

Prayer letter of Douglas Wu & Family

October 1, 2017

*Matthew 9:35~38* “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. **Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.**’”

Around noon on September 29, I picked up Alex Ko and his family at Johannesburg airport. My heart raced and I praised God, and furthermore, I was speechless with thanks. Alex was blessed by God in the past four years, he was being equipped and graduated from his studies, and God granted him grace upon grace and led him to join our CIM organization. He also went through successful fundraising rounds for his needs. God has given him clear proof of coming to South Africa to serve in the evangelical ministry to the Chinese people. We saw God’s promise is real, and experienced once again His faithfulness.

I remembered especially the founding CIM Executive Director, Rev. Clarence Pi, in 1996, under the witnesses of black, white, and Chinese brothers and sisters in South Africa, he started the Chinese Ministry Forum. The aim was to establish a platform in South Africa for evangelism among the Chinese, with support and outreach, to radiate the gospel to other Chinese in eastern, central, and western Africa, including cross-cultural works with native Africans and Muslims, all the way to Jerusalem. (CMF has since been decommissioned) In the past 20 years, the gospel ministry of the South African Chinese people has grown dramatically, and it’s now time to ask God to lead us out of the box. May the Holy Spirit urge us to spread this vision together, and touched the local Chinese brothers and sisters to serve with one heart to fulfill God’s will! Of course Whitney and I won’t be satisfied with just planting and growing churches in South Africa. We wish all the churches we’ve started to be just like your church in supporting missions, and always live with Jesus’ Great Commission, whether it be timely or not.



CIM Board accepted Alex & Nicole Ko

The Kos arrived South Africa

Welcome dinner for the Kos by Alan Huang

It has been 100 days since I submitted the U.S. visa application and there's still no response; it appears as if the U.S. Embassy has assimilated into the culture of low efficiency after its arrival to South Africa. *Romans 8:24 "For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?"* Because of God, Whitney and I are still able to give thanksgiving. We know He is faithful, so we accept "In His hand, in His time." Even though I missed the CIM 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary thanksgiving gathering, God instead embolden Whitney to represent us in greeting and thanking all the brothers and sisters, as well as giving thanks to the Lord. I want to thank God to give me this opportunity to refresh my lesson in prayer. Not only was I reminded to pay more attention to prayers, God also reminded me to be obedient to His will! I'm also grateful for the various churches, which I've made earlier arrangements to visit, with their understanding of my visa problem that led to cancellation or postponement of the events. Whitney and I understand God's mercy and grace are behind the developments, and it has strengthen Whitney to courageously take up the yoke of Lord Jesus to share God's work in South Africa to others, and I pray it'll move more brothers and sisters to come and join the ministry with CIM!

Whitney in CIM 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting

The Kos with Rev. Morley Lee



Remembering Pastor Pi



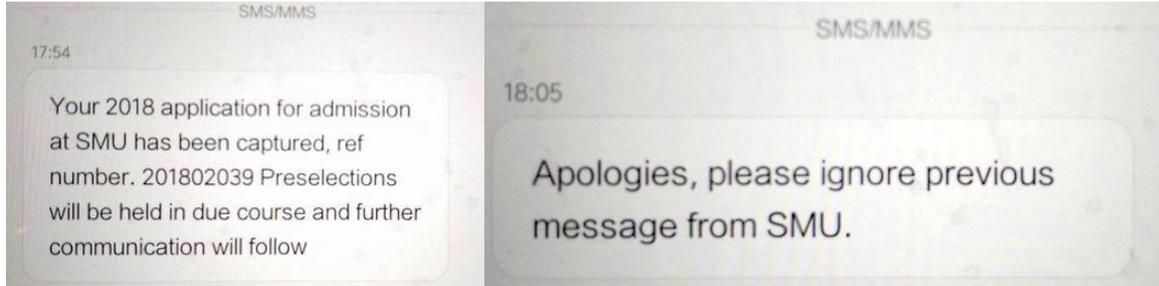
Whitney sharing at CCIC San Jose



Sharing at CCIC Tri-Valley

My son Clarence said to me that it may not a good idea to let mommy to go to the U.S. by herself, because it may be inconvenient for single brothers to drive her around, so maybe he should accompany mommy to travel to U.S., and then he could also take the opportunity to visit De Anza community college. He also said he'd buy the plane ticket himself with his savings! I really couldn't turn him down! He also

had an unintentional joke played on him by the Medical University of South Africa in Limpopo province with his application for dental school. He first received a text stating his application is being reviewed, but eleven minutes later he received another text apologizing that they've made a mistake. Surprisingly he just said lightly that it was typical of things in South Africa and he'll keep waiting, but to Whitney and I it was a big disappointment!



*Romans 8:25 "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."* Yes, every word of God is true. God continues to send workers to serve in South Africa to expand the Chinese evangelical ministry. The grace of God that gave me the lesson on patiently waiting for the U.S. visa, on patiently waiting for our son's college application, and to pray while patiently waiting, has reaffirmed our faith on His promise to return! May the Lord return soon.



Mrs. Mai leaving the hospital

Brother Gao being treated for emphysema

I love three things in this world.  
Sun, Moon and You.  
Sun for morning, Moon for  
night, and You forever.



Spring arrived early this year

Bird hatching 2 eggs outside my window

浮世三千，吾爱有三。  
日、月与卿。  
日为朝，月为暮，  
卿为朝朝暮暮。

Great Chinese translation!

Recently in my Bible study I read the books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel, and it led me to a deep reflection. First it was the prophet Jeremiah relaying the message to the king and people of Israel to surrender to the king of Babylon. *Jeremiah 38:17~18 "This is what the Lord God Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'If you*

*surrender to the officers of the king of Babylon, your life will be spared and this city will not be burned down; you and your family will live. But if you will not surrender to the officers of the king of Babylon, this city will be handed over to the Babylonians and they will burn it down; you yourself will not escape from their hands.”* Then in the book of Ezekiel, God said *“I will strike them with my hands.... Turn their lands to ruins.... Punish according to your wicked ways.... Judge them according to what they deserve.... You will perish among them... You will know that I am the Lord.”* I think in the years since I’ve accepted the Lord, I’ve not heard anyone preach these important messages of the Old Testament! Even with messages of self examination haven’t included these passages! I thought of the many natural disasters, war, hunger, and diseases that are happening at these end times, and all those unsaved souls still don’t know who the Lord is!

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### **Thanksgiving**

1. Douglas’ US visa has not yet been approved so on behalf of Douglas, Whitney and Clarence participated in CIM’s 25 Anniversary celebration in San Jose. During this time, Whitney shared about the mission work and the needs in South Africa’s Chinese ministry.
2. Alex and his family returned to South Africa safely, and he began to serve on October 1.
3. Mrs. Mai suffered a cerebral hemorrhage stroke, and is in a coma. She was admitted to the ICU for 20 days, waiting for surgery. Miraculously she woke up from her coma without surgery. Her body completely recovered without being hurt.
4. Brother Gao of Rustenburg passed out, and it was discovered that he was suffering from emphysema. He is seeking medical treatment.
5. Clarence is still determined to study dentistry, He is accompanying Whitney to San Jose to share the mission work and he will also use this opportunity to visit De Anza college while he is there.

### **Supplication**

1. Please pray for Whitney and Clarence their safely in the US. Whitney will return to South Africa on November 5.
2. Please pray for Douglas and Alex’s two families serving in South Africa, ask God to grant wisdom to serve together.
3. Please pray for Douglas’ United States visa application, hope to get approved soon.
4. Please continue to pray for Miss LiMing Xue whose daughter was taken by a South African woman who kept her for years, the next court date will be held on October 6, pray for her new lawyer to advocate righteousness by our God.



5. Please continue to pray for Clarence's application for the next year entering the University; Ask the Lord to lead and show his way ahead.
6. Pray for Helen's application for her South African birth certificate. Please let Department of Home Affair officer begin work on the case and finish as soon as possible.
7. Please pray for political stability, public security, and that the Chinese immigrants would get used to the South African way of life, and experience peace by trusting in Jesus.
8. May the Lord continue to raise up His laborers from local churches to serve the African Chinese and make disciples. Our greater hope is to send out more missionaries through CIM to help reap the Lord's harvest.

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