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Every Crisis is an Opportunity for the Good News

~Pastor Alex Ko
CIM South Africa Field

“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come....”but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:6, 13–14.

The year 2026 began with the world filled with war and rumors of war. In this age of the internet and globalization, even those thousands of miles away feel the impact to varying degrees. In the past few years, pandemics, wars, and social unrest have occurred frequently, much like the end-times scenario described by the Lord Jesus. In such an atmosphere, we may feel some unease and anxiety about the future. However, thanks be to the Lord's words, which bring us comfort and reminder: "...see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen." The Lord will surely save us in this environment and give us the opportunity to share the Gospel and witness to all nations during this crisis.

Looking back a few years, we experienced the COVID-19 pandemic together. At that time, many uncontrollable situations arose, and even basic outings were restricted, greatly impacting our lives and ministry. But thank God, He always provides a way out, enabling us to continue meeting online, sharing the Gospel, and serving.

At that time, we shared the Gospel online with two friends in a neighboring country (Zambia). They both later came to faith and participated in online Sunday worship and small groups; one of them even traveled to South Africa to be baptized. Although the pandemic ended several years ago and everything has gradually returned to normal, our online Sunday worship still has eight brothers and sisters participating, most of whom live in areas without Chinese churches. We thank the Lord for the opportunities the pandemic brought, allowing us to spread the Gospel further and serve more people.

Similarly, in 2021, although everyone faced difficulties during the pandemic, we still encouraged our brothers and sisters to go out and practice the Lord's love, to help those in need, and to invite fellow believers to participate through charitable work. Later, we began supporting an orphanage run by a Black sister. Initially, we only provided supplies and care, but later a sister involved in the Bob Tutor ministry joined us. Under the Lord's step-by-step guidance, we eventually installed solar power and internet access in a place that previously lacked water and electricity, through God's provision. We also collaborated with overseas teachers to provide English, math, and computer courses for local students. All the brothers and sisters involved, fellow believers, and even local officials witnessed God's miraculous work and gave glory to Him.

In Luke 16:1–13, the Lord Jesus told the parable of the "wise but unrighteous steward." The steward, about to be dismissed by his master, did something wise: in his predicament, he didn't just worry about his future, but also knew how to seize opportunities and make good use of the resources at his disposal. May the Lord also help us to frequently see the opportunities He places before us and the resources He has given us, and to know how to make the most of them.

In recent years, due to the economic downturn, many Chinese have gone abroad to seek opportunities, and we have seen a growing number of Chinese coming to South Africa, with many families even bringing their children to study here. This has given us more opportunities to share the Gospel. Several new friends have also joined our youth basketball ministry. Every Easter, we participate in competitions organized by the local Chinese community with young people. This

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year, we added a secondary school team, several of whom have also expressed interest in joining the youth fellowship.

Additionally, for some primary school students who have just arrived in South Africa and have weak English skills, we are preparing to open children's English classes at the church, hoping that the children can stay to attend Sunday school after class. We also happen to have one sister with tutoring experience who is willing to teach the English classes. We thank the Lord for giving us these opportunities to share the Gospel; and we pray that the Lord will use these ministries to lead these children and families to know Him.

In the early church, there was a touching story: When the Apostle Peter was persecuted in Rome, the believers urged him to leave, so Peter decided to flee. However, just as he left Rome, he suddenly saw a man walking towards Rome in the distance—that man was Jesus. Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "I am going to Rome." Hearing this, Peter understood the Lord's will, so he turned back to Rome and bravely faced the persecution.

In this turbulent and chaotic world, may we see more clearly the direction the Lord wants to lead us in, and may the Lord give us the courage to follow Him. Amen!

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

1. Please pray that the Lord will guide pastor Alex Ko in conducting one-on-one faith classes with seekers. Two new seekers have already agreed to attend, each class lasting about 2 hours. He and his coworkers need to arrange the time well. Pray that the Lord will help them and that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of seekers.
2. Pray that the Lord will lead the believers in PECCC in edification and enable the brothers and sisters to be more actively involved in service, including worship gathering leading and English translation. Also pray that the Lord will prepare suitable teachers and educators, and that the Lord will provide committed brothers and sisters.
3. Please pray that the Lord will guide the development of their ministry in Polokwane. The number of friends and brothers and sisters they need to visit is gradually increasing, and they will allocate more time there this year. Pray that the Lord will help them to wisely plan and utilize their ministry.
4. Belo Church will hold a spiritual retreat from April 3rd to 5th at the Baptist Training Center. Please pray for them.
5. Please pray for the Bible study that will resume on Thursday evenings.
6. As circumstances changed, please continue to pray for finding a new meeting place for Belo church.
7. 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 for peace talks and for a ceasefire. Through it all, people in the Roma villages are still getting baptized and dedicating their lives to Jesus. The challenge for the churches is that many young men are fleeing the country.
8. Pray for the finances of Canada CIM Ministries. The economic situation in the country may become very unstable with the uncertainty of a tariff trade war with the U.S. resulting possibly with less donors. Pray for new donors and a healthy general fund to run our ministries.
9. Please pray for Rev Isaac Quan of CIM Canada. He collapsed on the street one night in late February, and doctors diagnosed him with an attack on his immune system. He returned to the hospital after feeling unwell following discharge. He has been admitted to a specialized care facility to better address his ongoing medical needs and continued brain fog.
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

Feb 2026

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$6,587	\$2,585	\$4,002
Missions	\$4,586	\$8,724	-\$4,138
Total	<u>\$11,173</u>	<u>\$11,309</u>	-\$136

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