



Chinese International Missions, Inc.

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Reflection on serving at the Belo Chinese Baptist Church (Part II)

~ Pastor Xiu He You

(III) Coworkers are available to assist in the implementation of caring visitation ministry. This is the ministry I will focus on in my ministry plan at Belo Church. At present, the objects and scope of the visits are mainly Chinese compatriots who have opened shops near the central station of Belo, and of course also include brothers and sisters who believe in the Lord. I need brothers to work with me because I think I am a newcomer in front of local believers and non-believing Chinese compatriots. Most of us do not know each other, so it is not suitable for me to do the care and visitation ministry alone. Are there any brothers who are familiar with the local situation and are willing to spend time working with me? Fortunately, Brother Zhou Guanping told me in advance on the first day of receiving me that Brother Wen Xingke was willing to lead me to carry out visitation this Sunday. It turned out that the Lord has already made preparations! I am grateful! So I made an appointment with Brother Wen to meet at Brother Zhou's store at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning and then set off.

Brother Wen indeed arrived on time as agreed on Sunday morning. After we prayed together with Brother Zhou, we left. On that day, we visited six shops with seven brothers and sisters in total. Also, Brother Wen's sister, Sister Shui, who is also a coworker in the church, said that she is free on Monday and is willing to take me to visit the brothers and sisters she knows. I went to meet Sister A Shui at her grocery store that afternoon as agreed. Fortunately, her husband, Brother Wang, was also in the store, so we were able to get to know each other. From our conversation, I learned that Brother Wang truly supports his wife in taking me out to do visitation today. I am grateful! To be honest, I had no intention of asking the sister to work with me, and this was also to avoid unnecessary misunderstandings. Because the visiting ministry had just started, I forced myself to make an exception. Sister Shui and her husband and I prayed together. This time we visited a total of seven sisters, all of whom opened shops near Sister Shui's grocery store. Thank the Lord! Brother Wen worked with me again doing visitation on the morning of February 9, the first Sunday after I returned to serve at the Belo Church. A total of 12 brothers and sisters were visited that day, three of whom were seekers. Thank the Lord!

After that, I started to do visitation work during the week. This time, I used Monday, Wednesday and Friday to visit 20 stores and 21 people in total, including 4 brothers and sisters, 1 seeker, and 16 non-believers. They all added me on WeChat so that we can contact them in the future. Thank God! Through these two months of visits, I have come to understand that there are quite a few Christians from China who believe in the Lord here, as well as some brothers and sisters who believe in the Lord in the Belo Church. Most of them rarely attend the church's Sunday gatherings and do not have a normal church life. The reasons can be summarized into the following five points:

1. The stores are open for long hours, including on weekends, and there are few holidays throughout the year. This is common among believers and non-believers alike.

2. The religious situation of churches in China is relatively complicated. In some places, house churches do not have preachers to pastor them, and the teachings of churches that do have preachers are deviant. These factors may cause believers to not understand the significance of fellowship and Sunday gatherings, but, rather, used to living their Christian lives alone. Especially believers from domestic churches, some of them said that their parents sent them to the church to be baptized when they were young, and they did not have a normal church fellowship life after growing up. They think they are also Christians who believe in Jesus. But when I talked to them about the Bible, I found that they knew very little about the Bible's teachings. They were unable to discern the fallacies of the LGBTQ movement, and even generally believed that Catholics and Christians would be able to meet in heaven in the future. Some believers said that they were dragged to meetings to be baptized when they were in school, but they were not clear about why they were baptized. These believers generally have little interest in attending Sunday gatherings. This is the situations I understood. If we can help them attend church meetings, we also need to give them opportunities to learn fundamental truths and reorganize their faith.

3. Due to Covid 19, gatherings have been suspended until now. Some Christians who originally believed in the Lord at Belo Church stopped gathering during the pandemic

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and never returned to church again.

4. Some Christians have been away from the church body for a long time, and have become used to being free and feeling content and lazy. They do not value their spiritual needs and are unwilling to return to the church to live a normal fellowship life.

5. Some believers think that the Belo Church is small and they still gather at the Brazilian church. These factors make them unwilling to return to the Belo Church.

Judging from the above five points, the church still has a lot of work to do and must have long-term plans to continue to carry out caring and visiting ministries. May the Lord continue to show His grace, protection and guidance!

(IV) There are faithful pastoral leaders to lead and help. The day after I preached on my first Sunday, Sister Ye Dan asked me how I felt about the message I shared yesterday. I responded that I was a little nervous. She said everyone was praying for me. I was grateful! It turns out that I am not serving alone. There are faithful pastors and leaders behind me, and brothers and sisters in the Lord who silently pray for me and support me. Rev Luo also often called me to comfort me, encourage me, guide my service, and remind me to keep in touch with my wife and children at home even with all my serving. The timely care and guidance from these spiritual leaders and seniors make me feel at ease, and are the reason why I can carry out my ministry smoothly at Belo Church. May the Lord remember them. Because of their faithful service, I was able to see the grace of the Lord. The Lord's hand has never left me, nor has it left Belo Church.

(V) I have a wife who silently supports my service. She has been silently supporting me in my studies at the seminary for the past few years. This time I went to Belo Church to serve, and my wife also silently supported me, allowing me to serve with peace of mind. I also have two daughters who have believed in the Lord. They obey their parents at home and take care of their younger brother. They are good helpers to their parents. The grace of the Lord and the hand of the Lord have never left my home in the past and present, and will never leave in the future. I firmly believe in this. This is the reason why I can still serve with peace of mind far away in another state. Thank the Lord!

The above are five reflections on my short two months of service at Belo Church. When you add it up, the ministry I have done is not much and is very limited. There is still a lot of work I need to do in the future, but the Lord allows me to receive more of His grace first. Thank the Lord! May the Lord bless the church that He established and preserved on earth! He also guards my heart and thoughts, drawing me to seek His face and His power every day, opening my mind and my eyes every day, allowing me to see the Lord's hand and the Lord's grace! With faith strengthened, we are willing to take up our own cross and follow the Lord, working and walking with Him! Amen!

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank the Lord. Through fellowship and sharing with Pastor Adriaan, Pastor Alex Ko had received a lot of useful information and encouragement. Please ask the the Lord to continue to lead Pastor Lyndon and his team in the Gospel work in Polokwane and use them to shepherd local believers and the Gospel.
2. Thank God for leading several young brothers and sisters to enter the University of Pretoria in the new school year. Pastor Ko asked the Lord to lead them to form a group and hope to contact other Chinese students through this to carry out Gospel work.
3. Easter is approaching, and Pastor Ko and his coworkers are planning Gospel Sundays and evangelistic activities. May the Lord use their ministry to attract more Gospel friends.
4. Please pray for Ps. You's service in the Belo Horizonte Chinese Church and his family in St. Paul.
5. Pray for the guitar class teachers and students at the Belo church.
6. Also pray for Claudia and her assistant Daniela who are looking for a Chinese teacher as they want to learn Chinese.
7. Pray for CIM Canada coworker Janice in Ghana as she continues with her ministry after her maternity leave. Pray that she can find balance between her work with CIM, schooling and caring for Lucy. Pray for her residence permit renewal and indefinite residence application to be approved in a timely manner. Pray for the planning of her home assignment in Canada from June-September.
8. Pray for the STM team from First Alliance Church that will travel to Ghana over Easter. Pray for Pastor Isaac's trip to Australia in April as he speaks at various churches in the Sydney area to update and promote CIM Ministries.
9. Pray for guidance and direction for their next steps for their Roma Ministry. Pray for the planning of sending an exploratory STM team to North Macedonia and Serbia in September.
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.

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