

Doulas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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God's words are more precious than gold, than much pure gold. They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. I had the privilege of reading 5 chapters of Bible a day for the last 19 years. Starting this month, it'll be my 23rd time to read Genesis. As [Psalm 119:105](#) says, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." May God continue to grant me strength so that I may serve him according to His will.

[Exodus 15:11](#), "Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?" On September 14, Brother Ti-anen Lin was finally discharged from the hospital after 150 days of medical treatment! It was like a miracle watching him walking out the institution. Ti-anen's relatives were overjoyed. His aunt commented that he seemed to resurrect from death. After I returned home that night, Whitney and I reviewed God's grace and sovereignty. On November 1998, Rev. Clarence Pi went home to be with the Lord; on September 2007, XiaXing Weng was shot, became a vegetable after spending 1,000,000 Rand, and taken home in 2010. No matter what, God continued to watch over His church, care for the orphans and widows. He always keeps His promise. May we tell of His faithfulness and redemption to our children, and they will pass on the message from generation to generation.



Ti-anen Lin went home from hospital

Mrs. Christine Pi speaking at PECCC 15th Anniversary celebration

PECCC has 15 years of history. God has blessed His church and used her as a platform for other South African Chinese ministries. Nine years ago, we came in contact with local Fu-Qings. (Currently, there are about 350,000 Chinese in South Africa, one-third of them are Fu-Qings.) Six years ago, we started the first Fu-Qing fellowship due to differences in cultural backgrounds from other Chinese, types of professions, and work schedules. After 5 years of prayer and hard work, the Pretoria Fu-Qings clearly felt led in starting their own church. Four of their brothers, XueJin Lin, MingXiong Chen, ShuiWang Zheng, and BenShun Zheng are willing to serve as leaders. Thus, Pretoria Evangelical Fu-Qing Chinese Christian Church (PEFCCC) is officially founded under PECCC's blessings.



Founding of PEFCCC in Pretoria

Alex Ko and family

This will be a big challenge for Whitney and me! Even though our involvement in various church functions will not change, but we feel obligated to shepherd these fellow church leaders. After I finished teaching the book of Hebrews, Church History will be next starting this month. To me, one who graduated from seminary 9 years ago, pedagogical preparations are heavy burdens. Nevertheless, it had been a time of renewal, I experienced His wonders over and over again. Please pray for the four leaders that they will read His Word consistently. May we propagate the Gospel in Truth. **Exodus 19:5-6** “Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”



C2S2 University of Pretoria student fellowship activities at the end of third semester

One of my favorite short spiritual songs goes like this, “How wonderful is Lord’s grace: Deeper than the oceans, higher than the mountains; whether past, present or future, His grace is wonderfully abundant. Lord’s grace comes in large and small; Lord’s grace covers head to toe! God freely gives, how can I forget, thus we burst with springs of thanksgiving.” Our youth group started to study “Practical Bible Study Method.” What a joy to watch them take turns to lead and grow in the Lord! University of Pretoria C2S2 students meet regularly even though their attendance could be better. Nevertheless, we persist in teaching and training them in the Word systematically. We can tell that God is guiding them step by step. We are even more excited that Brother Alex Ko has accepted PECCC’s invitation to serve as a full-time staff. Whitney and I don’t have much experience in training such staff; however, we’re willing to learn with him. May the Holy Spirit be our guide and teacher. In regards to invite Brother Ko, I have a confession to make. Originally we gave him two months to decide. Towards the end of the deadline, when he made no indication of coming, I almost gave up. What happened was that Alex and his wife were very careful in following God’s direction. They did not respond till the last day. Currently his plan is to pursue seminary training next year, so our agreement is for him to serve as a full-time staff till the end of next June. May the Lord strengthen his heart as he serves God full-time. **Genesis 22:4** “So Abraham called that place **The Lord Will Provide**. And to this day it is said, ‘On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided’.” I know that helping Alex will be a burden for me on top of many existing ministries of mine. However, the hope of glory gives me joy and strength to follow Him. May God’s will be done.



Hai-liang Wang’s wedding

Fu Qing BBQ at Moon Festival

Birds outside of Douglas’ bedroom

About fourteen months ago, a Caucasian lady came and requested for a free copy of Chinese Bible. Due to scarcity of resources, I hesitated to part one of mine. However, she explained that the Bible was for her daughter Sarah's new Chinese boy friend. She also promised to study the Word with him. Facing such a determined mother, I reluctantly gave her one. Now, the young couple just got married last month. Hai-liang Wang, lady's son-in-law, accepted Jesus into his heart. They asked me to bless them at their wedding. The groom further told me that he finished reading the Old Testament Bible and is ready to read the New Testament! God works in wondrous ways.

God lead Youn-guang Chen, one of our Fu-Qing brothers, to Witbank. After he relocated there, he gathered a relative family of four for Bible studies. He also contacted three other families who go to a True Jesus Church. He invited me to go there in October. I can only entrust the matter to the Lord. Another brother of Fu-Qing Fellowship, Ting Zhang, moved to Krugersdorp. He reported to us that five of his family members plus four members of his uncle's family, a total of nine people, can form a Bible study group. I also brought the matter to the Lord. May He direct us.



Rev. Joel Herholdt's memorial service

Bird outside of Douglas' bedroom window

Rev. Joel Herholdt had gone with the Lord. In 1980s, he was the chairman of Reform Presbyterian Church mission union who also participated in sending one billion Bibles to China. He started an outreach English class in his church and supported our church for 16 years. Revelations 14:13 **“Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.’”**

OMF started a prayer fellowship in South Africa. During most recent meeting, the fellowship is formally named SACON indicating her South African Chinese outreach networking nature. At his closing prayer, Akari Teichert, an OC missionary, prayed, “Have mercy on us, Lord. Grant us teachable hearts and passion to evangelize the Chinese. Help us to surrender to you and commit whole-heartedly to the South African Chinese ministries...” My heart was once more shaken by the Holy Spirit! May the Lord of many nations pour out that passion not only to the Caucasians but also to us, Chinese Christians, whether it's for Chinese ministries or for cross-cultural missions.



SACON meeting for reaching out to South African Chinese/

Birds outside our bedroom

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THANKSGIVING

- 1、 Praise the Lord for Alex Ko. He has responded to the call to serve as full-time staff at our church.
- 2、 Thank the Lord for sending CIM Executive Director, Mrs. Christina Pi to our midst and encourage us. She has returned home safely after the visit.
- 3、 We thank the Lord immensely for healing Ti-anen Lin. He has been discharged from the hospital and is rehabilitating at home.
- 4、 Praise the Lord that Pretoria Fu-Qing Fellowship has grown into a church. May the congregation continue to grow in the Lord.
- 5、 We are grateful that the third semester adult Sunday school teacher training has started. I'll be teaching "Church History."
- 6、 Praise the Lord that Youth Fellowship members are taking turns to lead "Practical Bible Study Method" to help each other grow.
- 7、 Thank the Lord that all three of our children are growing steadily and improving academically.
- 8、 Thank the Lord for those who pray for us boldly behind lines and co-work with us.

SUPPLICATION

- 1、 **Brother Ti-anen Lin has returned home from hospital. The doctors said that he needs two months to recuperate.**
- 2、 Pray for PEFCCC's ministry direction and operation. May the Lord grant them grace and wisdom.
- 3、 Pray for Brother Alex Ko who is learning to serve at church in various capacities. May we grow together in His service.
- 4、 Pray for Douglas' preparation for training courses and sermons. May the Lord grant him enough time and wisdom.
- 5、 Pray for the ministries of PECCC's youth group and C2S2 at University of Pretoria. May the Lord bring His own laborers to harvest the fields.
- 6、 South African Chinese ministries are in need of workers. May the Lord of harvest send His own laborers.

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