

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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November has been an exciting month! Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) invited Operation Mobilization International (OM), Overseas Crusade (OC) Africa, Southern Baptist Convention South African mission board, and few other mission organizations for an African Chinese ministry advisory meeting in Johannesburg. I had the honor to attend with Brother Alex Ko who represented Pretoria Chinese Christian Church. After hearing various reports on the spiritual needs of a fast growing Chinese population, we decided to take part in this pan-African mission movement. We were also delighted to find out that Southern Baptist African mission board made plans to establish a branch in Botswana next February, primarily focusing on evangelizing the Chinese! I have to admit, this meeting had a great impact on me, not only for the facts of information collected, practical issues discussed, friendship and relationship developed, but also the humility and passion exhibited in these mission leaders.

For daily devotions, I just happened to read Philippians 1:2-6 last month. It says, “Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” What touches me the most is “partnership in the gospel.” This is what Whitney and I have been praying for for years. So far, the Lord has answered our prayers in the following way: a) you have been committing yourselves to support us, b) we have established fellowship with many new Christians in Africa, and c) we are looking forward to partner with local mission organizations. What we are asking next is that South African Chinese churches may become more mission-minded and willing to train up and send out disciples as missionaries. As for our needs, we used to pray for Chinese Christians to come and support, but now we welcome missionaries of all races, whether yellow, brown, black, or white, to assist us in advancing God’s work in Africa. May His will be done!

Reminiscing my journey into full-time mission work, it started with a short-term trip in 1995. It was two years into my baptism in December 19, 1993. We went to the boarder of Lesotho and shared the Gospel with strangers there. I was a dilettante back then, ignorant of what missions were all about. Whitney and I finally caught on the vision in 1998 when we attended the first Chinese Missions in Africa -- Consultation and Action conference held in Pretoria, South Africa. We immediately jumped on the

wagon and began to prepare ourselves. After I finished biblical studies in spring, 2004, we returned to South Africa for full-time ministries. In the blink of an eye, we'll be here for eight years next month. The Lord enabled us to:

11/04 begin pastoring Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church,

02/07 found Pretoria Fu-qing Fellowship, and

02/08 pioneer Rustenburg Fu-qing Fellowship.

Each one of these three groups had about 40 people to start with.

We are building on the legacy of the late Rev. Clarence Pi, founder of Chinese International Missions (CIM). In the past, he invited Rev. Don Houliston, retired OMF missionary, returned home to South Africa as a consulting pastor for Pretoria Evangelical Chinese Christian Church; and Dr. Chris Panell, a retired Southern Baptist pastor, helping PECCC also. Rev. Pi partnered with OMF South Africa Director, Rev. Albert Koeslag, and a few local church leaders to establish the South Africa Chinese Ministry Forum. Tracing years of mission history, starting from Hudson Taylor calling missionaries to China, now the fruits are everywhere on the Continent. I can not agree more that [As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than our ways and His thoughts than our thoughts](#) (paraphrased from Isaiah 55:9). May His work be completed at the day of Jesus' coming!



OMF African Chinese ministry advisory meeting/ Retired OMF missionary Ina & Brother Lih-Chenh Chen came for a visit

Recently a request came from the city of Polokwane, formerly known as Pietersburg, located 250 km north of Pretoria. Back in May, a Caucasian missionary of South African Reformed Church, Adriaan Fourie, brought a baby to our city for oncological surgery. Little did the couple know, the Lord had already healed their baby. Instead we got to know Adriaan and learned that twenty Fu-qing brothers and sisters are meeting regularly in his town. In fact, later on, Adriaan brought half of them to us and pleaded for assistance. Their presence encouraged us immensely, knowing that we are part of God's workmanship. We're also excited that Ming-wen Lin and Xiao-Mei Gao will settle in Polokwane after they get married and join their Bible study group. We choose to adopt Paul's resolve: "[I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.](#)" Yes, *He must increase, but I must decrease.*



Adriaan Fourie & Polokwane Fu-qing brothers and sister came to visit

Wedding of Mingwen Lin and XiaoMei Gao

Mr. Ong, victim of a South African violent crime, was shot on September 18, 2007. Since then he lived in a vegetable state and finally went to be with the Lord on the night of October 31, 2011. His wife, Sister Chen Bi-Jin, has been coming to our Fu-qing Fellowship. Isaiah 30:20-21 describes her years of hardship, “[And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, Yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore, But your eyes shall see your teachers. Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left.](#)” For four years, we stood by the survivors and witnessed how she and her son, Yang Yang, stood firm on their faith in the Lord. She persisted in coming to fellowship meetings, serving brothers and sisters with diligence, learning how to operate a business, and took on the responsibility to pay for her husband’s medical bills. As for Mr. Ong’s funeral service back home in China, even though the Ong family members are into folk religion, they initiated the idea of having a Christian memorial service in a church instead. This gave Bi-Jin the opportunity to share the Gospel with her kinsmen. Furthermore, brothers and sisters whom she had never met in Fu-qing volunteered to help with the service. This further testifies that our Lord is God of the universe, anyone who believes in His Son become his child.



Fu-qing brothers visit Chen Bi-Jin Bi-Jin & Yu-ting (Front Row), Ong & son, (Row 2) YangYang's 18th birthday with Mother

Jehovah indeed is the God of the widowed and orphans. Fu-Zhou MaWei Experimental Primary School has granted admissions to Bi-Jin’s daughter Yu-Ting. While Bi-Jing’s elder sister cares for her daughter in China, her son will concentrate on helping her with business in South Africa. May the Lord continue to care for them and provide their needs.

Pretoria Fu-qing Fellowship just moved to a new location, Brooklyn Reformed Church. We are elated for more opportunities to be equipped and serve. May God's name be exalted on high, and many will come to know Him and be blessed.



Dinner before Fu-qing Fellowship service First evening service Sister XiaoXing Yu invited church for a special luncheon

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THANKSGIVING

- 1、 Thank God that OMF and Southern Baptist Convention decided to expand their Chinese ministries in Africa.
- 2、 Pretoria Fu-qing brothers and sisters are very grateful and excited about their new meeting place.
- 3、 Hearing the "Macedonian Call" from Polokwane helps us to realize that God is faithful in fulfilling His promises.
- 4、 Sharon is grateful that her grade point average is above 70 in her first term in university.
- 5、 Helen and Clarence would like to give thanks for passing their final examinations.
- 6、 New landlord notified us that we may move in on December 3.
- 7、 Sister Xiao-Xing Yu invited the whole church to their baby shower.

SUPPLICATION

- 1、 Please pray for Dec. 30 to Jan.1 family retreat. A deacon couple, their daughter of Chicago New Light Christian Church; Rev. Wen-hui Gong, and his daughter from Living Water Church, will come and lead the Retreat. Please pray especially for Rev. Gong and his daughter's visa applications! Pray also for the entire operation.
- 2、 South African government needs your prayer. We were told that the gasoline price will go up again in December.
- 3、 South African Transportation Department announced to postpone the toll



collection between Johannesburg and Pretoria. Please ask the Lord for cancelation of such plan would be even better.

- 4、 Continue to supplicate for Douglas' health. May the Lord heal him completely.
- 5、 We've moved. May our home be a source of God's blessing to many.
- 6、 South Africa is in need of missionaries. Ask the Lord of harvest to send out workers.
- 7、 Culprits are active during Christmas season. A Chinese couple in Rustenburg was wounded under gun-point. The Immigration Bureau put a Pretoria sister in custody for an afternoon and extorted her to pay for a fine for release. Another Chinese was repatriated. Furthermore, a brother was harassed and extorted by the police while he came to Johannesburg for purchases. We crave for a safe and peaceful Christmas. Please remember us in your prayers.

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