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An Overview of the Fu-Qing Ministry in South Africa

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Ministry in South Africa Chinese churches differs from ministry in Taiwan, Hong Kong or North America. The Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church has been established for 19 years and the Pretoria Fu-Qing Chinese Christian Church has been established for four years. However, due to the restrictions on factors such as national policies, individual backgrounds, and various laws, the number of Chinese has remained around three hundred thousand during this time period. The Chinese are scattered widely through-out the country, although the distribution is mostly concentrated in these five cities: Johannesburg, Pretoria, Durban, Bloemfontein, and Cape Town. The largest concentration, with an estimated 100k, is around the commercial city of Johannesburg. Also because most of them are traditional shop owners, their cultural and educational level is not high. Whatever free time they have is limited, so choosing the right material to teach them and using the appropriate method to lead is quite different than the methods used in other overseas Chinese churches. One thing that is constant in the foundation of biblical truth. The most imperative point of discipleship is relationship, and this relationship is built in Christ Jesus. Thus there is no difference between an intellectual like Paul or an unrefined fisherman such as Peter. The focus is on the intimate relationship established in Christ. Yet today's generation of disciples are challenged in building these close relationships, especially with

immigrant compatriots from the same culture. Although we share similar values of hard work, in the minds of many immigrants is using this toward making money and building their wealth.

Most of them are in the beginning stage of familiarizing themselves with their surroundings so this is actually an optimal opportunity to establish contact with them. For those who face greater challenges and frustrations and are in need of outside help we have the opportunity to live out the Gospel in their everyday lives. Just like 1) when Jesus was healing the sick, casting out demons, and performing miracles before them. Then comes 2) when the disciples were following Jesus. At the beginning of this period, the disciples were mainly seeking blessings and benefits. However, during the next three years they heard the truth of Jesus' preaching and saw the examples of His character. Then comes 3) personally witness Jesus offering His love by laying down His life for the world, and the power and love that came from His resurrection from the dead. Most disciples would go through these three stages that turned their lives around, from weak to strong, regarding all things as loss, and counting all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus the Lord. For Him, they have suffered the loss of all things and count them but rubbish so that they may gain Christ. Today, serving in the

mission field requires holding on tight to God's grace to actively lead the disciples. We should fervently lead these people to study His word and to lead the



disciples into praying and teaching them to grow in the Lord Jesus. When we compare

leading the university students and graduate intellectuals of ten years ago with the Fu-Qing business owners today, we can clearly feel the difference. The latter group needs more time to lead. It compels us to ask the Holy Spirit to show us the "good soil" so that they may encounter Jesus in their lives, receive His saving grace, and naturally give up their time to receive training. With the right people, the ministry will be carried out according to God's will. May the Lord help us to walk in His will and bring up disciples.

The ministry of evangelism must first involve people who then join in to promote expansion and development. Yet there is often no one to pass the baton in today's missions. Let us pray for every believer who is loved by the Lord and is called by God to be on missions to focus their faith in Jesus.

Editor's note : Pastor and Mrs. Douglas Wu have given their lives to the mission field in South Africa. As Paul says in I Cor. 9:22-23, "To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please intercede for all Chinese churches in South Africa that the believers will fellowship together, with one accord in the Gospel and raise up more coworkers to serve.
2. Please continue to pray for the yearend retreat, that God will bless all logistics.
3. Bible classes have restarted on Friday evenings in October at the Pretoria Church and they are very much in need of your prayers.
4. Continue to pray for the health of Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Wu. Pray also for their eldest daughter, Sharon, that she will adjust to the academic life in the U.S.
5. A casino is being constructed in Rev. Wu's neighborhood and since construction began, multiple accidents have taken place. Ask God to grant Rev. Wu and his family safety in their comings and goings.
6. Pray 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.
7. Consumer prices continue to rise in South Africa. There are also constant civil disorders, robberies, and break-ins. Please pray for the country.
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 especially for the young people who will be taking the university entrance exam, to be held on November 5-6.
10. Continue to pray for the teachers from the Happy Kids and Happy Teens ministries that they will lead their students to realize Christ. Bless the students' progress in their studies, and growth in their physical, emotional, and spiritual health.
11. Continue to pray for the coworkers at the Belo Horizonte church that the Lord will lead the body in Christ and support each other, learn to complement each other and serve Him with confidence.
12. 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.
13. The choir has begun to serve at the church in Belo Horizonte. Please intercede for them and especially for sister Wang, the director, that the Lord will grant wisdom.
14. Ask God to lead the brothers and sisters in the Salvador church to grow to love the Lord and each other, and to willingly complement each other's ministry.
15. Ask the Lord to raise up brothers and sisters in the Porto Alegre church to serve.
16. Ask God will allow them to grow in their faith and build up their fellowship in hearts and minds with each other in serving and in caring.
17. Please also pray for the young adults ministry at Porto Alegre. May God bless these young brothers and sisters that they may be filled with mercy and grace, competent in their serving, and benefit others while glorifying God.
18. Pray for the political, civil, and financial situations in Brazil, allowing the brothers and sisters to live a peaceful life, earn a living, and to serve the Lord.
19. Pray for Rev. Isaac Quan, the Executive Director of CIM Canada. Ask the Lord to strengthen him to share through short-term missions reaching the local people of West Africa.
20. 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.
21. Ask God to bless coworkers on the home front with wisdom.
22. May God raise up more coworkers to join CIM, allowing Him to use more brothers and sisters in missions.
23. Ask the Lord to provide abundantly regarding all areas of ministry.

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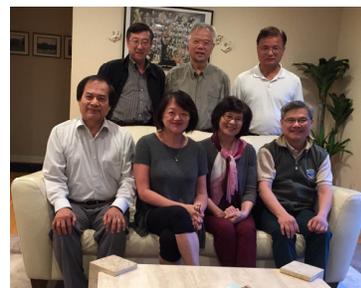
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CIM's board commenced this year's annual meeting on October 24. With God's protection, board members from different places were able to come and attend smoothly. Plans and budgets for next year were discussed and passed under His leading.

Next year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of CIM. We



hope to rejoice and offer our

Lord's grace with you, giving all the glory to this one true God. With our missionaries, CIM has been able to bring the Good News to places farther and wider in this crooked, absurd world.

Please continue to pray for all our ministries, allowing CIM to be the vessel that is pleasing to God. Celebrations for the anniversary will be announced at a later time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2016

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$7,543	\$4,234	\$3,309
Missions	\$2,955	\$3,347	-\$392
Total	\$10,498	\$7,581	\$2,917

If you have a burden for the CIM ministries, please go to our web: www.cimusa.org or send in a check payable to: CIM, and mail to: P.O. Box 700185, San Jose, CA 95170- 0185, USA. Thank you!



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