

### **MISSIONS FOCUS**

Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19

# Missions Focus for July: Chinese Christian Mission (CCM)

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Chinese Christian Mission (CCM) Local outreach, literature, multi-media

Our mission focus for July is Chinese Christian Mission (CCM) Their Mission: To spread the Gospel and mobilize Chinese Christians To evangelize (share God's love and message) Headquarters: Petaluma, California

Ministries include:

- 1. Literature/Multi-Media
- 2. Home Missions: New San Leandro Gospel Center opened in January 2023
- 3. Foreign Missions: Long-Term & Short-Term Missionaries (Asia, Central/South America, Europe)

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## Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries, countries and people locally and globally!

### CHINESE CHRISTIAN MISSION

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Dear CCM Partners,

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Peace in the Lord!

Last month, the Bay Area Church Prayer Meeting primarily focused on the financial worries caused by the recent closing of banks in the United States. This topic is to help pastors understand the situation and respond to potential future trends in pastoral care. In sharing, the heaviest thing was not that the banking crisis is seemingly still lingering but that the technology and the white-collar industries have seen significant layoffs of about two hundred thousand people in the last six months and are perhaps facing the possibility of sizable waves of layoffs to follow. And that happened to be the case. Every day, in the news, companies massively lay off people by the thousands, especially in the Bay Area, which is such a tech-intensive employment environment. The auspicious saying during Chinese New Year "Money pouring in (cai yuan guang jin)" has now become a nerve-wrenching line of "Extensive layoffs" (sounds similar in Chinese). Industries' employees carry an invisible burden of "Will I be next"?

It may be an unsettling, shocking, yet inevitable reality, but isn't it also just a test to see if we can apply Christ's teachings of faith? "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:34). Pray for the Lord to help us receive strength from Him and experience His presence as we prepare to walk with Him along with our brothers and sisters on this most challenging journey of faith. Meanwhile, this shock is also a good time for us to let go of our self-reliance and be willing to open ourselves up to reflect on our lives. Let us grab this opportunity to spread the gospel of peace and hope, so our friends can be reborn through adversity and transform predicaments into blessings in the Lord.

Last month, we shared about "1-2-3 Let's Go! Mall Evangelical Campaign" in the Bay Area of Northern California jointly held by many churches and organizations. We expanded to eight shopping malls. CCM South Bay and East Bay Gospel Centers are actively preparing for the coming up events (6/17 and 7/*JS*). Please continue to pray for these events. May the Lord lead more brothers and sisters to join the ranks to spread the gospel.

The mission field in Ecuador, where Derek and Sindy Leung are serving, is encountering social unrest and deteriorating security. There have been kidnaps of Chinese business owners. Please pray for God's mercy to safeguard the brothers and sisters in the local churches and grant them peace.

Finally, we are thankful for your constant intercession and vigilance. Together, let us be steadfast to the mission of evangelism to prepare for the glorious time of the Lord.

Wish you all a Happy Father's Day filled with our Heavenly Father's Love.

Your coworker in Christ,

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Rev. Yao-Kuang Liu General Secretary CCM USA



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由於美國近期銀行接二連三的爆雷引發不少金融憂慮,上個月灣區教牧同工禱告會特別就此安 排一個專題,來幫助教牧們了解現況,對於未來可能發展的趨勢,在牧養上有所應對。在分享 中,最令人感到沉重的,並非銀行危機看似尚未結束,而是科技、白領業界的裁員人數繼過去 半年十幾二十萬之後,接下來還會有可觀數量的浪潮出現。而事實也正是如此,每一天都有這 個公司幾千人、那公司幾萬人的裁員消息。尤其以科技高度密集就業生態的灣區,那句在新年 裡深受華人喜愛的吉祥話「財源廣進」今成為繃緊神經線的「裁員廣盡」,業界人士似乎有個 無形重擔背負在肩上,就怕自己就是下一個。

或許這是無可避免的現實,並且帶來衝擊與不安,但這不也是考驗我們是否能實踐出耶穌所 說:「不要為明天憂慮,因為明天自有明天的憂慮;一天的難處一天當就夠了。」(馬太福音六 34)的信心處境。求主幫助我們,不單單我們自己先要從主那邊得著主仍舊同在的經歷,更要 預備自己成為同行者,陪伴我們的弟兄、姊妹走過這段最艱困的信心之旅。同時,這個衝擊也 是讓人放下自我倚靠,並願意敞開自己去反思生命的時機,讓我們好好抓緊這傳報平安與盼望 福音的契機,讓身邊的福音朋友可以因著主歷經絕處逢生,從困境轉化為祝福。

上個月和您分享的於北加州灣區聯合跨教會、機構的「123 Let's Go!商場傳福音佈道行動」已經拓展至八個商場,中信南灣與東灣福音中心於所負責區域的籌備與帶領都積極進行。本月與下月的時間是6/17與7/15,也請繼續為使福音行動禱告,求主能帶領更多的弟兄姊妹願意一起參與傳報福音的行列。

梁建民與周慧嫦宣教士夫婦所服事的厄瓜多爾工場,近期社會動盪並治安惡化,甚至開始出現有華人老闆被綁架,求主憐憫保守當地教會弟兄姊妹並賜下平安。

最後,謝謝您不斷為我們的代禱與守望,讓我們一起堅守傳福音的使命,預備榮耀時刻。

願祝 父親節快樂 並 飽嚐天父慈愛

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刘耀光

劉耀光牧師敬上 美國中信總幹事 二零二三年六月

