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Reflection on serving at the Brazil Beauty Chinese Baptist Church (Part 1)

~ Pastor Xiu He You

I am so grateful! After graduating from seminary in March last year, Rev Jorge Luo Jiadong invited me to visit the Belo Horizonte Chinese Baptist Church (abbreviated as "Belo Church") in Belo City, Minas State in December. In early January this year, Rev Luo, his wife and Minister Ye Dan invited me to serve in Belo Church. Rev Luo earnestly admonished me to be humble and urged me to trust in the Lord with all my heart. Thank the Lord! On January 10th, I officially started serving at Belo Church.

While in seminary, I expressed my hope that the Lord would arrange for me to serve in a small church. I never expected that what I had thought and wished for would be fulfilled by the grace of the Lord today. Thank the Lord! I firmly agreed to go not because I was rather pleased and thought I was capable of serving. On the contrary, I was happy but also worried. I was worried that I was a rookie, my life was not mature enough, and I lacked pastoral experience. I was worried whether I could serve in a place where I was unfamiliar with the place. I was worried whether the brothers and sisters in the church trust me. The only thing that gave me confidence was my belief in the Lord's promise and faithfulness, as well as Rev Luo's support and guidance. Later, I found that some of my worries were unnecessary, because the Lord not only prepared a place for me to serve Him, but also prepared sufficient grace for me to serve. Just as the Bible says, "My grace is sufficient for you." The following is a brief record of my experiences over the past two months.

(I) The loving reception from the brothers and sisters was like old friends at first sight.

On the first day of my service at Belo Church, I arrived in Belo at 8 a.m. Before I even left the station, I first received a call from Rev Luo. Then my co-worker sister Wei Miao arranged for her husband, brother Zhou Guanping, who had just believed in the Lord a month ago, to pick me up and take me to his store to rest. He also prepared breakfast for me, booked a hotel room, and kindly invited me to have lunch with him. He also said that he would be responsible for picking me up and dropping me off at church on Sundays in the future. Brother Zhou is an upright, talkative person who cares about the church's work. In the afternoon, he took the initiative to take me to visit Brother Ji Junqun, who had also just converted to Christianity. He then arranged for me to meet my co-worker Brother Xing at his restaurant after closing time. Brother Xing is an old Christian from China. He was happy to see me, and in addition to hosting a dinner reception, he also invited me to have lunch and dinner at his restaurant every day. Another co-worker, Brother Wen Xingke, contacted me via WeChat and gave me his blessings. Sister Guiying also called me on WeChat to welcome me and my family and sent them her blessings. In the second week, I was taken care of by the local Baptist church and moved into one of its single unit house. Brother Zhou drove to bring me a quilt that night. Thank the Lord!

(II) Role models for church coworkers.

Chinese who open shops or work in shopping malls in Belo generally have a hard time. They have to open their shops every day, from 8 am to 8 pm. They cannot open the shops too early or close too late, otherwise they will be fined heavily. Apart from two or three days off during Carnival, there is almost no rest throughout the year. In such a business and working environment, the willingness of many believers and seekers to attend Sunday worship and midweek online gatherings has been greatly affected and restricted.

Belo Church has a history of nearly 30 years, but the number of attendees has not increased significantly. It has long relied on the Brazilian Baptist Church to provide venues on Sundays, and there is no venue available for the church to use freely during the week. Has the Lord ever left this little church? No.

A small group of church coworkers are the living witnesses of the Lord. They are a small group protected by the Lord through His faithful servant Rev Luo. They all consciously and joyfully insist on attending online gatherings three times a week and attending the Sunday worship in person. They and most of the brothers and sisters respect the preachers, and the glory of the Gospel can be seen from the interactions in their church-body lives.

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Sister Claudia originally attended a Portuguese church, but she voluntarily chose to lead the youth fellowship meetings at Belo Church for a long time. Her loving service ensures that young Christians can have a stable church life, which is very helpful for the healthy growth of young people.

As the Scripture says, "A time to plant and a time to uproot." As a preacher, I cannot be discouraged by the constraints of the current environment and the small number of church members. I should see hope in the power and faithfulness of the Lord and the growth of my brothers and sisters and see that the revival of the church is to be expected. I need to provide spiritual food, loving warnings, and exhortations to the flock of sheep that the Lord has entrusted to my care on a regular basis. I must be careful about myself and my lessons. May the Lord reign in His church and continue to show His grace and guidance, helping us to constantly pursue growth and bear fruit in the true faith! Amen!

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Nicole suffered from acute capsulitis and needed to have the capsulitis removed. Thanks to the Lord's guiding for her medical treatment, her post-operation and body has recovered smoothly.
2. Pastor Alex Ko and his coworkers started their one-on-one ten-week faith classes for seekers have been running since early February. Three seekers have accepted the invitation. Please ask the Lord to continue to lead them and enable them to believe in the Lord through this course.
3. Ask the Lord to guide their new ministry in Polokwane and use them to shepherd local believers and preach the Gospel to the local people °
4. Pray for the spiritual retreat of Belo Horizonte Chinese Baptist Church to be held at the Baptist Student Training Center from March 1st to 4th.
5. Pray for the preaching practice of church co-workers at the Belo Church.
6. Pray for Alex, the teacher of the Belo Church guitar class, and his classmates.
7. Pray for guidance and direction for CIM Canada's next steps for their Roma ministry. Pray for the planning of sending an exploratory STM team to North Macedonia and Serbia in September.
8. Pray for the planning of Janice's home assignment in Canada from June-September.
9. 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.
10. 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.

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JAN 2025

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$2,935	\$965	\$1,970
Missions	\$4,060	\$3,510	\$550
Total	<u>\$6,995</u>	<u>\$4,475</u>	<u>\$2,520</u>

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