

## 2025 Campinas, Brazil, Short-Term Mission (STM) Report – CCACA MAT

Pastor Tony and Mrs. Barbara Ng have completed the Campinas (Brazil) STM trip between February 26 and April 4, 2025. This STM trip was

responded to the Chinese Christian Alliance Churches Association's (CCACA) Mission Assistance Team (MAT) ministry and was spiritually and financially supported by Winnipeg Chinese Alliance Church

(WCAC), and individual brothers and sisters. We would like to give thanks to our Lord, CCACA MAT, WCAC and our supported brothers and sisters.



Campinas Chinese Church (CCC)

Campinas, Brazil, is located approximately 100 km northwest of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and has over 1 million population including a few thousand Chinese. The Campinas Chinese Church (CCC) is

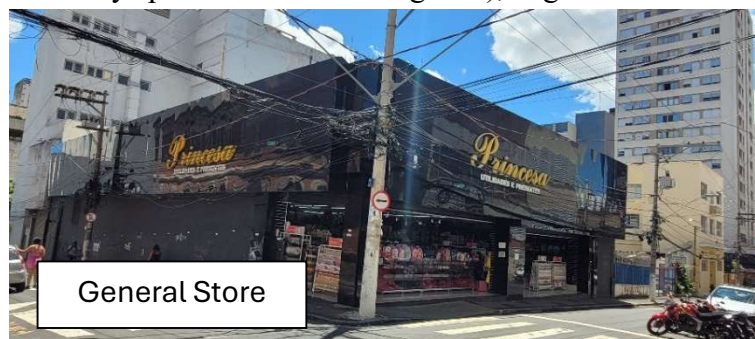


Cell Phone Accessory and Repairs Shop

located in the central areas (such as the old downtown areas in many Canada cities) of Campinas, about an area of 1.5 km square. Within this area, there may be over 60 shops operated by Chinese people, many of them speak in Cantonese, who were from Canton Province, and some speak in Mandarin who were from other provinces of China and Taiwan. These shops include

restaurants and bars, general stores (like Dollarama in Canada, but smaller scale and only specializes in certain goods), bags and shoes shops, cell phone accessory and repairs, flower shops, internet shopping agents, hardware store, and others. They open from 8 am to 7 pm, Monday to Saturday.

Restaurants and bars could be from 7 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week, which could affect the owners attending the Sunday evening 6 pm services.



General Store

During this period, Tony and Barbara served at CCC as their pastor and our ministries included preaching and teaching, visitations of the congregations and non-believers, providing workshop and training to develop local leaders and brothers and sisters, sharing Gospel to the local unchurch Chinese, and shepherding the needs. There was an opportunity for a small-town (Piracicaba) visitation ministry but was cancelled due to the conflict with the Children Open House program.

The following are our weekly activities when we served at CCC between February 26 and April 4, 2025:

- Sundays: Sunday Worship service for CCC is started at 6:00 pm, then with Love Feast and clean up between 7:30 – 9:00 pm. I was arranged to preach on the Sundays of March 2, 16 and 30, 2025, and Rev. Jospeh Sze of Sao Paulo preached on March 9 and 23, 2025.

6:00 pm Sunday Worship



Love Feast



Rev. Jospeh Sze

- March 30, Sunday, CCC Children Open House: CCC decided to conduct a Children Open House on the last Sunday of each month (from March to June), at 10:00 am to noon, to provide community service for the children (6 to 12 years old). This included singing children hymns, learning Chinese words, Bible stories, snacks and crafts. March 30 was the first

March 30 Children Open House



one. During the children's activities, I have prepared a SOBEM (恩雨之聲) video with a short sharing with the parents who stayed behind for their



SOBEM (恩雨之聲) Video



kids. Lots of them are non-believers. A couple of them were moved by the video testimony.

- Mondays: There was a regular bi-weekly (2nd and 4th Monday) sharing conducted by Rev. Shum (岑廣河牧師) in Cantonese which was cancelled in March due to Rev. Shum was on a mission trip. This provided me an opportunity to conduct a five (5) Monday evening talks in March, at 9:30 – 11:00 pm, through Zoom, on Hebrew Chapter 1, including the Introduction (Heb 1:1-4) and Jesus, Son of God, in respect to God's attributes (Heb 1:4-14).
- Tuesdays: No planned church activities. Besides visitations on Tuesdays, we did our grocery shopping.
- Wednesdays: There is a regular bi-weekly (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) Bible Study conducted by Rev. Chan (陳燕華牧師) of BSF, in Mandarin at 9:30 – 10:30pm, through Zoom. I attended the meeting and joined the discussions.
- Thursdays: Prayer meetings at 9:30 – 10:30 pm, through Zoom. I led the prayer meetings with couple hymns, then provided 5 – 10 minutes sharing of a few Bible verses. Afterward, we shared our needs and prayed together.
- Fridays: 1) Young Adult fellowship gathering in-person at 7:00 – 9:00 pm on alternative Friday evenings



and could be led by Pastor Joel (a local Brazilian-Japanese pastor) or Youth group leaders. I have opportunities to know some of the young adults through this gathering, and understand their career and living.

2) We also have Sunday Worship team practices at 10:30 – 12:00 mid-night. Sometimes we joined them to sing along and praise our Lord.

- Saturdays: Based on the five (5) books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Zechariah and Malachi, I prepared four talks of the Jews Return from Captivity, including a brief introduction of the books mentioned above, at 9:30 – 11:00 pm, through Zoom. Please note that all the above noted weekly Zoom meetings, there are brothers and sisters who live in different cities (in Piracicaba, São Paulo, and Rio de Janeiro,) joined these Zoom meetings regularly.



Sunday Worship Team

- Daily visitations: During the week, Barbara and I conducted daily visitations for the local Chinese, including the CCC congregations and non-believers. As mentioned above, this area is about 1.5 km square, therefore, we walked within the area for our visitations.



Congregation Visit

March was the summer in Brazil. We usually do couple visitations per day, 10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 6 pm, to avoid the hot temperatures. We walked 8,000 to over 10,000 steps per day.

The purposes of these visits could be divided into the congregations and non-believers. For the congregations, we wanted to know them better, listen to them, their joy and difficulties, provide encouragement and

confirm their faith if needed, pray for their business in this poor economic situation, their illness and their spouse if he/she is a non-believer, and remind them to join the church activities. For non-believers, we shared the reasons for our STM, tried to know them better with multi-visits, told them about Jesus and invited them to accept Him as their Lord and Saviour if they are willing to listen, invited them to join the church activities, especially the March 30 Children Open House. At the end of each

visitation, we left a small booklet from gointl (華傳雙月刊) and gave them a MP3 device with audio Bible and hymns obtained from CCM (中信). We enjoyed our visitations. Quite often, we easily spent over 1.5 hours per visit and visited 3 to 4 families per day on average.

The above are our general

daily/weekly activities. We also would like to share some blessing moments of this STM trip.



Non-Believers Visit



**Missing luggage – The Lord’s Comfort:** February 27, Thursday, on the day of our arrival, after we settled down at around 3 pm at church, we found out that we mistook one luggage that belonged to other. We were so disappointed, felt bad and didn't know what to do. It is because we could lose our clothing for the whole trip. Barbara and I prayed together for His guidance, comfort and help. The Lord said: ‘Be still and know that I am God; (Ps 46: 10).’ After we connected the church Wi-fi, we sent an email to Air Canada (AC) in GRU, explained our situations, and asked for advice. At the same time, our children called, and we told them about our situation. We felt much better after we talked and prayed with them. By 6 pm. we got a reply from AC and they found our luggage. Praise the Lord and He is in control, He oversees us from this STM journey and comforts us when we lean on Him.

**Pick-up Luggage – He Guide and Protect:** The CCC leaders wanted to take us back to GRU to pick up our missing luggage for we may get lose in return to the airport by our own. Although we



did not feel comfortable to go by our own, we insisted on going back to GRU by bus on our own, so that they could open the shop in the morning as usual. We asked them to provide us with their prayer support. On February 28, Friday, we woke up at 6:30am, (Winnipeg time at 3:30am), early in the morning to start our journey to GRU with the 7:15am bus. It took about 2 hours and arrived GRU Terminal 2 around 9:30am, then we needed to find our way from Terminal 2 to

Terminal 3, and to find the Air Canada luggage damage office to pick up our luggage. After 30-40 minutes walk, we found AC luggage office and picked up our missing luggage. Everything went so smoothly and no questions were asked. Praise the Lord. After that, we could return to Campinas on the same bus, a double-decker bus. This incident reminded me that “It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. Deuteronomy 31:8”

**Ellen Hsu – Walk Together:** March 9, Sunday morning, we walked by a Presbyterian church and heard the hymn singing, then we went in to join their worship even in Portuguese. Because the worship has started, we sat in the second last row not to disturb others. Then, a Chinese (Taiwan) lady at the last row taped on Barbara's back and asked us "Are you Chinese?" This was



how we met Ellen Hsu. This church has over three hundred congregations and she is the only Chinese amount them. Somehow, we sat in front of her and got to know each other. After the service, she invited us to visit another Chinese church in Campinas, Igreja Crista Chinesa de



Igreja Crista Chinesa de Campinas

Campinas (金邊市華僑基督教會) next Sunday. Before we left Campinas, she also invited us to her apartment for lunch. Our God is an amazing God and He provide company to us. “We walked in the house of God with the throng. (Ps 55:14b)

**Dengue Fever and Swollen Foot – Heal the Sicks:** There were a few thunderstorm events during our visit. Mosquitoes appeared after the rains and Dengue fever was very popular in the

summer of Brazil. Dengue fever is a mosquito-borne illness. Mild dengue fever causes a high fever and flu-like symptoms. The severe form of dengue fever can cause serious bleeding, a sudden drop in blood pressure (shock) and death. A few church members were sick with Dengue infection although many of them were infected before. We asked the protection from our Lord and the Divine healing for the sick, especially for an elderly woman she was admitted in the hospital over a week. As an Alliance pastor, I totally believe in Divine Healing and practice in praying for the sick. During this trip, I have opportunities to pray for the sick, including an elderly lady who has lower back pains causing her to have difficulties to walk and sit, and a lady who was diagnosed with a tumor in her brain.

As mentioned above, we walked daily for our visitation. The vicinity areas of CCC are hilly. The sidewalks of these areas used the Portuguese style paving stones and have many uneven or broken spots. After over 2 weeks of walking, Barbara’s right ankle and foot started to swell in a morning. After a day or two, she started to feel pain when she walked. Her foot kept swollen even though she took some anti-inflammatory medicines that we brought with us. We were so afraid that she may have a fracture or broken bone incident. One of the sisters took us to the emergency room to see the doctor. After eight hours of waiting and treatments, with the X-ray results, the doctor concluded that there was no fracture or broken bone. Swollen may cause due to walking too much, or the ankle was twisted due to the uneven and broken paved sidewalk conditions. Even though we were back home at 3am in the morning, and very tired, we were happy and gave thanks to our Lord for His protection. After resting for a week and taking medicines, Barbara’s ankle and foot were healed. PTL.

#### **Pray Items for CCC:**

- Pray for Brazil's economy and the businesses in Campinas, that God would revive the economic conditions in this region.
- Pray for the faithful service of the leaders at Campinas Chinese Church, asking God to grant them unity of heart.
- Pray that the brothers and sisters at Campinas Chinese Church would have willing hearts to follow the Lord and faithfully expand His kingdom.
- Pray for the needs of the pastors at Campinas Chinese Church and for the congregation to love one another.

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