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South Africa Prayer letter (8/2017)

Dear Prayer Partners,

Praise the Lord! Our outreach in Mooi River came to harvest! Sister Kuo was baptized on the first Sunday of July! We had the opportunity of meeting Sister Kuo about four years ago. We gave her gospel tracts and music DVD's and kept sporadic contacts with her. Due to her busy schedule in assisting her husband in the big business, we could only visit her and her husband once in a while. The progress might seem slow, but in due time, the seed began to sprout and came to fruition.

Sister Kuo is an extremely smart and capable person. She used to be so confident of her own ability that she believed there was nothing impossible to her. However, when her daughter was sick and the doctors were unable to help, she felt powerless for the first time in her life. At that point, she turned to God. Her daughter experienced God's divine power and was healed; she accepted Jesus as her personal Savior. However, Sister Kuo still had reservations as she had some questions needed to be answered; her work soon occupied her life, and her quest for truth was set aside. We appeared at their factory when she felt deeply isolated. God called on her again through our encounters. We shared with her numerous testimonies of God's love and faithfulness; we prayed for her; we continued to nurture the seed of the gospel to grow. We were so excited when she decided to be baptized! The key to mission is being faithful, whether circumstances look hopeful or not. The Lord only asks for our faithfulness; and He will make things beautiful in His time! There are people around you who need to know the truth. Like the Ethiopian eunuch, he needs you to be as obedient to the Lord as Philip. Would you be willing to go?

There are around 400,000 Chinese in South Africa. After twenty years of evangelistic efforts of many missionaries, ministries were established in different towns and cities. Nevertheless, the number of missionaries was not enough to care for all the existing churches and fellowships. As a result, we need to be on the road 2/3 of the time every month. Who would come to share the load? Please pray for more workers in this mission field.

Sister Miao was transferred to Lesotho soon after she was baptized last year. She came back for a short time last month. We chatted with her after worship service and were happy to notice her spiritual growth. Despite the difficulties in attending church, she is able to sustain and grow in her faith through diligent learning over the internet. She shared with us that she overcame

many pressure and hardship in work through prayer. She is so thankful to have Christ in her life as her refuge. We could see it in her eyes the confidence of a “seasoned sailor.” She is also grateful that her husband is very supportive of her faith. Since he had a higher educational background, he would search out Christian literature and explain them to her. As she will be returning to Lesotho by the end of this month, we gave her a reference Bible for more in-depth study. Please pray for the salvation of her husband, Mr. Ding. The joy of mission is seeing people grasp the essence of the gospel and lives being transformed.

Prayer Requests:

1. May the Lord send more workers to South Africa.
2. Please pray for the salvation of Sister Kuo and Sister Miao’s husbands.
3. We thank God for leading us to move into a new apartment close to the Cape Town university campus. May the Lord guide us in establishing the student ministry in Cape Town.
4. Please pray for the on-going Bible study meetings in northern Cape Town and in Stellenbosch.
5. Please pray for Newcastle’s Bible study meetings on the first two Thursday and Friday evenings as well as day time one-on-one discipleship trainings. May our brothers and sisters grow in faith and love.
6. Please continue to pray for the seekers in Durban that they will accept the Lord as their personal Savior.
7. Please continue to pray for our safety as we travel to different cities and towns.

In His service,
Ko-Ta & Christina