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Brazil is a beautiful country with its mountains, rivers, and world famous beaches. Economically, it is one of the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and is rich in resources such as gold, precious stones, and lumber. As the richest country in South America, the disparity between the rich and the poor as well as public security and other urban problems are relatively serious. And the worse part is, corruption, which makes lives difficult for the country's citizens.

The Chinese immigrants to Brazil began arriving in the late 1940s. Later those from Taiwan and Hong Kong came in the 1960s and 1970s, respectively, but declined sharply in the late 1980s. Beginning in 2000, immigrants from Mainland China have emerged in large numbers. Many of them entered illegally, which caused many social problems.

Sao Paulo is Brazil's largest city with a population of 20 million. There are families with up to five generations of Chinese immigrants living in this city. From the socio-economic perspective, many of them there are high-level business giants, university professors, doctors practicing in various specialties, bankers, import and export businessmen. At the same time, there are also many earning a living as

working class or roadside vendors. At present, all new immigrants from China mostly operate their own small businesses. Since they mostly have a low education level, they often live in loneliness and solitude there. They have to work hard and cannot care for their children so most of the parents send their children back to China to be cared for by other family members.

These immigrants come to Brazil to start their own businesses but most do not know anyone. There is also the language barrier and the unfamiliarity with their surroundings so they need a lot of care from the local believers. We hope and pray that missionaries can bring the Gospel to them. We should be like the apostle Paul, *"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."*

It is heartbreaking that with more and more new immigrants, there are simply not enough missionaries to meet the need. Like the Macedonians, local believers are calling out to God: *"Who is willing to help us?"* This requires us to leave our familiar environment to a distant and unfamiliar place, Brazil. If there were more Chinese Christians in North America who can walk out of their comfort zones and participate long-term missions

today, how wonderful that would be! Could this be you!? Will you join us in asking God to give us an opportunity to serve Him? Our STM teams hope to hold camps to learn more about the local believers and new immigrants, as well as visit their workplaces and shops to share the Gospel. These are some of the ways to evangelize in Brazil. Local churches will also arrange free medical services to provide an opportunity for our team members to share the Good News while patients are waiting in line.

This year we have the opportunity to serve four cities. The first team will serve from June 28 to July 12, while the second team will serve from July 12 to 28. We thank the Lord for already preparing twelve brothers and sisters to join the ministry. Please pray for our training from the end of April to the end of June, and ask God to remove all obstacles. We need your fervent prayers on the home front. Although our time serving there will not be long, nonetheless pray for each of our team member's daily routine, safety in coming and going, and good health. Pray also that we will seize the opportunity to share the Gospel, regardless of whether the people there will accept it or not. Pray that the blessings and love that we bring from afar will reach their hearts and souls for Christ!

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Wu will have abundant strength physically and spiritually.
2. Pray that Rev. Wu's application for the U.S. visa will go smoothly and timely.
3. Intercede for the university application of Rev. Wu's son.
4. Pray for Alex and Nicole Ko as they are finishing their last month's study at the seminary. Ask God to open doors for them as they will be reaching out to churches in Taiwan for support in June and July.
5. Many believers continued to leave South Africa and return to China. The number of congregants from the three churches has reduced by about half. Ask God to grant Rev. and Mrs. Wu strength and continue share the Gospel without getting discouraged.
6. Pray that the believers of the various churches in South Africa will cultivate their daily habit of studying the Bible and growth in God's Word.
7. This year's Brazil STM will serve in four cities: at churches in Salvador, Recife, Brasilia and Belo Horizonte. Ask God to prepare and equip the brothers and sisters who will take part in the trip so that the believers there can be refined and be built up.
8. Pray for the Happy Kids in Sao Paulo. Ask God to bless the physical, the emotional, and the spiritual wellbeing of the students so that more can rely on Jesus from a young age.
9. Pray for the believers of the Salvador church and ask God to keep them strong and rooted in the Word of God.
10. Pray for the church in Belo Horizonte of their registration with the government. Ask God to bless the church with a suitable place to gather, and strengthen the coworkers to serve God with confidence.
11. The Church in Porto Alegre began meeting in the city center, cantering to Chinese who has not participated in church activities. Please earnestly intercede for them.
12. Pray for the church in Brasilia to equip their new coworkers with the correct attitude of serving. Pray also for believers to be willing to learn to share the Gospel.
13. Pray for Rev. Isaac Quan of CIM Canada. Ask God to add to him strength to share cross-culturally through short-term missions in the local people of West Africa.
14. Pray for the various ministries in Ghana and Togo of West Africa. Ask God to raise up more believers to join in STM trips and support the ministry.
15. CIM will be preparing for our 25th Thanksgiving celebration, pray that God will provide and bless us to smoothly arrange everything according to His will.
16. Pray for Alex and Nicole Ko as they will travel to the United States from July 10 to September 27 to find supporting churches for their ministries in South Africa and hope to raise enough funds to enable them to return in October to begin their serving.
17. Ask God to bless coworkers on the home front with wisdom; that they will offer their best to accomplish what God has bestowed upon us.
18. Ask the Lord to provide abundantly in all areas of CIM's ministry.

Latest news from Pastor Wu

The Young Adult Group at the PECCC is still facing obstacles. In my prayers, I still see the leading of disciples as key. So with the departure of Yang-Yang Chen, the hope is to encourage others to step up to serve, starting with leading worship. We hope the Holy Spirit will lead to establish their self-images, step out of the darkness and shame from their family problems and

towards the light in God.

In addition, the number of people worshipping at the Pretoria Fu-Qing Church is getting fewer and fewer, and with no one giving any offerings. The need for social services with the Fu-Qing community is still numerous and frequent. Mainly they are not reading the Bible, not staying positive, and not participate in any gathering.

We need to pray in earnest!

We sincerely ask you to pray for us to heed to God's command and obey His will: serving faithfully, waiting patiently, rising at the right time, till the end of the earth. Also pray that we can continue in His grace to lead the three churches, head the Bible study sessions and prayer meetings and building a solid foundation of the church. May God's name be honored forever.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$9,350	\$4,490	\$4,860
Missions	\$7,670	\$6,403	\$1,267
Total	\$17,020	\$10,893	\$6,127

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