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Year end thanksgiving

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The year 2016 is a blessed year when I looked through my calendar and count our blessings throughout the year.

At the beginning of the year one of our board members, Rev. Samuel Law, and I made a trip to Belo Horizonte Brazil to develop a partnership with the BH Chinese church where we had been serving since 2011. I marvel at the plan that God revealed during our time there. The purpose of CIM is to mobilize Chinese believers to step out in faith to serve God and spread the Gospel. Through these many years of preparation we have finally begun a partnership among Chinese churches in Brazil through the short term mission ministries. God provided a way for them to participate in the ministry of evangelism as they go one step forward in serving others through becoming the leaders of the church. The core group of five brothers and sisters in BH was established on this visit, as they were willing to take a small step forward in their journey of faith. In July our board member, Rev. Andrew Ho, was their retreat speaker and he opened the eyes of the congregation as they experienced the power of the Almighty God. We should continue supporting them and helping to equip them in a systematic fashion as they build their church. Please join forces with us in making a difference for eternity, dear CIM friends and supporters! One little tear drop will gradually add up to a

vase volume of water when given time.

Through the launching of the Short Term Missions teams in 2010 God opened many opportunities for us to serve the Chinese in Brazil. No matter how limited our resources have been, he has used us to make a difference in ten different cities across Brazil. God's grace is sufficient to us. I thank the Lord that all the Board members have been so willing to serve by going out to the field or participating at the missions conferences in local churches. All of their involvement is very much appreciated which gives me tremendous encouragement.

We are also thankful to see the second generation of Christians in Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church accept the calling from God to become missionaries among their own people. When we were in South Africa, Samuel Ko was one of the four deacons ordained in 1997 when the church was first established. Twenty years later his son, Alex, will be serving the same church as a CIM missionary. In June, Alex and family came to spend time with the Board members in the Bay Area. Thank you to those who hosted them during their stay. We are thankful that Alex and his wife Nicole had the opportunity to share their hearts and vision with the Board during their visit. We thank God that Alex and his wife Nicole will be

joining CIM as missionaries to the South Africa field after their graduation from seminary in 2017.

Looking back through the twenty-four year history of CIM, we see difficult times, but we have also experienced that God's work continues no matter what. It is indeed very hard for us to comprehend at times, but God never fails to carry us through. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Board members past and present who contributed to the CIM family through the years. We owe them all so much. It is because of their dedication that investments to the kingdom were made. They have been so encouraging and kind in helping me and making CIM what it is today. I thank God for the unity and understanding among us. May God continue to grant unity as we grow together in advancing his kingdom in the years to come.

2017 is a very significant year, not only marking the 25th anniversary of CIM, but also ministry in the Brazil and South Africa fields. The Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church in South Africa will be celebrating their 20th anniversary, and the Happy Kids Family Ministry in Brazil also will be having their 20th anniversary as well. With all these blessings that God has bestowed upon us, we really have to bow down to worship Him for the great things He has done. We are a very small missions organization, yet God has used us to be his vessel to

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please intercede for the year-end Gospel retreat that God will bless all the STM members who are leading the adults group, the young adults group, and the children ministry, that it will enable brothers and sisters to thrive spiritually and to pursue to listen to God's Word in their hearts, provoking them to love the Lord.
2. Continue to pray for the health of Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Wu. Ask the Lord to bless them with abundant strength physically and spiritually, especially when working with the retreat team in their serving.
3. Bible classes have restarted Friday evenings since October at the Pretoria church, may the Lord strengthen and allow the participants to cherish the experience of learning God's Word together.
4. Pray that the brothers and sisters of the various churches in South Africa will cultivate their daily habit of studying the Bible and growth in God's Word.
5. Please intercede for this last year of studies at the seminary for Alex and Nicole Ko to go well and for God to lead them and guide them. Pray that the Lord will prepare all things for them, bless them, and pave a way for them. Pray also that they can exercise good time management in their academics, their families, and their fund raising.
6. Pray for Happy Kids and Happy Teens as their semester will be coming to a close in late-December. Pray that the teachers and the students will have an opportunity to rest mentally and physically in these three weeks and that they will be ready to start again in January for their summertime learning.
7. Because of the economic downturn in Brazil, it has affected the Chinese small business owners in particular. May the Lord have mercy on them and turn their businesses around by the end of the year.
8. Pray for those who had made their commitment to Christ and those who had been baptized during that last STM visits. May God strengthen and guard them to meet regularly, and allow their spiritual lives to gradually mature.
9. Pray for the Belo Horizonte church as they are in the process of application with the government for registration as a religious entity. Also ask the Lord to prepare a new gathering venue in a convenient location.
10. Ask God to lead the brothers and sisters in the Salvador church to grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually, to love the Lord and each other, and to willingly complement each other's ministry.
11. Pray for the leaders at the Porto Alegre church that the Holy Spirit will fill them to serve together. Ask the Lord to raise up more young people to have the burden to partner with church coworkers in the coming year.
12. Pray for the political, civil, and financial situations in South Africa and Brazil, allowing the brothers and sisters to live a peaceful life, earn a living, and to serve the Lord.
13. Pray for the new Executive Director of CIM Canada, Rev. Isaac Quan. Ask the Lord to add to him strength to share cross-culturally through short-term missions in the local people of West Africa.
14. Please pray for the various ministries in Ghana and Togo of West Africa. Ask the Lord to raise up more brothers and sisters to join in STM trips and support the ministry.
15. We give thanks to God for all His grace CIM experienced in the past year. With the STM teams, brothers and sisters at the local churches were being built up. Please pray for a revival for these churches.
16. CIM plans to conduct discipleship and coworkers training in February at the BH church in Brazil to build up brothers and sisters to become disciples of the Lord, and to equip them to become church workers, enabling the church ministry to be prosperous and prepare their hearts for God.
17. Ask God to bless coworkers on the home front with wisdom; that they will offer their best to accomplish what the Lord has bestowed upon us.
18. Ask the Lord to provide abundantly regarding all areas of ministry.

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spark a light in the dark world.

Thank you so much for being partners with us; your continuous support is very much appreciated and needed. During this Christmas season, even those who do not believe in Jesus are influenced by this

joyful atmosphere. Happiness is contagious! Without Christ coming to the world to save us, there is no joy nor hope in this world. Let us express our gratitude and thankfulness to our Almighty God for sending His beloved son to this world

to save us. Thank you for your kindness and support. We need your prayers for strength and wisdom in the coming year as we continue striving to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

FINANCIAL REPORT

November 2016

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$2,457	\$5,649	-\$3,192
Missions	\$5,513	\$3,172	\$2,341
Total	\$7,970	\$8,821	-\$851

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