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Missions during the Exuberant Carnival

~Rev Jorge Loo

This year's carnival in Brazil is from the evening of February 18th to noon of February 22nd. During the carnival, there are not only parades of different floats, but also many people dancing on the streets all day long. Generally, churches use this period of time to hold devotional camps, because during this period, stores will not be open, including those in the Shopping Center, and because of COVID 19, many people have been closed in for the past two years. But now they are basically open, and Brazilians like to celebrate by nature. So, the mayors of many big cities encourage dancing on the streets of the city, and the city government even put some barricades to isolate the main thoroughfare to let the people dance to their heart's content without being disturbed.

The Belo Horizonte Chinese Church originally wanted to use this time to hold some gospel-related activities, but most of the members have traveled abroad, and the street of the Baptist Church, which was borrowed for Sunday worship, was also isolated for dancing, so, the church will not be open during this period. Because of this, the Sunday worship was held at the home of Brother Lin Zhenzong. Thank the Lord, the worship went smoothly, especially a Mr. Ji, from Qingtian in China, and his whole family came to the meeting. Their family is brother Lin's good friends, and they often play table tennis together. After the worship, brother Lin also prepared a barbecue for dinner. So not only did everyone enjoy a hearty dinner, but brother Lin also prepared a karaoke of Gospel hymns. Although there were not many people in the meeting that day, everyone can say that there is very good fellowship, and they all return home happy.

The next day, Mr. Ji, a gospel seeker, invited brother Lin and my wife and I to his home to play table tennis and have lunch. Thank the Lord, everyone had a great time playing. Mr. Ji has two sons and a daughter. The eldest son is 15 years old, named Vitor, and he is very good at the game. When we were about to have lunch after playing golf, Mrs. Luo was talking to Vitor in the living room. As a result, Mrs. Luo realized that although he was young, he was a bit under pressure in life, so she shared the gospel with him. Finally, he accepted Jesus as his Savior. Right then, we gathered around and held hands, and I prayed for him for his decision. Thank the Lord and all glory to Him. Although there were not many people attending the trip to the Belo Church, we firmly believe that God's will is higher than man's will. God has chosen Vitor Ji and will use the wonderful friendship between brother Lin and Mr. Ji and the wonderful life testimonies of the members of the church for our newfound friend to be brought before the mercy seat of the Lord.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray for the complete healing of the wound from the installation of a cardiac pacemaker for Rev Douglas Wu, as he should not raise his left arm over his shoulder, not to lift, or to lift heavy objects for three months. Pray that all will be well.
2. Pray for Whitney's gastric ulcer and duodenal ulcer to be healed and recovered. She still needs to take medicine for more than a month.
3. Please pray for Rev Wu's serving in South Africa after his return. At present, his physical strength can only last him four hours during the day, and then he will rest for about an hour. He will sleep for eight hours at night. May the Lord to give him grace to restore his physical strength to serve.
4. Thank the Lord for the proper diagnosis and treatment of Pastor Alex Ko's knee through medical specialist and pray for the Lord to restore him soon.
5. Please pray for the stable recovery of the ministry of the PECCC Church and their Easter plan and ask the Lord to lead brothers and sisters to participate in the sharing of the gospel and participate more in the serving.
6. Pray for Claudia Yung, the leader of the new young people at Belo Horizonte Chinese Baptist Church and ask God to give her wisdom.
7. For Rev and Mrs. Loo's serving at the Belo Church in April. From April 28th to May 1st, pray for the spiritual retreat of the Belo Church, with Rev Jorge Loo as the main speaker.
8. Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. The invasion rages on and innocent lives are lost each day. Pray for House of Mercy as they take care of refugees, physically and spiritually. Pray that there will be donors for our Ukraine Crisis Fund as there are tremendous needs for the refugees.
9. Pray for the pastors and teachers that we support in Ghana and Togo. Inflation is still greatly affecting their lives. Pray that there will be donors for our benevolent fund so we can help with some of their physical needs. Pray for the formation of STM teams this summer and for 2024.
10. Pray for the recruiting effort underway to fill job vacancies in CIM for a Director of Ministry to oversee STM and daily operations, and an Executive Director successor. If you know of anyone who is interested and qualifies, please contact us.
11. Pray that God will move more brothers and sisters to join the ministry so God's kingdom would be more prosperous. Pray for God's abundant provision for all the financial needs of CIM.

NOTE

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Feb 2023

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$15,071	\$2,443	\$12,628
Missions	\$21,192	\$27,323	-\$6,131
Total	\$36,263	\$29,766	\$6,497

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