

## Gallant Chiu

This trip to Brazil was my first time going on missions. During these two weeks' journey, I experienced God's abundant grace each day and His protection and leading in every step. My most memorable time was the few days spent on our last stop in Belo Horizonte. Our team was hosted by various brothers and sisters there. Ricky and I were arranged to stay at the home of a Brazilian pastor. I was certainly very happy to be welcomed with such open arms. But even more exciting was the fact that they only speak Portuguese, the language that we do not know. When the pastor's wife explained to me in detail how to work the shower, I still had no clue what was so special about that even after I paid attention to her words and her signing. (However, after a cold shower and explanation from others, I realized she was trying to show me that in order to have hot water I had to turn the shower handle to a certain position). They also played host to two young Chinese dentists from Sao Paulo for the free clinic and fortunately they understood both Chinese and Portuguese. Their daughter, who was studying at a seminary, also knows English. Without these three to translate for us, who knows how many more funny stories otherwise.

The inability to communicate in a different language is not only a laughing matter but allowed us to also experience the power of the gospel. During the two days in Belo Horizonte, the local church set up a free clinic at a shopping mall and our team members were able to share the gospel to those who were waiting in line. While they were busy with one thing or another, God gave me an opportunity to share the Good News with a young man. My Mandarin was so bad that under the circumstances, I believed only those who know Cantonese can understand what I was saying. But the gospel is God's power, full of strength. I did not need to use any big words, high intelligence, or a moving testimony, a simple gospel tract was enough. As I was talking, I asked him to read along. In the end I asked if he believed in Jesus Christ and he said "yes"! Praise the Lord!

This trip has allowed me to reap a lot. I was glad to work alongside other team members in various posts. I also greatly appreciated all the hospitality from the brothers and sisters there. During this trip, I also had the opportunity to meet several fellow believers. Their willingness to labor for their kinsmen there greatly moved me and impelled me. Lastly, I want to thank God for His grace and mercy. Not only did He allow our team many opportunities to sow the seed of the gospel, He also allowed me to enjoy the sweetness of harvest.