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Brazil

We have a huge team going to Brazil this year—a total of 19 brothers and sisters from four churches in the Bay Area will be going. They are currently in active training and hope that they can get to know each other better, building good relationships, and serving together in God’s love.



Members of the team include a full-time preacher, an elder, and a professional counselor. We also have engineers, house wives, accountants, teachers, a nurse, five college students and three high school students.

The team will leave on July 4 and will first head to Sao Paulo to help with a Chinese youth winter retreat, hosted by the Happy Teens Ministry. The conference will recruit youth from all Chinese churches in Sao Paulo. The campsite can accommodate up to 250 people. During the five days there, the short-term team will use messages, games, sports, comedy and a variety of ways to open the hearts of the young people to share the gospel of Christ. The theme for this year’s camp is “Life’s Choices,” hoping to guide the youth in building up a good self image, discovering their gifts, learning to deal with peer pressure, and paying attention to their physical health. More importantly, we hope that these will be opportunities to develop communication skills with their parents. We will have classes to teach guitar and drums as well as arts and crafts projects. The program is quite rich and multi-faceted. Our hope is to allow the youth to feel God’s love under a relaxed learning environment and to see that the best choice in life is to accept Jesus Christ and to trust in Jesus Christ!



After the retreat, the team will split in two. Eight members will head to Belo Horizonte and lead another camp, working with the local medical ministry staff to share the gospel with those who are waiting to see the doctor. The other 11 members will stay in Sao Paulo and conduct a VBS with the Happy Kids students.

South Africa

A short-term mission team from Taipei’s Yonghe Church will arrive in South Africa on July 1st to lead a youth winter retreat from July 2-5. We know that God’s grace is sufficient for them and will lead the team on a safe



two Fu-Qing churches.

journey. After the retreat, they will also hold workshops for three days. This retreat will be organized by PECCC and the

There will be a family retreat in January of 2014, focusing on the relationship between husbands and wives, together with the hope of helping young people establish their goals. Because these immigrant families face difficulties on many fronts – leaving their homeland; being separated from their friends and families; struggling to have a secured footing in this foreign country; and for the sake of make a living, neglecting to spend time with their families, causing relationships with spouses and children to deteriorate. Without the warmth of families to face the endless struggles with make the days arduous! Therefore, we hope that our Chinese kinsmen in South Africa will come to know the Lord, draw close to Him, and surrender their heavy burdens and difficulties to our God. We pray and hope that through this family retreat, brothers and sisters are able to ponder anew their daily lives, correct their thoughts and ways of doing things, returning to the Lord. Two days before the retreat, the team will visit local families.



We will also be providing discipleship training to the churches in South Africa. The team leader Elder Billy Huang from Yonghe Church will stay for a week to train the leaders. In August, Pastor Daniel Zhuang will provide the discipleship training. Then in September Elder Chris Chen will spend a month to train and equip the local believers and coworkers.

We can see that the ministries in South Africa will be very busy in these three months. Please ask that the Lord will stir the power of the Gospel to spread widely in South Africa!

Ghana

Our CIM Canada ministry in Ghana is cross-cultural and aims to serve the local people mainly in the rural regions. CIM Canada has already established six village schools, in partnership with the Evangelical Church of Ghana (ECG), in the northern part of the country. We are looking for



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people to continue the work that the local teachers and pastors have been doing -- sharing the Gospel to the children and their parents. Normally, it is not easy for outsiders to come into their midst, but to visit on behalf of the school is a great opportunity to share life and to share the Gospel with them.

The qualifications of our village teachers in Ghana are less than adequate as many of them have not studied further than secondary school. Since they do not have any education training or much experience themselves, all they can do is pass down what they have been taught, with limited knowledge of the world due to the lack of



textbooks and resources to assist in learning. Therefore, we are praying for people with an education background to go and support our village teachers, training them in content knowledge and teaching

strategies to make learning relevant and fun for the children both in the academics and in the Word of God.

There is also a great need for short-term teams to support the local ECG church planters in evangelism through visitations and church gatherings. What an encouragement it is for the local church to have the body of Christ from a different part of the world to encourage them and to share in the work the Lord has given to us all. We pray that individuals or teams who have a burden for the local pastoral staff, as well as co-workers, to go to Ghana and to provide leadership and discipleship training.

Ghana is also in need of men and women who are willing to commit to full-time ministry. We pray and hope for the Gospel to be spread and rooted in Ghana as we see God's kingdom being established.



Currently, we do not have specific dates for short-term mission trips to Ghana from the US, but we have two teams from Canada joining with brothers and sisters from Hong Kong and Australia. Whether it be an individual or a team of people who are willing to go to Ghana, please contact us and Rev. Philip Leung (Executive Director of CIM-Canada), and we will work with your schedule to arrange for a staff to co-ordinate and lead the team.

★ PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray for the smooth re-registration of the Chinese Christian Students Society at the University of Pretoria.

- For the youth camp ministry to be held in July in South Africa. The short-term mission team from Taipei's Yonghe Church will again be there to lead the camp.
- For the Lord to lead a short-term team to be in charge of the family retreat next January in South Africa.
- Sister Chrisna Fourie will be teaching an English class at the Pretoria Fu Qing Church starting at the end of May. Ask that the Lord will use this class to bring blessings to the believers as well as share the gospel.
- Ask that God will open a path for Alex and Nicole, that they may successfully obtain their visas to Taiwan.
- Ask that the Lord of harvest will send His workers to reap the harvest in the mission fields of South Africa and Brazil.
- CIM will be leading a STM team to Sao Paulo and Belo Horizonte from July 4-19 to hold a Mandarin youth camp, VBS as well as evangelism ministries. Pray for all the planning, venues, recruiting the youth to sign up, and the members of the STM to serve joyfully with one heart.
- Ask that God's grace will lead the youth to participate in the youth retreat this July, that they can arrive at the camp safely and that He will provide the necessary expenses.
- Many churches in Brazil do not have pastors. Ask that the Lord will send workers to be shepherds.
- Please pray for more new teachers as the number of people attending Friday night's Bible study classes at Happy Teens ministry in Sao Paulo continues to grow.
- Pray for CIM's financial needs, especially costs incurred from a few special ministry earlier in the year as well as in the area of administrative expenses.

★ FINANCIAL REPORT (April, 2013)

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$3,419	\$3,965	-\$546
Missions	\$4,244	\$5,601	-\$1,357
Total	\$7,663	\$9,566	-\$1,903

If you have the burden for the CIM ministries, you may send in a check payable to CIM and mail it to P.O. Box 700185, San Jose, CA 95170-0185, USA. Thank you!

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