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Saying Yes to the God Who Sends

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“Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ‘Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.’”—Jonah 3:1-2

In December 2025, I had the privilege of attending Urbana 25. Held every three years, the Urbana conference has challenged generations of students and believers to consider God’s global mission. For me, this conference was far more than another Christian gathering—it marked a return to a significant place in my own spiritual journey.

The first time I attended Urbana was in 2003 as a college student. During that season, God began awakening in me a deeper burden for overseas missions. At the time, I did not fully understand what that burden would mean or where it would lead. Yet I sensed that missions was not merely a special program of the church, but part of the very heart of God. More than twenty years later, I returned to Urbana not only as a believer, but also as a youth counselor and member of CIM. This time, I listened with a different burden in my heart: “Lord, how can we help the next generation hear Your voice and obey Your call?”

The primary biblical focus of Urbana 25 was the book of Jonah. Jonah is often remembered as the reluctant prophet who fled from God’s calling. Yet the book is also a powerful testimony to God’s compassion, patience, and sovereignty. Jonah heard the word of the Lord but chose to go in the opposite direction (Jonah 1:1–3). Even so, God continued working through Jonah’s disobedience. The Lord sent the storm, appointed the great fish, recommissioned Jonah, showed mercy to Nineveh, and continued shaping Jonah’s own heart (Jonah 1:4, 1:17; 3:10; 4:10–11).

This reminded me that missions never begin with human strategy. Missions begin with the God who speaks, sends, pursues, and saves. We may form committees, raise funds, support missionaries, and organize ministries—all of which are important. But unless the Lord moves, our labor bears no lasting fruit. As Scripture reminds us, “*Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain*” (Psalm 127:1).

One recurring message throughout Urbana was simple: say “yes” and take the next step. That call spoke to me personally, but it also deepened my burden for the next generation. In youth ministry, many young people do not lack passion; rather, they lack guidance, encouragement, and a clear pathway forward. They wrestle with honest questions: “Am I ready?” “What if I fail?” “What will my parents think?” “How will I support myself?” “What if God calls me somewhere difficult?”

These questions should not be dismissed. Instead, we must disciple young people patiently and biblically. Jesus did not call His disciples because they were fully prepared. He called them to follow Him, and He shaped them along the journey. As He later declared, “*As the Father has sent me, I am sending you*” (John 20:21). The call to mission is not ultimately a call to confidence in ourselves, but confidence in the One who sends us.

As I reflected on Urbana, I also thought about CIM’s ministries in Brazil and South Africa. We thank God for the doors He has opened among Chinese communities through worship services, Bible studies, youth ministry, gospel meetings, basketball outreach, visitation, and children’s ministry. We are also grateful for the broader CIM family, including CIM Canada’s ministry partners in places such as Ghana, where God continues to work through faithful servants of the Gospel. Whether in Brazil, South Africa, Ghana, Togo, Ukraine or other mission fields, the same truth remains: God is already at work before we arrive.

The book of Jonah also confronts our hearts. Jonah struggled not because God lacked justice, but because God’s mercy extended further than Jonah desired. The Lord asked him, “*Should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh?*” (Jonah 4:11). Missions requires more than activity; it requires hearts transformed by God’s compassion and visions broadened by His purposes. We must ask Him to help us love the people He loves—including “those who are distant from us geographically, culturally, spiritually, or emotionally.”

This is especially important as we minister to and care for the next generation. Young people need to see that missions is not only about going overseas. It is about joining

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the mission of God wherever He places us and remaining willing to go wherever He sends us. The Great Commission calls us to “make disciples of all nations,” teaching them to obey all that Christ commanded (Matthew 28:18–20). Paul likewise reminds us that the goal is to “*present everyone fully mature in Christ*” (Colossians 1:28–29). Missions and discipleship, therefore, must never be separated.

When I attended Urbana in 2003, God planted a burden in my heart for overseas missions. At Urbana 25, He renewed that burden with deeper conviction: we must help others hear God’s call and respond in obedience. May CIM continue to remain faithful in praying, sending, supporting, discipling, and encouraging workers for the harvest field. May we help the next generation say “yes”—not merely to a place, a task, or a title, but to the Lord Himself.

May the Lord raise up more workers for His harvest, and may Christ be glorified among all nations.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

1. Thanks be to the Lord some local brothers and sisters have shown concern for the needs of the Chinese gospel and are willing to work with Minister Alex Ko and his team to care for and visit these children. Through basketball ministry and children's English classes, new students have been brought in, and the ministry has extended to youth fellowships and children's Sunday school. May the Lord increase the wisdom of the teachers, provide the necessary resources, ensure the safety of each activity, lead these children to know the Lord, and bring the gospel into their homes.
2. Please pray that the Lord will protect and guide Victor and Jenny as disciples, strengthen their hearts in service, and provide for all their needs.
3. Please continue to pray for Minister Ko and his team's 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. They also have online personal guidance and prayer sessions during the week. Ask the Lord to help them to be wiser in all their arrangements.
4. From June 3rd to 14th, Rev Jorge Loo and his wife will be on a short-term mission trip to Belém. They will be collaborating with a Canadian medical team. Please lift up your prayers for this trip.
5. Please ask the Lord to raise up more co-workers for the Belo Church.
6. Also please pray for the growth of the church's youth fellowship.
7. Continue to pray for CIM Canada's ministry partners in Ukraine, Togo and Ghana. Pray especially for peace in Ukraine and for the global economy that is greatly affecting all countries and impacting the livelihoods of many.
8. Pray for the finances of CIM Canada. Pray for new donors and a healthy general fund to run our ministries. In order to run our ministries effectively, we are currently seeking monthly donors. We encourage donors to give to our General Fund so we can distribute the funds where the needs are the greatest.
9. Please pray earnestly for healing for CIM Canada's executive director, Rev. Isaac Quan who has been hospitalized for some time now. His medical team is hoping to start chemotherapy soon.
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

April 2026

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$14,029	\$4,691	\$9,338
Missions	\$16,595	\$17,183	-\$588
Total	\$30,624	\$21,874	\$8,750

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