

Douglas Wu Family Prayer Letter

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Psalm 90:1-6 “1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.” A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death- they are like the new grass of the morning: In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.”

This month’s ministry experience is very unusual. It’s like going through the four phases of life -- birth, senility, illness, and death! First, a student died accidentally. Twenty-six-year-old Liu Shao Wei came to South Africa to study from Liao-Ning, China. He also worked for a Chinese Printing company as an English translator. He’s been there for only two months, the factory’s transformer box exploded and killed both the owner and him. Jesus had said, “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul ?” After the incident, a student named Zhang Ming, who was taught by Minister Liu Qi (retired CIM missionary), called for help on behalf of Liu Shao-Wei’s mother. She is Sho-Wei’s only surviving family member who came all the way to South Africa to care for her son’s postmortem matters. Originally, I did not think that the mother of the deceased would be a Christian! I made up my mind to preach a Gospel message during funeral service. I even asked the Lord for help! But after the service, Liu Shao-Wei’s mother told us about the Lord’s prayer she learned in Liao-Ning province, and it is a practice for the sisters to cover their heads. She asked if her God is the same as ours. We, of course, consented. After knowing that her son had sought the Truth from Minister Liu Qi, Mrs. Liu smiled with hope while wiping her tears.



Liu Shao-wei’s funeral service PECCC’s offertory

Remembering Old Mrs. Mok

Following that, while we attended an OMF prayer meeting in Pretoria, Theo Scott, an eighty-four year old missionary, missed a step while he went down-stairs. In result, his hip bone fractured into three pieces and was sent for intensive care. Thank the Lord for His care and healing, the surgery went well. His rehabilitation process will take at least six months. Moreover, Douglas’s younger brother, Yuan-chiang, age 47, due to abnormal heartbeat, went through a catheter ablation procedure at Taipei Veteran General Hospital. We were told the surgery took place on August 15th did not go well. He still feels that his heart stops from time to time! While Douglas is writing this prayer letter, our oldest member, Mrs. Mok (age 88), had gone with the Lord. [Psalm 90:10](#) “Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. [Psalm 90:13-14](#) Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.”

Eden Joy Choir, a group of blind Taiwanese singers and musicians came for a visit. They brought heavenly gospel songs to us. They are not only specially gifted from the Lord, their hearts are filled with the presence of God. They are the best witnesses for seeing the Lord with the hearts. Douglas was very impressed with their sensitivity to audible sounds, God's voice, as well as others' feelings! Their life testimonies manifested through their service. Our brothers and sisters were greatly encouraged. They made an indelible mark on our students. Blessings and sense of missions were evident which made an profound impact on us.



Eden Joy Choir

PECCC's 14th Anniversary

Gordy at Rustenburg Fellowship

By God's grace, PECCC has gone through 14 years, and He continued to send His servants to pastor the church. Though PECCC was without deacons for four years, neither had we the chance to install elders, but the Lord granted many faithful, God-loving, and humble coworkers. They served diligently and quietly for years. During our Anniversary celebration, Douglas was asked to cut the cake. Whitney and Douglas are deeply grateful for this honor.

John Gordy, a Southern Baptist Chinese Mission board member, paid us a visit in South Africa. He came to know us through a brother in Christ in the US. While John was here, he took a special trip to our Rustenburg Fu-qing Fellowship. We were all impressed with his fluent Chinese. After the meeting, he promised the Fellowship that he'll visit them again before he take off from South Africa in early September! Whitney and I earnestly pray that the Southern Baptist Chinese Missions will send out missionaries for the gospel work in South Africa some day.

There was also a happy occasion this month -- wedding of Brother Huang Zelei and Sister Shao Jing, a beautiful testimony. The newly weds were baptized by Minister Liu Qi in 2008, started to pray for a civil marriage in 2009, and finally united in one this month. They dedicated their matrimony to God as a way to testify His goodness. The Huangs are the first to marry in Rustenburg Fu-qing Fellowship who set a good example to the rest. Even though they are from Gui Zhou, not Fu-qing, they fit in the fellowship well and were well received. The wedding was a blessings to every one who attended.



“Let Your work appear to Your servants And Your majesty to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands ; Yes, confirm the work of our hands.” In the midst of their busyness, Douglas and Whitney truly

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THANKSGIVING

- 1、 Thank the Lord for His guidance in this month's ministries which allowed us to value our lives even more because we are in His hands.
- 2、 We thank the Lord for our brothers and sisters who gave themselves to the ministries and proclaim the Gospel in one accord.
- 3、 Thank God for many safe journeys in South Africa.
- 4、 Pray and thank God for tougher crime control and better public safety enforced by the South African police department, so that we may live in peace.

SUPPLICATION

- 1、 Please pray that sky-rocketing gasoline price in South Africa will come down soon. May the Lord grant our leaders and authorities governing wisdom.
- 2、 Please pray for South African transportation department's new policy in collecting .40 Rand from each motor-vehicle traveling 55 Km one-way between Johannesburg and Pretoria on super highways.
- 3、 Please pray for the family retreat at the end of this year. Brothers and sisters of Chicago New Light Christian Church and Rev. Wenhui Gong's family, a total of 8, will lead the Retreat. May the Lord bless our recruiting effort.
- 4、 Chinese Christian Church and Rustenburg Fu-qing Fellowship plans to register as non-profit organizations. May the Lord open the way for us, and our registrations will be pleasing to Him.
- 5、 South Africa is in need of missionaries. May the Lord of harvest send His own labors.
- 6、 Pray for Clarence's piano third-level audition, Sharon's third-quarter final examines, and Helen's math enrichment program. May the Lord grant them wisdom and strength, so that they will experience God's grace in their studies.

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