

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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Lamentations 3:22-25 “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘Therefore I hope in Him!’ The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.”

Booming sound of fireworks begin to take place in the distance. It’s only two hours away from the New Year. The Holy Spirit clearly gave us the above passage and urged us to follow His guidance every step of the way. Therefore the Wu family would like to remember Christ’s saving grace with you and wish you a Happy New Year!!



Lion, lioness, lion cub...from generation to generation witnessing the wonders of creation in South Africa

The short-term mission team, comprised of nine members from CCIC-TV, CCIC-NV, and CCIC-MV three churches in San Francisco Bay Area, arrived safely at dusk in Johannesburg International Airport on Christmas Day. It was a hefty responsibility for us to pick them up at the airport due to two recent robberies of Chinese tour groups in December. One incident happened on the airport highway, the other in a restaurant. The robbers took everything they had including luggage and passports. The looting took place at dusk. So Whitney and I prayed earnestly for the pickup. Thank you for your prayers as well. The Spirit directed us to divide the pick-up team into three groups. Each group went their separate way to the airport but joined together at the airport. Thank God, with HeTing Yuang and Andrew’s assistance, all of us arrived in Pretoria safely. Not only so, we enjoyed Sister Star’s hospitality and a wonderful Christmas meal.



Giving thanks after the short-term team arrived in Pretoria safely....Andrew is BBQing at the far right corner / Christmas dinner



Short-term mission team with Star

Celebrating Christmas night with spiritual songs

Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

In preparation for the year-end retreat, twice we faced challenges. First, back in last fall, when we tried to make a reservation for our three-day conference, the Camp only had rooms available for two and half days. Without better alternatives, we reluctantly reserved the place. Second, when the retreat was open for registration, no one registered. Not until we readjusted to a three-day two-night retreat charging only a two-day fee, 75 people registered. We experienced once again God's faithfulness and rested in peace. Our short-term mission team was also flexible enough to rearrange their programs and took time to visit brothers and sisters.



PEFCC Christmas evening service sermon



Offertory sung by short-term mission team



Elder Balex preaching a sermon



Minister Christine sharing her testimony



Whitney teaching Children's Sunday School



Group photo after worship



PECCC Christmas Worship Service



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at Brother Huang's home



Sister Sit leading Sunday worship



Sister Zhao sharing her testimony



sharing God's Word at dinner



Visiting brothers and sisters at a mining district

Our son, Clarence, did not do well on his eleventh-grade final. This examination is weighted 75% of his score for college admissions. Unfortunately, he did not reach the requirement. Unless God miraculously open a door for him, he won't be able to apply for universities till 2018 provided he will do well on the final examination in 2017. Please pray for him and his future. Recently, he seems to be distracted by a relationship and the death of a good friend who died of cancer. Please pray for our family's spiritual condition, so that we may rely on God whole-heartedly and not leaving any room for Satan to deter us from following the Spirit's guidance.

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THANKSGIVING

- 1、 The nine-member mission team from CCIC-TV, CCIC-NV, and CCIC-MV arrived safely. We are very thankful for their fervent attitude in serving God. May their life examples continue to encourage us, so that South Africa may be fired up by the Gospel.
- 2、 We are thankful that God graciously allowed us to experience His faithfulness while we prepare for the Christmas retreat.
- 3、 Andrew and Star are greatly appreciated for their efforts in accommodating the short-term mission team. We are also grateful for Andrew and HeTing who helped in picking up the team members. May the Lord doubly bless them.
- 4、 Special appreciations go to the two Chan couples, Huang couple, and Brother He who accommodated short-term mission team members in their homes. We also like to express our appreciation to our church members who provided meals for the mission team. May the Lord doubly bless them.
- 5、 Though Brother Lin's four shops were robbed, the Lin family is very grateful that no one was hurt, only some material lost.
- 6、 Our oldest daughter, Sharon, returned safely for the Christmas retreat. Thank you, Lord.
- 7、 The Wu family is very grateful for a God-sent counselor who helped to heal everyone in our family.
- 8、 Helen passed her driver's test. Praise God.

SUPPLICATIONS

- 1、 Please pray for the Christmas Retreat lead by members of CCIC-TV, CCIC-NV, and CCIC-MV. They will be ministering in South Africa till January 7th, 2016. May the Lord keep them.
- 2、 Please pray for a good second-hand van for CIM-South Africa.
- 3、 Sharon, our oldest daughter, is applying for a graduate level Business Psychology program. May the Lord direct her path.
- 4、 Please pray for Helen's decision concerning college. May the Lord direct her path.
- 5、 We beseech the Lord to raise up workers from our local churches to serve the Chinese on this land.
- 6、 Our greater hope is to send out CIM missionaries to harvest the field with us someday.
- 10、 South African public security system is very corrupt. Theft and robbery continue to occur. Please pray earnestly for immigrants to improve their way of living including money usage and circulation. They also need to enhance their home security. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon them and keep them safe.

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