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SOUTH AFRICA

PECCC celebrated their 15th anniversary. Their path has been filled with ups and downs but Praise the Lord for His grace.

We also give thanks for Alex Ko and his wife, for their willingness to accept PECCC's invitation to serve as the church director and to begin



full-time service. The prayer is that next year they will be able to study at seminary. Alex will serve as director until the end of June, 2013. May the Lord strengthen this couple's willingness to be equipped to serve God.

As a result of PECCC's call, we came in contact with the Fu-Qing Chinese nine years ago. Fu-Qing Fellowship Meeting was established six years ago at Rev. Douglas' home until last September when they moved to the Brooklyn Reformed Church. It would be another five years before God led us to establish South Africa's first Fu-Qing church – Pretoria Fu-Qing Evangelical Chinese Christian Church (PFCECC). Praise the Lord that there are four brothers willing to serve at the new church. May the Lord bless them with a unified heart and allow them to work together in their shepherding and administrative ministries, as well as good spiritual and family lives so that they may be able to preach the Good News in accordance with God's truth.



BRAZIL

[Kuei Ting Ma] - 2011Brazil STM team member (from a workshop on "Children's Education")

When I think back on the past 21 years of raising our two sons, there were laughter and there were tears. It is not easy to be parents! But the process humbled me before God and made me admit my own helplessness, ask for His teaching, His transformation, His provision of wisdom and discernment, love and patience in order to be His good steward and glorify His name.

I have realized a few things along the way, namely that relationship is key. There is a saying, "when there's relationship, nothing else matters". Yet the building of relationship requires time spent. There's another saying, "People don't care how much you know but to know how much you care." When children can sense their parents' genuine love and care, they will not consider it a chore when they are asked to do something.

Pray unceasingly: Our children live in a world filled with information. Many unscrupulous thoughts can enter their minds if left unchecked. We need to intercede for them, asking God to bless them with good friends, good judgment to determine what is right and what is wrong. It not only transforms the children's lives but the lives of many others.

Building up myself: We have to first take care of our physical, our mental, and our spiritual needs before we can offer ourselves to others.

Lastly, I want to thank God for blessing me with our two sons to help me realize my own weaknesses and insufficiency. This has allowed me to lean on my faith and come to the mercy seat with no fear, but to receive mercy and grace.

[Hui-Fen Lan] - Deacon of the Curitiba Presbyterian Chinese Church - Brother Chao-Fen Li in Curitiba church has a habit of getting drunk and living a life with no discipline. Because he is in the business of selling liquor, he often found himself surrounded by his customers and unable to return home until late. Sometimes he had to use force to get the customers to leave so he can close shop. Deep inside his heart he felt miserable, thinking that life is so lost and hopeless.

One morning he found the gate of his shop was half opened but nothing was stolen. He felt resentful and wanted to use alcohol to numb himself. Then he remembered that CIM 2012 Brazil STM team was going to visit him in the afternoon so he put the matter of drinking off for a while. God truly performed a miracle



on brother Li! He accepted Christ on September 14 and has stopped drinking ever since. He was completely changed, transformed into a new person! He has decided not to sell liquor anymore and has adjusted his business hours. Now the restaurant is open at six in the morning to serve breakfast and closes at 7:30 so that he can head home.

Now he leads a more normal life, but most importantly, he has more time to spend with his children.



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His two kids have also felt the transformation in their dad and have begun to behave better.

The transformation in brother Li is genuine. He longs to hear God's word. Every morning beginning at five, he has quiet time, reads the Bible, and prays. Seeing how the couple desires to follow God and how they rely and lean on Him completely and has genuine peace in their hearts is deeply touching.

Rev. Lucio and I plan to baptize brother Li during Thanksgiving. I ask for your prayers that he will not be bound and be tempted by Satan and that through Christ he will conquer all!

HOME FRONT

To make it convenient for everyone to be able to browse through each of CIM's ministries and prayer request items, headquarters' website is once again revamped at <www.cimusa.org> Please pray for our needs.

WEST AFRIDA -- GHANA

[CIM-Canada] From end of August to beginning September, CIM-Canada Executive Director Rev. Philip Leung and Assistant Executive Director Rev. Isaac Quan were invited to promote Africa's cross-cultural mission ministry in the Chinese churches of Sydney and Brisbane, Australia. They led more than ten different gatherings for pastors and leaders, missions department staff and lay believers.

The Chinese International Missions in Australia officially registered with the government in June, 2012. The five members of the Board of Directors come as missions coworkers and church leaders from various churches. There are also three experienced pastors serving as advisors. Their vision is to encourage brothers and sisters from the Chinese churches in Australia to form STM teams, through the partnership with the churches in Africa, to promote cross-cultural missions work. Before CIM-Australia was established, they already had STM teams working together with and experiencing wonderful serving opportunities with CIM-Canada.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Praise God that brother Lin has left the hospital. Please continue to pray for his complete healing and recovery.
2. Give thanks for the establishment of Pretoria Fu-Qing Evangelical Chinese Christian Church. Ask that the Lord will continue to lead their growth and that He will bless the brothers and sisters there with wisdom and grace to grow spiritually.
3. The Lord to help Rev. Wu's in leading Alex to learn about the ministry of administration and that they may grow together to the glorify the Lord and benefit others. Ask also that the Lord will bless Rev. Wu with

wisdom and grace to equip him to prepare discipleship classes as well as his messages.

- 4. Four brothers were ordained to be deacons during the inauguration of the Pretoria Fu-Qing Evangelical Chinese Christian Church. Please pray for their growth and discipleship.
5. Churches in Belo and Brasilia have invited CIM to plan STM teams in February and July of 2013. Please ask the Lord to motivate and raise up workers.
6. 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.
7. The administration of Happy Kids to nurture the ministries to the next generation and that the new administrative staff at Happy Kids can handle the ministries of each department effectively.
8. The annual CIM board meeting has taken place. Ask that the Lord will bless the organization to be able to carry out the various ministries.
9. Pray that the Lord will bring more workers to serve together with CIM. Pray also that more workers will serve in the planning and promoting of CIM's ministries.
10. Pray for the financial needs of CIM, especially in the area of administrative expenses.
11. Please continue to pray for the complete recovery of Mrs. Pi's eye.

FINANCIAL REPORT (as of September 31, 2012)

Table with 4 columns: Category, Income, Expense, Balance. Rows include General, Missions, and Total.

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