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The Fu-Qing in South Africa

From 2003 till the end of 2010, the number of immigrants from China to South Africa has risen to about 350,000, with 150,000 of these coming from the city of Fu-Qing in the Fujian Province. As parents, many of them had their teenage children come to South Africa to help. Therefore there has been an unceasing influx of young people from Fu-Qing to this country.

Among these Fu-Qing national, some were already believers. When they left their homeland, their grandmothers would remind them, "When you arrive in another country, don't forget to find a church to continue to worship and rely on the Lord." Some time ago, the local African churches found that a

Chinese sister kneeling in the sanctuary weeping, but they were not able to help because of the language



barrier. At last, they found a missionary from CIM who started caring about that sister and gradually, the immigrant believers began a Bible Study which opened the doors to gospel ministry in South Africa. The first Fu-Qing Chinese Church was founded in Pretoria in September 2012.

The education level to most of the Fu-Qing nationals in the country is generally low. Since they do not know English, they always worry being taken advantage of. Many Fu-Qing people also have problems with their legal status, which has caused them to intentionally keep a distance from strangers. Yet they are desperate for community, which believers have slowly been able to provide for these lonely people. The harvest field in South Africa is vast and yet the workers are few. We earnestly wait that there will continuously be STM teams coming to help with the ministry. We yearn even more for preachers who are willing to commit to serve in South Africa for a longer period of two to three months; or better yet, have missionaries coming to spread the gospel in a full-time capacity.

Brazil

There have been protests and riots taking place in Brazil, and the entire country has been affected. The protestors claimed that these activities would be carried out peacefully, but when multitudes gathered, often times order was lost.

With the winter holiday coming in Brazil, our STM teams are also ready to begin their ministries. Praise the Lord that none of the camp schedules nor the arrangements for other gatherings are affected. Only the itinerary in Belo Horizonte has been adjusted slightly: all the daytime activities have been cancelled; the gatherings in the evenings will be divided into two groups, adults and youth, and hold separate sharing and messages. Praise be to the Lord that our participation with free medical clinic will be conducted as planned, that this wonderful opportunity to share the gospel is not lost. Please ask with us that the Lord will open doors to bring those who are in need to the venue!

Please pray especially for the STM team members: one young man was suddenly diagnosed with a rare disease, which turned to swelling of his joints, unbearable pain in the stomach. He is under observation at the hospital. Another member's laptop broke down and lost the materials



that were prepared for the trip; Mrs. Christine Pi's eyes chronic condition has led to headaches. However, we hope and pray that all these issues will turn to blessings when everyone prays with one united heart. To provide for the needs of the local churches in Brazil as well as taking advantage of the professional knowledge of our team members, we ask the Lord to grant us grace and strength on our topics and preaching so coworkers can have the stamina and wisdom that can only come from God. In addition, the winter weather in Brazil can change rapidly; please ask that the Lord will grant strength for each member physically, emotionally, and spiritually.



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Ghana

Pastor Isaac Quan, the Ministry Director in Ghana of CIM Canada, led a STM team from Burnaby Pacific Grace MB Church in May. The main purpose of the trip for the team was to visit ECG's (Evangelical Church of Ghana) church planter in the village of Gmajare for the Burnaby Church to support the church in this village in partnership with CIM and ECG.

Along the way, the team had to endure and withstand more unexpected and unplanned situations than any other prior trip. From being caught in massive rainstorms in which some of the team members actually saw a roof getting blown off in Kpandai, to their pastor catching malaria and typhoid, to a close encounter with a poisonous snake, and other mishaps along the way. The team's motto, "To Expect the Unexpected" became the daily saying. But in each of these experiences God was at work and each thing happened for a reason.

Pastor Isaac and the team witnessed the baptism of 9 believers in Gmajare. In addition, numerous people made decisions for the Lord and each member of the team was challenged and grew in their walk with the Lord.



☆ PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. For the youth gospel camp ministry to be held in July in South Africa. The short-term mission team from Taipei's Yong He Church will be there again to lead the camp.
2. For the Lord to lead a short-term team to be in charge of the family retreat next January in South Africa.
3. Thank the Lord for granting Nicole her visa to Taiwan. Ask that the Lord will open doors that Alex and their son can receive their visas as well and that the entire family can leave the country on July 14 as planned.
4. Please remember the English class at the Pretoria Fu Qing Church in your prayers, that it will be a success. Also pray for sister Chrisna's expenses and the safety of her travels.

- 5. The lease for the Brasilia Chinese Church is about to expire. Ask that the Lord will grant them their Canaan, a land of milk and honey.
6. Ask that the Lord of harvest will send His workers to reap the harvest in the mission fields of South Africa and Brazil.
7. CIM will be leading a STM team to Sao Paolo and Belo Horizonte from July 4-18 to hold a Mandarin youth camp, medical and evangelism ministry. Currently there are protests going on in many areas, affecting everyone's daily lives. Please pray especially for a smooth execution of all ministries to be carried out there and for the team members to have peace emotionally and spiritually.
8. Please pray for Timothy Kuo who was not able to join the STM team to Brazil to recover from his illness.
9. Many churches in Brazil do not have pastors. Ask that the Lord will send workers to be shepherds.
10. 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.
11. Pray for Mrs. Pi's eyes to be healed, headaches to subside, and for good health, especially in leading the STM team to Brazil in July.

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