

Prayer Letter of Douglas Wu and Family

August 1, 2020

The COVID-19 situation in South Africa is getting more and more serious. It's clear the national lockdown measure in effect since March 25 is not effective! The number of confirmed positive cases has been spiraling with no end in sight. With all in-person church services, Bible studies, fellowships, and visitations banned, we're forced to face this dramatic change head-on.



34,357 cases on 6/1

159,333 cases on 7/1

493,183 cases on 7/31

Exodus 17:10~12 "So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up – one on one side, one on the other – so that his hands remained steady till sunset." We have two couples among us who have been separated for nearly half a year due to the cancellation of flights in this global pandemic, and a mother couldn't go back to China to support her daughter for the college entrance exam. We can only continue to pray intently and wait for God's timing!

A janitor in the hospital where our daughter Helen is currently interning was tested positive for COVID-19 at beginning of July, and subsequently it was revealed that 14 staff members have also been infected! Moreover, all the beds in the hospital have been filled! Helen's test came out negative and she returned to work immediately. In mid-July, our son Clarence's teacher and her husband both died from COVID-19, and on July 17, two classmates tested positive and led to isolation and testing of 12 students. Clarence returned to work in the hospital on July 21 when he was confirmed to be OK. Whitney insisted on delivering food to Clarence despite his refusal, because she was worried of repeat infection if Clarence had gone out for fast food. And Clarence didn't let us linger before he chased us away quickly. I just want to give thanks to God for keeping our family safe!



Clarence in isolation

Fellowship group praying for Helen

Helen (Right) fully protected in the hospital

Romans 12:1~2 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” I’m grateful for God has led me and Whitney through this unprecedented global pandemic in transforming from in-person meetings to virtual online services, and our ministry and schedules have also been revamped as result. We give our thanksgiving in that we still gained new gospel friends in these difficult times! On the other hand, we also ask for God’s compassion in our prayers for the Johannesburg church Bible studies that have stopped.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rustenburg visitation & Bible study	Johannesburg Bible study	Johannesburg Bible study	Women’s Fellowship	Johannesburg 1-on-1 meeting		Sandton morning service Rustenburg evening service & Bible study (Every other week)

Our meeting schedule before the coronavirus pandemic

With the Holy Spirit guiding the way and with several brothers and sisters teaching me on multi-media tools since March, I’ve been recording my Sunday sermons on YouTube since April 5 for online broadcast. In parallel, I’ve also been using WeChat, Line, WhatsApp, and Zoom for online fellowship, Bible studies, and prayer meetings, so that we’re not limited by



the COVID-19 situation and continued to worship God together. God has kept all of our brothers and sisters safe and healthy thus far.

2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.” May God help Whitney and I to understand what Paul said with respect to “in season and out of season”, so we can weather through COVID-19 and continue in our effort to “correct, rebuke and encourage” to build-up others.

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Praises & Intercession

1. Praise the Lord that He watches over the safety of each brother and sister in South Africa daily amid the coronavirus pandemic.
2. Praise the Lord for watching over sister Zhang of Rustenburg church through a smooth delivery and gained a new baby boy. Hallelujah! God’s promises are more powerful than the pandemic!
3. Give thanks to the Holy Spirit for protecting sister Lin of another Johannesburg church and her COVID-19 infection is improving.
4. Give thanks to the Holy Spirit for helping daughter Sharon with extension of her temporary visa in the U.S. We’re grateful to God and to the support from other elders, brothers, and sisters.
5. Praise the Lord for keeping daughter Helen and son Clarence safe while they work in the hospital for their internship. The LORD is Peace!
6. We’re thankful for additional restrictions due to increasing COVID-19 infection rate despite of national lockdown policy in South Africa, although we’re also restricted from meeting and visiting each other.
7. Give thanks to the Holy Spirit for moving each one of you to pray for us, and also give thanks to the faithful God who listens to the prayers of the justified!

Prayer List

1. Pray for the global pandemic and the worsening situation in South Africa. Please pray for Whitney and I can adjust our ministry work from this impact to our lives. May the Lord continue to lead our steps in following His will despite the challenges.
2. Please continue to pray for the brothers and sisters in Rustenburg church who are shop owners, for the Holy Spirit to keep them safe from the coronavirus.
3. Pray for the faith of the brothers and sisters would be strengthened, and for them to



- continue in their fellowships, Bible studies, and prayers in walking with the Lord.
4. Please pray for our daughter Helen and son Clarence with their internship work in the hospitals. May God give us peace.
 5. Please pray for our daughter Sharon for her next steps whether in schooling or serving, and for the Lord to lead her directions.
 6. Please pray for my sister to be able to find a suitable church in Taiwan for her to continue worship God.
 7. Crimes in South Africa are still rampant! Please pray for the safety of the Chinese shops.

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Immanuel,

Clarence/Helen/Sharon Whitney/Douglas