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**Making an Impact → Partnering to Serve**  
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Everything we do for missions should be a response to obedience. The Old and New Testaments are full of challenges to the nations to “proclaim God’s glory” or “make disciples of all the people.” Even as we are obedient to this task, we should strive to achieve it with the highest impact and efficiency. God told Moses: “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give.”—Exodus 25:2. The Israelites were penniless when they left Egypt. However, God commanded them to ask the Egyptians for gold and silver before their departure so it was as if they robbed the ruler of his treasure. God had prepared what they needed long before the Israelites could even think of or imagine it. Now God wants them to joyfully give back a portion of what He prepared for them.

God reminds us to give with a willing heart. Everything we have comes from Him. It is only right that we give back to Him what came from Him. God only commands us to return to Him a portion. He wants us to give willingly and with a joyful heart, not seeing it as a duty. Nothing we own is outside of God. Our lives, our families, our wealth, our properties—none of these originate from us. God created you and me. The One who cares for us also provides us with all we need. We are to give time, money, gifts, even ourselves back to Him.

Everyday there are thousands of Chinese migrating to Brazil and South Africa. Most often they are from Fujian and Wenzhou. Many spent large sums of money for the process of getting there and do not know whether the documents they received are authentic or fraudulent. They hope for a better life and future, and give their children a better future. In reality many unexpected problems await them—not being able to communicate in the local language, experiencing high crime rate, acclimating to the living environments etc.



What kind of future do they have? They live at the back of their shops, sleeping in boxes laid on the floor. What kind of lives are they living there? By sending their children back to China, they hope they can run their stores without any distractions. Many ask themselves, “Why did I come here?” God often uses these opportunities to allow them to know Him and receive eternal life. Now that’s true hope!

The teams we send to these areas aim to lend a helping hand to these immigrant families, establishing a relationship with them and building a Christian community. The teams hope to lead these people to Christ and to help them grow

spiritually. Team members lead Bible studies, discipleship training, one-on-one counseling, and act as translators. These are some of what we can do to serve them and to bring them hope.

We utilize friendly gatherings as a channel to invite people from all walks of life to get to know each other, partake a meal, study the Bible, and share together. Using the beautiful Gospel to share and train as the platform, we strongly believe the fast growing and informal family small groups is a very effective response to the Great Commission. For example, a year ago in Salvador, Brazil, a sister opened her home and five families began to gather there. Now we see a church being established. For believers to open up their homes is a challenge but also a privilege to experience God’s miraculous work in others’ lives. Perhaps you can also be one of the historical pioneers, leaving your “comfort zone”



and courageously saying to the Lord, “Here I am. Send me!”

God gave the late Rev. Clarence Pi a heart of passion in serving, a heart of compassion for people, and a vision of sharing the Gospel to Chinese. This passion and vision became the Chinese International Mission’s heritage. In 1996 we started a Bible study fellowship in Pretoria, the capital of South Africa, for the old and new immigrants from China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. This ministry developed into the Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church (PECCC) in 1997. Similar situations and process led to the successful opening of fellowships in Rosslyn, Pretoria, Rustenburg, and Middleburg.

The immigration law changed in South Africa this year, and it is now stricter than it was before. We do not know when



the doors to share the Gospel to the Chinese will close so there’s no time to waste. We need to act fast. We thank the

Lord that He has provided opportunities for Bible study fellowship and hope to establish more churches in the future. We ask the Lord to raise up more Christians to answer His call to share the Good News.

Five years ago we began sending STM teams to Brazil. God has blessed and expanded that ministry in amazing ways. We began serving in Sao Paulo and Mogi das Cruzes in 2010 and now we have been to ten cities throughout the country.



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The Lord has definitely opened the doors to serving for us! Every year, He provided people and places. All we had to do was go. I thank Him for leading us because His grace truly covered each year's challenges. We also thank the medical team from Sao Paolo, who has accompanied us to different cities. While they treated the patients, we approached those who were waiting and shared the Gospel with them one-on-one. Our partnership over the past several years truly display the picture of team spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters, I hope you can come and participate with us in STM trips to South Africa or Brazil and



receive the grace that God pours out on us. Come and experience an unforgettable service opportunity and experience the sweetness of serving with a team. Think about how God has provided for you in so many ways. Your investment will not be wasted. This is an opportunity for you to share your gifts to build up His Kingdom. In 2015, allow Him to bring about changes in the worldwide Gospel ministry through you.

2015 STM TRIPS PROMOTION

Brazil

July 09 - Jul 24
July 16- August 02

South Africa

July 10-17
Dec 30- Jan 11, 2016

Ghana and Togo

Until the Ebola virus is under control, the dates for these STM trips will be separately announced accordingly.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 1. Pray for Rev. Wu's complete healing. Pray also for supernatural strength for him and Whitney in their ministries. May the Lord grant grace as Douglas balances his schedule among four churches, in three cities.
2. Pray for New Light Christian Church of Chicago's STM trip to SA in December—for the team's preparation and the assignment of registration for the attendees. Ask the Lord for success and that ultimately He will receive the praise. Pray also for living arrangements for the seven team members.
3. Pray for South Africa's newly published immigration bill. Beginning on Oct 1, those who violate the law will be jailed for one year before being sent back to their country. Ask the Lord for His righteousness and mercy,

minimizing the effect of these developments on the Chinese immigrants there. This new bill has also affected missionaries in their application for temporary visas. Most of those who are applying for visa extensions are getting them denied. Ask the Lord to open a door.

4. Please intercede for the resubmission of Pretoria Chinese Church's registration process. Ask the Lord to prepare His workers.

5. Ask the Lord to grant rest to the teachers and students at Happy Kids and Happy Teens ministries as they begin their December break so that they will be renewed to start the new year.

6. Intercede for the brothers and sisters at the church in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, to place their dedication for Bible study and other ministries into practice.

7. Ask the Lord to raise up servants to South Africa and Brazil serve His sheep there.

8. Ask the Lord to raise up French-speaking coworkers to join the ministries in Togo.

9. Please intercede for the villages that have been affected by the Ebola virus and for our coworkers in Ghana, asking for wisdom, love, and strength that can only come from Christ.

10. Ask the Lord to abundantly provide for the financial needs of CIM's various departments.

11. Mrs. Christine Pi received laser treatment in her right eye. Please ask the Lord to grant blessing so that the treatment will be effective. Pray also for safety in all her goings out and coming in.

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