



# Chinese International Missions, Inc.

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## Do You See the Needs of the Chinese People in the Southern Hemisphere?

~CIM board chair

Rev Yoman Man

Matthew 4:23 "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. <sup>24</sup> News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. <sup>25</sup> Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him."

"Jesus went throughout Galilee...and his fame spread throughout Syria." Galilee is one of the three areas surrounding the Sea of Galilee. According to the contemporary historian Josephus, it is estimated that there are about 204 towns and more than 3 million residents; and Syria most likely refers to the area in Galilee. Next to it, the Aram region of the Old Testament, around Damascus. If the Lord Jesus went to one town every day, it would have taken Him more than half a year to travel throughout Galilee and spread His fame throughout Syria. This is the starting point of missionary work of the Lord Jesus. This passage means that He worked tirelessly to travel throughout this land to preach to the people He met.

There are many more ways for missionaries to reach people today than there were for the Lord Jesus. Since the global pandemic, the Internet has provided an effective platform to reach people of all ages, classes, regions, and time zones. On the one hand, the Internet platform is an effective channel to care for newcomers. On the other hand, whether in South Africa or Brazil, in the past seventy years or so, there have been second and third generations of Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and mainland China. Most of them will still be proud of their Chinese roots. By using the Internet platform and using appropriate communication methods to find them, the gospel will be able to exert its power to "save everyone who believes." Missionaries of the Chinese International Mission ("CIM" for short) have also tried to use the Internet to break out of the comfort zone they were familiar with in the past. However, with limited time and energy, they greatly need the help of more colleagues.

South Africa and Brazil are two mission fields of CIM and two important missionary points for Chinese people. Both countries are listed among the "BRICS" countries that have close relations with China. Under the recent adjustment of China's international relations, the destinations of Chinese people leaving the country may have changed somewhat, but South Africa and Brazil will remain the areas that Chinese people may choose for trade, small business, exchanges, and study abroad. These two countries are still the countries in the Southern Hemisphere with the largest concentration of Chinese people. They are even home to more than half of the Chinese diaspora in the Southern Hemisphere. The total number of Chinese people may exceed 800,000, no less than those in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, or New York. The number of Chinese in the Chinese areas shows that these two countries are strategic areas outside China for free preaching to the Chinese.

Will you follow the example of the Lord Jesus who worked tirelessly? Do you see the need in the Southern Hemisphere? The Chinese in South America and South Africa need someone to preach the gospel of the kingdom to them. Are you moved to become a missionary there? CIM has been called by the Lord to work with other missions organizations in these two areas in missionary work to bring these unreached people before the Lord. If you see this need, please pray with us, and actively participate in this missionary work.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. PECCC Church plans to hold a thanksgiving and testimony service during the Lunar New Year. Please pray that the Lord will prepare the brothers and sisters of Alex Ko's PECCC Church to enthusiastically share the Lord's grace and lead all arrangements.
2. Please pray for the church's plans for the gospel ministry and church pastoral care in the new year and ask the Lord to use Alex Ko's group to spread the gospel and equip the disciples.
3. Please pray for our co-workers in Brazil Rev Ying Tsung Lin and his wife in their service at the Belo Horizonte Chinese Baptist Church.
4. Pray for sister Claudia, the leader of the Youth Fellowship of Belo Horizonte Church, and for the Bible study at Ji's house every Friday night.
5. Pray for Rev Jorge Loo and his wife who will go to Belen Church to serve from February 16th to 26th.
6. 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. As we are in the middle of winter, many of the villages have been cut off from electricity and running water.
7. 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 in 2024.
8. There have been tribal conflicts in the Nkwanta region in Ghana. Security measures are now being enforced in the area including a curfew. This has also affected the Evangelical Church of Ghana churches in the area where CIM's supported Pastor Gideon is in charge. Please pray for peace in the area and that the tribal conflicts may be resolved soon.
9. Pray for the pastors and teachers that CIM Canada support in Ghana and Togo. Inflation is still greatly affecting their lives. Pray for our ministries in Ghana and Togo to share God's love with the local Africans and help with some of their physical needs. Pray for the formation of STM items in 2024.
10. Please continue to 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

Please call 408-596-4567 to contact CIM for questions or comments. Thank you for your continual support.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>General</b>	\$85,802	\$19,125	\$66,677
<b>Missions</b>	\$103,851	\$94,378	<b>\$9,473</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$189,653</b>	<b>\$113,503</b>	<b>\$76,150</b>

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