came to South Africa.

I thank God for allowing me to have some time to share. Pray that the gospel will be preached out and that God’s merciful hands will help us.

★ BRAZIL

[Huifen Lan] Brother ChaoFan Lee was baptized during Thanksgiving last year. The entire church was happy for him and thanked God for his transformation. I continue to have Bible studies with Lee and his wife and ask that you especially pray for the strengthening of Lee’s spiritual life. There are just too many temptations in the

environment he lives in and added to that, his personality, worrying too much and being a perfectionist. I often encourage him to be more generous, give thanks more and to treat everyone with kindness. My fear is that one day he will reach a dead end and go back to drinking again. His wife, on the other hand, is doing very well. She’s easy-going, pure, with a simple faith, very straightforward, and not easily swayed. She is really his good helper and support.

Beginning this year, the church in Curitiba entered a new phase. A meeting was held on January 13 and an election was held. We had our first term of elders, allowing us to build a structure. We elected a total of two elders: brother JinShan Huang and myself. As a result, I am asking you to pray for us, that being an elder is not simply a title but a trust from God, a mission, and a responsibility. Please pray that we are able to offer more



of ourselves to serve Him whole-heartedly.

Rev. QiYong Wu will begin his one-year term starting February 1. He set this theme, “Let us Start Rebuilding” (Neh. 2:18) for the church in 2013. On February 24, Rev. ZhiZhang Lin will be arriving for Rev. Wu’s ordination ceremony. Rev. Wu will then officiate the

ordination ceremony of the elders. Pray for Rev. Wu’s ministry in Curitiba and for the steady growth of the church. Pray also a new life in Curitiba and for Rev. Wu’s family and their three children. The oldest boy is studying in the U.S. and the two teenage girls will begin school in Curitiba at the end of February. A new environment and a new language mean many areas of adjustments.

Lastly, pray for the spiritual revival of the church in Curitiba. Ask that the Lord will set our hearts aflame with the spirit and that with the pastor, the deacon, coworkers, and brothers and sisters, we can become a more useful vessel for God.

★ WEST AFRICA-GHANA

[Rev. Philip Leung] I began serving in Africa on missions since 1998. In 1996, the late Rev. Clarence Pi invited me to join their board of directors, allowing me to have an opportunity to participate in the ministries in that continent. Then in 2002, having been clearly called and led by the Lord, I resigned as a pastor in Canada and dedicated my life full time in cross-cultural ministry in Africa.



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Many people asked me, "How do you have such a passion for missions in Africa?" Honestly, Chinese and Africans really have not much in common, geographically or culturally. Most Chinese have an unfamiliar and distant view of Africa. Of course, the hardship and extreme



poverty the Africans face touch my heart. But what really tied my heart to the continent is what I've seen God doing there. Our amazing God has not forgotten this vast land, with the

needs of tens of millions of its people.

Regretfully, Chinese churches are usually indifferent when it comes to Africa. Perhaps we have never really thought it possible for the gospel to reach all nations and all people. The concept of bringing the Good News to the world is still just empty talk. The gospel still only belongs to certain individuals or people groups! The God we believe does not seem as mighty or as great. As a result, the Great Commission does not seem as urgent a task

Yet despite our narrow views, the Lord has not forgotten the Chinese churches. God is working in Africa through the Chinese —He orchestrates them to work alongside with Him and to work alongside with the local churches, sharing the salvation message of Christ. The third Worldwide Chinese Mission Conference, to be held this April in the capital of Ghana, will look at and into these issues. During that time, there will be various speakers from different nationalities to share their unique missions experience in Africa.

There will also be the visitation of ministry opportunities available in Ghana after the conference, allowing conference goers to witness the partnership between Chinese churches and local churches on how to practically carry out missions and church planting firsthand to promote and carry out cross-cultural ministry together. I hope you will not miss this rare opportunity. See you in Ghana in April!

★ PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Pray for Rev. Douglas Wu's health as he is waiting to reschedule for a gallbladder surgery due to heart complication.
2. A Bible study class has begun during the one-hour time prior to the Sunday worship. Please pray that the Lord will guide them so that they will be committed to participate and be able to grow spiritually.
3. There will be a Bible study ministry on the third Saturday of the month in Middleburg. Pray that the Lord will grant wisdom and strength to Rev. Wu.
4. Continue to pray that the Lord will help Rev. Wu's leading brother Alex to learn about the ministry of administration and they may grow together to glorify the Lord and benefit others.
5. Public safety in both South Africa and Brazil has been getting worse. Pray earnestly that the Lord will watch over our brothers and sisters as well as the Chinese diaspora living there for their safety.
6. CIM will be leading a STM team to Sao Paulo and Belo Horizonte to hold a Mandarin youth camp, and medical, and evangelism ministries. Pray for all the planning and recruiting, and for the right members to join the STM to serve.
7. There is great need for workers to the mission fields of South Africa and Brazil. Ask that the Lord will send forth missionaries to reap the harvest. We also ask that the Lord will raise up local coworkers to work together for the sake of His kingdom.
8. Pray that the Executive Director will seek God's will in leading the planning of this year's ministry.
9. Pray for the financial needs of CIM, especially in the area of administrative expenses.

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