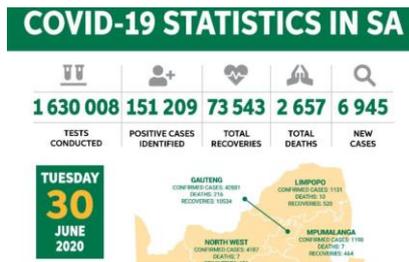
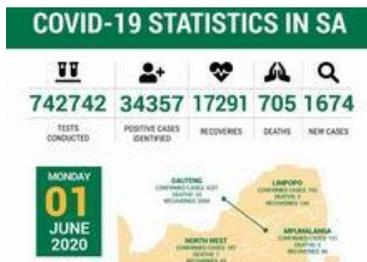


Prayer Letter of Douglas Wu and Family

July 1, 2020

Psalm 146:3 "Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save." At the beginning of the South Africa national COVID-19 lockdown there were about 115 confirmed cases each day. Now, 96 days later, the infection rate has exploded, and on June 27 there were over 7,000 confirmed new cases with over 2,657 deaths. *Lamentations 4:17 "Moreover, our eyes failed, looking in vain for help; from our towers we watched for a nation that could not save us."*



1,674 confirmed cases on 6/1 and 6,945 confirmed cases on 6/30

Power outage at night during lockdown

Many brothers and sisters who are shop owners in Rustenburg, being under continued pressure to make rent payments, had to open their shops for business during the pandemic. Combined they face between ten thousand to thirty thousand people walking past their shops. Because of the lax attitude of the local population in South Africa towards preventing virus infection, and most people couldn't afford to buy face masks, so many creative face coverings using scarves, handkerchief, and turtleneck shirts have appeared. Yet it has been clear that such prevention efforts are not effective. Our brothers and sisters measure each customer's temperature at the entrance to the store and spray hand sanitizer onto their hands, and turn away anyone without a face mask. Their employees are also under strict order to wear face masks along with a face shield, and clear plastic shields have also been set up at the counter. But we're most touched by the fact that they prayed for the protection by Holy Spirit and asked Jesus to help with their coronavirus prevention measures to keep the virus away! *Psalm 20:7 "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God."* *Zechariah 4:6b "This is the word of the LORD: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty."*



Shop owners' protective measures



On my way to grocery shopping



Helen & Clarence back to work on 6/1

In early June, I unexpectedly received an invitation from Rev. Jeff Lee to join their online



worship via Zoom. Rev. Lee is a second generation Christian leader currently with Christian Communications Inc. In the meeting he asked Whitney and I about our marital relationship and challenges while working in the evangelical field, and afterwards he made our conversation into a three-minute video clip for broadcast. We're very grateful for the opportunity, and we give all the glory to our Lord Jesus if we can be a part in His work.



Rev. Lee in Sunday night fellowship CCS Sunday morning pastoral meeting & afternoon youth gospel meeting

Through this connection with Rev. Jeff Lee, the Holy Spirit took me back to the Second World Chinese African Evangelical Conference at Kenya in 2008, where I had a chance encounter with him. But more importantly, in the conference, Rev. Morley Lee asked all participants to pray for the two “Jewels of Chinese Missionary – Rev. Y.K. Hsueh and Rev. Clarence Pi. Rev. Morley Lee also called for the “Passing of the baton” in that conference and led my thoughts to Rev. C.L. Zhu, who was the Director General of the Taiwan branch of SIM International. Rev. Zhu was the senior pastor of the church where Whitney and I interned during our seminary studies, and we were privileged to have had the opportunity to study pastoral ministry under him for three years. Our stay at Shipah Presbyterian Church proved to be the foundation of our pioneering ministry at South Africa later! After he retired, Rev. Zhu and his wife went to Japan to continue the evangelical ministry, which is a difficult task there, until he was taken by the Lord on August 13, 2019. *Acts 20:24* “*However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.*” God continued to lead with His hands and called Rev. Doong of Shipah Presbyterian Church, who is 40-ish and a second generation Christian, to succeed the role of Executive Director of CCCOWE! So not only “Passing of the baton” took place in SIM International, may that also take place in CIM! In this time of upheaval with the coronavirus pandemic and the world changing to a new normal, we ask God to help us to be steadfast in the Lord!

We're thankful for God's grace that a new friend, Fong-Ben Chen, joined the Rustenburg church's Monday night Bible study group through the invitation of a friend, Lan-Lan Zhang. Actually we've been trying to invite him before, but each time he politely refused. Yet through God's miraculous ways, Mr. Chen started to join our online Bible study meetings in June. Hallelujah! He even shared a testimony with us: One day when he was closing his store he smelled something was burning, but he couldn't find the source. As he was locking up the

door, suddenly he had to use the bathroom, and it was in the bathroom where he found an electrical connection was shorted and on fire! In his excitement he shouted “Thank you, Lord!” And last Wednesday his car got stuck in the mud when he was driving back to the store with new merchandise. As he was waiting for help, two robbers came by and stole two speakers from among his merchandise. He got out of the car and started to chase the two robbers, but they both brandished a knife and threatened him to stop. We realize the events were from Satan’s doing to disrupt his new engagement with the church. We ask you to please pray for Mr. Chen, and we give thanks to God that he has continued to join our fellowships. May God soften his heart so he could be ready for the baptismal class.



Gospel friend Mr. Lee at lower left My sister returning to Taiwan on 6/30 A beautiful God's creation in the tree

Amid the global coronavirus pandemic and national lockdown in South Africa, we can't hold in-person meetings or have visitations. Whitney and I have been praying for God's guidance to show us how to reach out to non-believers using video clips, maybe through YouTube ads? Yet through the experiences of our children, Helen and Clarence, in their respective internships in South Africa's public hospitals, we know God wants us to re-focus on trusting Him wholeheartedly. *2 Timothy 2:21~22 "If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."*

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Praises & Intercession

1. Praise the Lord that even though I can't travel to Rustenburg during the national coronavirus lockdown, God still led a new friend to our Bible study group seeking the gospel.
2. Praise the Lord that through the invitation of Rev. Jeff Lee of SIM International, a God-loving second generation Christian leader, we were able to have fellowship with him during the coronavirus lockdown.



3. We're grateful for all the support from prayer warriors and churches through the calling by Holy Spirit, and to have our needs met in this time of the coronavirus lockdown.
4. Praise the Lord that South Africa government is taking steps to gradually loosen the lockdown conditions, although meetings and visitations are still banned.
5. We're thankful that Holy Spirit has kept all of our brothers and sisters safe. Brother He of the Rustenburg church lives next to a supermarket where two women and a manager have tested positive for the coronavirus. One woman even lives in the same district as four other brothers and sisters, but none of them were infected and all have since moved away.

Prayer List

1. Pray for the brothers and sisters in Rustenburg church who are shop owners that the Holy Spirit would keep them safe from the coronavirus.
2. The OPT visa for our older daughter, Sharon, expires at end of July. Please pray for her next steps and for the Lord to lead her directions.
3. Our second daughter, Helen, lives at the town of Welkom during her internship at the Odendaalsrus Provincial Hospital, about 15 kM away. There are about 30 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the area, but the students were told to treat every patient as a positive case for their own protection. Please pray for her safety.
4. School for our son, Clarence, finally started on June 18. He has since gone to Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital, the largest in Johannesburg, for internship and to assist the staff there. Please pray for his safety.
5. Pray for the faith of the brothers and sisters could be strengthened, and for them to continue in their fellowships, Bible studies, and prayers for reliance on the Lord.
6. My eldest sister has returned to Taiwan on June 30. Please pray for her safety and not be infected by the coronavirus.
7. Robberies in South Africa have jumped just like the consumer's spending to revive the economy. Please pray for the crime situation in South Africa.

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Clarence/Helen/Sharon Whitney/Douglas