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Growing Together in Change

~ Minister Yau

Time flies, and I have been serving in Belo Horizonte Church for six months without realizing it. Thank God for His protection and guidance! The grace of the Lord is beyond description! I would like to share here some of the lessons I have learned from my four months of service in the Church under the leadership of Rev Loo:

- 1. The Gospel visiting ministry needs the support of resources such as leaflets, newspapers and periodicals related to the Gospel. The church has long-term plans and goals for the Caring ministry and Gospel visiting ministry. The Caring ministry is mainly for believers. At present, the focus is to care for and counsel believers, consolidate their faith, and guide those who have strayed from the group to return to the church for gatherings. The Gospel visiting Ministry is mainly for the unbelieving Chinese expats group. We must continue to go deep into this group to do the Gospel preparatory work of deep cultivation and deep preaching. The church will continue to pray for this ministry every week. Thank the Lord for His guidance! My visiting ministry during this period has basically been carried out smoothly. Every time I went to the streets, I could visit many Chinese expats shops, owners without any incidents. The only regret is that the church currently has no Gospel leaflets, newspapers and periodicals related to the Gospel to provide for them to read. May the Lord provide!
- 2. Set up a guitar class to train worship service personnel. Since the Sunday afternoon gathering of Belo Church can only be held in the local Brazilian church, there is no free activity venue for rehearsal during the week, and the worship choir has been delayed. The church also lacks people who can play instruments skillfully. Thank the Lord! This year, some young Christians are interested in learning guitar instruments. After consultation, the co-workers decided to set up a guitar class for them to learn. Currently, there are six young Christians participating in the study. The church also continues to pray for them.
- 3. Offer a course on fundamental truths and encourage new believers to participate in the study. It is very necessary to offer this course. Because the Internet is well developed today, some believers like to watch some sermons and testimonies of Internet celebrities on the Internet alone, but they are unwilling to spend time reading the Bible. They are not familiar with the Bible, lack spiritual discernment, and are easily misled and blindly follow bad information. In addition, some believers in the church have not taken the course on fundamental truths. A brother who has been a Christian for a long time said that he likes to listen to the sermons and testimonies of a domestic Internet celebrity named "Dongfang Yue". I later found out from the Internet that Dongfang Yue is a speaker of the Grace Gospel heretical church and belongs to the extreme Charismatic sect. She herself is deeply influenced by Gan Jianxin, who is the ancestor of the prosperity theology. So I told this brother these facts, hoping to guide him away from Dongfang Yue's influence. He is now also attending this course. The church also continues to pray for the learning of the online gatherings during the week. Thank
- 4. Carry out a planned daily Bible reading activity. The activity aims to help believers establish a good habit of daily Bible reading, become familiar with and be able to follow the teachings of the Bible, and improve the realm of spiritual life. This activity initiative has received positive responses and support from coworkers, who expressed their willingness to participate in this activity and set a good example. Thank the Lord! The church has established a new Bible reading group for this purpose, encouraging believers to actively participate in group Bible reading activities. This plan starts from Genesis, and one chapter of the Bible is read every day. The Bible reading time can be freely arranged within the day according to personal actual conditions; use a mobile phone to record and send a report to the group. Those who cannot record can send a text message to the group to report the completion of the Bible reading. I have posted relevant articles in the group in advance on the various benefits of daily planned Bible reading and suggestions on reading methods. I suggest that everyone read them carefully before reading the Bible. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work greatly, show grace and attract more people to participate in this activity, and speak to our hearts every day through the precious revelations in the Bible!
- 5. Prepare to receive the short-term mission (STM) team from Canada led by Pastor Huang. Professor Liu Ke, a short-term missions coworker, informed us of the mission plan several months ago and had sufficient communication with us. He and Pastor Huang's STM of five people plan to come to Belo again in July to carry out preaching. The church continues to pray for the team every week. Rev Loo also discussed the reception matters with his colleagues in advance at the coworkers' meeting. In addition, according to the needs of young people, the small meeting plans to ask Sister Jeniffer, a short-term missions co-worker who holds parent-child lectures for parents, to see if she can add a lecture on how to get rid of bad Internet addiction. Sister Guiying has already booked a hotel, and Brother Wang, who returned to church last Sunday, expressed his willingness to take over the service of picking up and dropping off the short-term missions team at the airport. Thank the Lord!

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Once again, I give thanks to the Lord for the above ministries! Belo Church still has a lot of important work to do. For example, the registration of the church, finding a new gathering place, etc. We believe that the Lord will open the way and prepare! In addition, due to factors such as limited gathering venues and time, Christians in the youth fellowship cannot participate in Sunday worship and listen to sermons normally, and have been arranged to attend Sunday school in another classroom. This situation is not conducive to the growth of young Christians and needs to be changed. The above work that has yet to be completed faces a lot of challenges in faith. We believe that this is an opportunity given by the Lord for us to grow together. May the Lord reign in Belo Church, protect and lead us to continue to grow in learning the truth and serving, so that we can work and walk with the Lord! Amen!

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

- 1. Thank God for leading Pastor Ko and his wife Nicole to meet new gospel friends in Polokwane and establish relationships with them. Pray that the Lord will continue to lead them to lead the local pastoral and gospel work.
- 2. Thank God for leading the ministry in Pretoria to continue. Through the needs of the brothers and sisters, Pastor Ko and Nicole encourage them to open Sunday evening worship there. Pray that the Lord will attract brothers and sisters to worship the Lord together.
- 3. Please pray for the student fellowship at Pretoria University as it is difficult for all students to attend. May the Lord continue to protect and guide the development of the ministry, strengthen the hearts of brothers and sisters, and allow gospel friends to know the Lord in fellowship.
- 4. Please pray for the pastoral care ministry of Pastor You at the Belo Horizonte Church. May God give him more loving kindness and more wisdom. And protect his family in São Paulo.
- 5. Attendance of the Joint Spiritual Retreat at Sao Paulo for the young people of the Belo Church.
- 6. Pray that God will prepare a place for the Belo Church to have its own gathering place.
- 7. Pray for guidance and direction for our next steps for CIM Canada's Roma Ministry. Pray for the planning of sending a STM team to North Macedonia and Serbia scheduled for September 14-October 7. If interested, please contact at cimcanadaoffice@gmail.com
- 8. Pray for the pastors and teachers that CIM Canada support in Ghana. Pray for fruitful ministry and God's provision for each pastor's family needs. Pray for the planning of a STM trip to Ghana from October 16-November 2. If interested, please contact at cimcanadaoffice@gmail.com.
- 9. Pray for the finances of CIM Canada Ministries. The economic situation in Canada may become very unstable with the uncertainty of a tariff trade war with the US resulting possibly with less donors. Pray for new donors and a healthy general fund to run their ministries. Praise God that their financial situation has improved over the last year. In order to run our ministries effectively, they are currently seeking monthly donors. They encourage donors to give to our General Fund so we can distribute the money according to the greatest needs. Click here to donate.
- 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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FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2025

	<u>Income</u>	Expense	Balance
General	\$13,680	\$6,788	\$6,892
Missions	\$19,522	\$19,107	\$415
Total	\$33,202	\$25,895	\$7,307

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