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Testimony

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My Salvation

I was born in a Christian family in Guangdong, China. My father immigrated to Hong Kong by himself first, and I remember my mother would lead me in praying to God for our application to move to Hong Kong as well. Initially there was no response to our application and it seemed to be doomed, but God intervened and it was approved, and our family reunited in Hong Kong.

After we moved to Hong Kong, my parents were busy with work and had no time for me. Although I had all the daily necessities, but I couldn't get any affirmation or encouragement from my parents, and I thirst for their love. Sometimes I'd see other classmates who were less well off but they could spend time with their parents, and I felt they were more fortunate than me.

We moved to South Africa when I was thirteen. Two years later one day our home was robbed. A robber pointed a gun at my head and threatened to kill me unless my parents give them money. I wasn't afraid at the time (or I didn't know how to be afraid?), but I prayed in my heart for Jesus to love me and the robbers to leave. Suddenly their cell phone rang, and they talked in their

language and left. I responded to Jesus' love, as he saved me from the grasp of death, by committing to preach the gospel so others would also receive his love. I had mentioned the gospel to a classmate, but unfortunately she didn't believe in God. I also wanted her as my girlfriend, but because we had different beliefs, the relationship ended when we entered college. I thank the Lord two years later I met my current wife. At the time I was simply preaching the gospel and leading her to church, and she believed and accepted the Lord. She often encouraged me, affirmed me, and completely accepted me. Moreover, she also helped me to recover from emotional scars from earlier in my life.

My Calling

I've always wanted to serve God by just sweeping the temple grounds, because I didn't think I was capable. When our pastor asked me to help with the church finances, I didn't feel I was qualified but I proceeded to learn diligently. I felt the same later as the pastor asked me to lead worship, translate the sermon, and even to practice preaching. Little did I know it was actually all God's grace for me. Yet when the missionary at South Africa asked me to pray

about serving God full-time, I wanted to run away like Jonah! But through God's leading, my wife and I started to pray for confirmation from God.

Subsequently I lost my job because my employer had a financial crisis, and I had no luck finding another job. The pastor suddenly asked me if I'd be willing to serve God full-time! My wife and I were surprised as we both felt unqualified. But seeing we couldn't find any excuses, I took the bold first step into the Jordan River! Now in retrospect I realize all the trainings were the work of the Holy Spirit. Our faiths, though like the little mustard seeds, were strengthened and made complete by the Lord!

In 2013, my wife and I answered God's calling by enrolling in the Christ's Disciples Training Seminary in Taiwan. We saw God's hand leading us step by step along the way. Upon graduating in 2017, and by the grace of God, I joined CIM and became a missionary. I'd like to thank the church, elders, and brothers and sisters, for all the support and intercession for my wife and I during our journey, so that we could return to South Africa to join the Chinese evangelism ministry. May all the glory be to God.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Rev. Douglas Wu and his wife are in U.S. on furlough. Please continue to pray for their safe travels.
2. Ask the Lord to help Alex Ko, while Nicole is recovering, to have strength and spirit to manage both his ministry and family.
3. Pray for the growth of Pretoria church's Young Adult Fellowship. Ask the Lord for renewal and gifts of the Holy Spirit for them to serve with one heart in spreading the gospel.
4. Pray for the brothers and sisters of Pretoria Fuqing Fellowship that when faced with business and financial difficulties, they would still have faith and seek God's guidance, and experience God's powers.
5. May the Lord encourage brothers and sisters in South Africa so they would develop a habit for daily devotion and to grow in God's word.
6. Pray for the nation of South Africa, especially for its political and crime situations.
7. The 2018 CIM Brazil STM will target six churches: 6/28 ~ 7/12 at Salvador and Recife, 7/12 ~ 7/25 at Porto Alegre and Belo Horizonte; 9/14 ~ 9/25 at Campinas and Sao Paulo Chinese churches. May the Lord grow the churches and equip the brothers and sisters, so they can spread the gospel to unbelievers.
8. Pray for the STM members to be led by the Holy Spirit during their training, and that all preparation works would fall within God's will, as well as for God's love to fill the team.
9. Pray for the recruiting of Brazil STM teams. We still need more participants for the Porto Alegre and Belo Horizonte STM team.
10. Brazil's political environment and the economy are unstable, plus living conditions are unsafe, which have caused uneasiness in many brothers and sisters. Please pray for them.
11. Continue to pray for Belo Horizonte church's search for a new Sunday worship site. Ask the Lord to prepare a location with convenient transportation access to better spread the gospel.
12. Pray for the various ministries in Ghana and Togo. May the Lord raise up more brothers and sisters to participate in cross-cultural STM teams.
13. Pray for the new evangelical ministry to attract more Roma people (Gypsies) of Ukraine to the gospel, so they can learn about God's power and to turn their lives around.
14. Ask the Lord to bless the CIM co-workers with wisdom and to serve faithfully, so that we can accomplish what the Lord has bestowed upon us.
15. Continue to look to God to provide abundantly for the financial needs of CIM.

2018 CIM Short Term Mission:

Brazil

Salvador and Recife June 28 - July 11, 2018

Belo Horizonte and Porto Alegre July 11 - 25, 2018

Sao Paulo Youth Camp March 1 - 11, 2019

South Africa

Family Retreat

Dec 12 - 27, 2018 or Dec 29, 2018 - Jan 8, 2019

West Africa

Ghana and Togo

(July 20 - 31, 2018 pending)

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2018

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$10,925	\$6,965	\$3,960
Missions	\$10,408	\$7,512	\$2,896
Total	\$21,333	\$14,477	\$6,856

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