

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter “Flying to South Africa” 01.Jun, 2011



YangYang Chen giving testimony 10 members of Pretoria Fu-qing Fellowship were baptized + George Chen

In the following is 17 year old Brother Yang-yang Chen’s testimony. His father, Mr. Ong was shot in September, 2007 and became a vegetable! *Why doesn’t Jesus heal my Dad?* He had asked me. I couldn’t answer him back then because he hadn’t trusted in Jesus.

”Shalom, brothers and sisters. Job 42:5 says, *“My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you.”* First of all, I would like to thank the Lord for enabling me to share my experience here.

After I completed the baptism class, my teacher asked me if I wanted to get baptized. I said “yes” right away for I felt that was a reasonable thing to do, plus it would be a good way for me to announce that I have given myself to God. However, after the Teacher told me that I also needed to testify my conversion in public, I became timorous. I even thought of postponing or backing out the baptism. However, deep down, I believed such temptation was from Satan. Even so, I searched on-line for a standardized baptismal testimony in hope to plagiarize. Of course, the plan did not prevail, for God’s grace to every one differs, and every one’s experience in life varies. I can identify with the last verse written in the Gospel according to John, *“Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.”*

Therefore I still needed to work on my testimony. I recalled the first two books, I read related to Christianity, were a volume of encyclopedia and World Mythology. These books misguided me to treat Buddhism and Christianity alike. I continued to hold this view till I came to South Africa. On the first Wednesday after I arrived, I followed my parents to church for the first time. After the service, the Pastor handed me a copy of “Chinese Christian Mission (CCM)” monthly magazine and told me to read it at home. That was the starting point for me to know Christ and Christianity. I even prayed, but most of my prayers were for urgent matters. I sought God only when I needed His help. If He did not answer my prayer, my faith in Him would dwindle right away. Later on, I left home for studies. When I lived at Auntie Anne’s home in 2006, I learned to say grace before meals. We also prayed together before bedtime. In 2007, I lived in Pastor Wu’s home, I added another prayer on my way to school every morning while riding in the car. That was the very year that my Dad got shot and became vegetable. This event almost destroyed my growing faith. I could not comprehend why God would allow such thing to happen. Why didn’t God protect

him? But after seeing Mom begin to pray every day, I reckoned God must have a plan. Joining monthly prayer meeting at Delmas allowed me to see that Christians are a family in Christ.

For this, I thank the Lord that I may be baptized and become a child of God. I also thank Him for the courage to testify before you. I now pray every day for my Dad's recovery, so that one day he may return to our midst and testify for the Lord. To Him be the honor and glory, Amen. Thank you all."

It was through God's grace that we were able to complete all baptism classes for Fu-qing Fellowship. Brother George Chen, a young student whose dad used to against him getting baptized changed his mind, so that he was willing to be baptized at this time. Therefore, we had a total of 11 brothers and sisters receiving baptism. One of them, Brother Fang-Hui Ong, said that the reason for him to dye his hair gold is for work purpose. He's a cashier in a supermarket. Gold hair will prevent him from being taken advantage (or robbed) by black Africans. As for Brother Xue-Jin Lin, the entire family of five were baptized with thanksgiving.



XueJin Lin's family visiting
Presidential Palace after baptism

FangHui Ong's gold hair

George Chen giving testimony

In the beginning of last month, Missionary Stephen R. Grant of TLAE International came to visit Douglas and asked him how to start a ministry to the Fu-qing Chinese. He also shared with us his Bible study ministry in western Johannesburg.

Amazingly: Another Caucasian missionary, Andriaan, who came all the way from Polokwane City, about 273Km north of Pretoria, brought a Fu-qing child with him for medical treatment. Brother Zhuang's grandson was discovered a 3cm wide tumor in the back of his heart while he was only 5 months into pregnancy. After he was born, the doctors recommended to wait another four months before surgery. However, the child's tumor disappeared, so operation was not necessary! More events to be thankful: Missionary Andriaan told us about his ministry among the Fu-qingnese. Currently, there are more than 10 Chinese who come to study the Bible every Wednesday night. While he shared with us, he invited us earnestly to assist him in Polokwane (Whitney was thinking about inviting him to Pretoria to help us!). We are also informed that there are more than 50 shops opened by Chinese in Polokwane! After listening to his words, Douglas was not surprised, but was deeply touched by his love for the Chinese. We could feel the love of God radiating from his life. In Numbers 14:21, the LORD replied, "Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth..."



Rustenburg: Feng Lin had a son.

Hong Jiang had a daughter

HuiQing Zhua had a daughter

In the beginning of last month, Douglas did not feel well: first of all urticaria hives were acting up. They are extremely small and itchy. Then he had a tingling sensation on his left leg, sciatica of left hip is also bothersome! At the end of the month his tongue and lip ached due to internal heat. The ache persisted till this day. In fact, all these physical symptoms trouble Douglas very much! He is hoping for a speedy recovery. If they don't improve, Douglas plans for a physical examination in Taiwan in mid July. What we are most thankful is that all our children are obedient and good, Whitney is very considerate, and God's Word is his major source of comfort.

Douglas and Whitney's Blog

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Thanksgiving

- 1、 Praise the Lord for the 11 brothers and sisters who accepted the Lord as their Savior and got baptized. The angels are rejoicing with us, to God be the glory.
- 2、 We thank the Lord for brothers and sisters of Pretoria Chinese Christian Church who worked in one accord for Fu-qing's baptismal service.
- 3、 The reservation for year-end retreat is set! We thank the Lord for this because we were forced to reschedule.
- 4、 Pray and thank God for tougher crime control and better public safety enforced by the South African police department, so that we may live in peace.
- 5、 Thank the Lord for peaceful elections conducted recently in South Africa.

Supplication

- 1、 Please continue to supplicate for Sister Zhu Zhuang's pregnancy after having two miscarriages. Watching three babies born in Rustenburg in recent months made her longing to have a child of her own.
- 2、 Continue to pray for future operation of Chinese Christian Student Society at University of Pretoria. So far, they have not received university's notifications regarding rules and regulations.
- 3、 Missions chairman of Chinese Christian Union Church in Chicago, Elder K. Nam Shiu's whole family will visit South Africa in early June. Please pray for their visits.
- 4、 Pray for PECCC's Gospel camp at the end of June and camp registration. Youth fellowship of Taipei Christian Yung He Church will come and lead us.
- 5、 Pray continuously for South Africa's public safety. Last month a Fu-qing couple was murdered in Pretoria. Sister Bi-Jin Chen, mother of Yang-yang Chen, almost got robbed on the highway! May God grant peace on this land.
- 6、 South Africa is in need of missionaries. May the Lord of harvest send His own

labors.

7、 Please pray for God to heal Doulas on fore-mentioned physical problems.

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