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## A Pen in the Hand of God

As we celebrate CIM's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we reflect upon what we have accomplished this past quarter of a century. CIM exists as a missions organization that seeks to mobilize Christians in North America to serve and to advance the kingdom of God as missionaries, whether long term or short term. Indeed we need your participation in order to fulfill such a challenging task.

Once I saw a quote saying that, "We are all pens in the hand of God" The cost of a pen depends on what it is made of and how it is designed, but the value of the pen depends on who is holding it. If it is the pen that Michelangelo is holding, he can use it to create beautiful pieces of art. A pen in the hands of a calligrapher can write beautifully. Likewise, God asked Moses, "What is it that you are holding?" It was a staff, but it was not simply an ordinary staff when God used it to perform miracles.

Are you willing to let God, the ultimate designer of the universe, use you as an instrument of value? When God asks, "What is that you are holding in your hand?" are you willing to offer what you have to Him? Surrender all to Him? Your time, money, and talents used to

serve God with no reserve? God is looking for willing hearts, and the dedication to walk an extra mile. Is your heart prompting you to offer what you have to do the Lord's work? If so, God will open the window of heaven and send blessings overflowing upon you. Are you willing to try? To submit to the call?

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom I shall send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here I am, send me!"

He said, "Go"

Are you willing to respond as Isaiah did? And GO?

We are in a race against time and can no longer afford to think that there is still plenty of time. When we look at the news, everything is pointing to the revelation that Jesus' second coming is near, and there are still so many who have never heard the gospel. We cannot comfort ourselves and think we will have time to do this or that, or say that when I retire I will dedicate more time to evangelize, to learn more about the Bible, about God, to serve Him. Jesus said, "Let the dead bury the dead, don't waste time and follow me." CIM was founded to help you seize this very moment to do God's work—you never know

when you will run out of time.

God gives every organization a special vision and mission. CIM is a very small missions organization yet God has provided us with dedicated coworkers who are faithful to perform their role to make it work. In God, nothing is by chance. He is the Creator of the whole symphony. Twenty five years ago he placed a vision in the hearts of the late Rev. Clarence Pi and Rev. Hans Wilhelm to establish a Chinese missions organization that seeks to mobilize Chinese Christians in North America. The goal was to encourage others to get out of their comfort zones and to look at world missions from a new perspective, not only participating through financial support, but offering their lives to serve the unreached peoples. We are grateful for God's great faithfulness to us over the years, and humbly continue in our desire to heed God's calling.

A person's life is limited, but the work of God is infinite. If a man puts his life in God's hand, He will multiply it and it can become a blessing to benefit others. To submit one's life to God is a great investment.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Continue to pray for Rev. Douglas Wu's U. S. visa application. Pray for opportunities to share his ministries in South Africa to his supporting churches when his visa is approved.
2. Alex and Nicole Ko's family has moved back in to their home in South Africa. Pray that they can adapt to the living environments there quickly.
3. For stability in South Africa, and brothers and sisters can trust in Jesus.
4. The Happy Kids and Happy Teens will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on October 28. They have invited CIM's Executive Director to join and offer congratulations. Afterwards Rev. Andrew Ho, CIM Board of Directors vice-chair, will be leading a retreat for the teachers of Happy Kids and Happy Teens. Pray that God will bestow wisdom for both of these events.
5. For the monthly youth fellowship at Happy Teens that the time will allow them to know the Lord more and come to believe in Him.
6. For the members of the Salvador church and ask God to add to them wisdom and discernment to serve Him with one heart.
7. For the brothers and sisters in Recife that they will continue to have Bible studies and gatherings and that they will draw closer to God and understand that His word is the source of their strength. Pray also for them to be able to return to God's temple and be built up and strengthened.
8. Pray for the brothers and sisters of the Brasilia church be willing to learn how to share the Gospel.
9. Please lift up the church in Porto Alegre for their upcoming ordination of new elders and deacons and that God will prepare the best candidates as coworkers for them to serve together complementarily.
10. For Rev. Andrew Ho to teach the leaders training courses at the Belo Horizonte church at the end of October. Pray for brothers and sisters are willing to learn.
11. 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.
12. Please pray for the Annual Board Meeting of CIM Canada to be held in Vancouver on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and for Abraham Kou, CIM Board representative's safe journey to attend.
13. This generation is full of unrest. Ask God to bless us with peace in Christ, to be His faithful stewards.
14. CIM Executive Director and Theresa Poon, CIM Board member will be attending the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church in South Africa on November 12. Please remember them in your prayers for a smooth trip.
15. 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.
16. Ask God to add to CIM coworkers more new blood to partner together.
17. Pray for the planning, coordination, arrangement, and communication for 2018 STM teams to Brazil, South Africa, and West Africa.
18. For CIM's financial needs in all ministries, asking God to provide abundantly.

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As we look forward to the next twenty five years, we pray that the Lord will use CIM to extend the territories of His kingdom, reaching the lost until the day He returns!

to serve the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving to you today for your own good.

(Deuteronomy 10:12)

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### FINANCIAL REPORT

	Income	Expense	Balance
<b>General</b>	\$37,981	\$19,032	\$18,949
<b>Missions</b>	\$44,340	\$25,626	\$18,714
<b>Total</b>	\$82,321	\$44,658	\$37,663

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