

NEWS UPDATE

加拿大國際華人宣教協會
Chinese International Missions (Canada)

APRIL 12, 2019

Dear CIM friends,

In this month's news update, CIM Canada would like to thank all our donors and supporters. Read from the chairman of our board, Ps. Douglas Wong, as he shares the importance of donors as part of our team:



"This past March marked the 15th year anniversary of CIM Canada registering as an official charity. Today, our vision remains the same "to assist worldwide churches to obey the Great Commission of Jesus Christ" with a purpose "to promote and provide opportunities of cross-cultural missions for churches in North America."



My wife (Jessica) and I joined our first missions trip to Ghana in 2013. I think I speak for the both of us that God broke our hearts that trip and helped us to see people through His eyes. In 2015, I have had the privilege to serve on the board. This year, I have the honor to serve as the Chairman of the Board and Jess is serving as the current administrative assistant.

People often ask me, "Why do you serve in CIM?" My answer is fairly simple: I believe in the vision. I believe in what God is doing here. I believe God is using this ministry to make a difference and to change lives for the better.

Through the years, God has used CIM to change and touch many lives, not only those overseas but the many who participated previously. With the short time I have served, I attest to how CIM is still assisting and challenging churches to obey the Great Commission. Not only in the church I pastor at, but from all the churches who have gone. I hear of the many stories of people's lives being changed from the villages of Ghana and Togo to the Roma settlements in Ukraine.

As you know, CIM Canada is a non-profit charitable organization, meaning we depend on God to provide through generous givers. For anyone that says giving isn't a form of ministry, they're mistaken. Giving is as much of a way of serving as those who go on these trips. You can't have one without the other.



Personally, if it wasn't for the generosity of others, I would not have had the funds to serve. In the same way, if it wasn't for your generosity, CIM Canada would not be able to do what we do.

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Why are we talking about giving? As Henri Nouwen puts it, “We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you – your energy, your prayers, and your money – in this work to which God has called.” Together, through your giving, we can experience community and be part of creating something new. You might not be able to participate physically on these trips, but you are still participating. You were there with every conversation, every Gospel presentation and every prayer and hand that went up to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.



Giving is a spiritual as well as a practical and concrete way to help the Kingdom flourish.

After all, why do people give? We give into the visions we believe in. We give into our son’s RESP because we envision him having a future. We give into our RRSP because we envision retiring one day. We give into the Kingdom because we believe God’s Kingdom is making a difference in this world. We believe God changes lives. We believe the Gospel is real and that Jesus gives hope. We believe the Holy Spirit counsels and instructs. We give into what we believe in. We give because we believe. Giving our all starts with believing.



I’m blown away by how God can use and grow the little I have for His purposes. This is anywhere from my human frailty to my limited resources. However, we learn in Mark 4:31-32 that God’s Kingdom is like a mustard seed that grows into largest of all garden plants. When we plant with what we have, it grows beyond what it started as. I’m also reminded of the benediction from Ephesians 3:20, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...” God does immeasurably more with what we have and what we give. Every small act of giving can grow into something beyond what we can ever ask for or imagine.



The interesting thing about the Kingdom of God is that we won’t become poorer when we give – we actually become richer. As the Apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:11, “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us

your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” Generosity and giving our possessions isn’t secular but spiritual. There is not, then, an abundance of physical or material blessing, but rather a spiritual one. One that draws us closer to God and leads us to thankfulness. It’s a blessing that gives us a glimpse into the heart of our Father, who is generous with all He has and provides in His ways.



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Are you willing to have your resources used for the purposes of the Kingdom? Are you willing to invest into what you believe in? If we've learned anything from the Widow's Offering (Mk. 12:41-42), it's not about how little or much we give but it's about the heart. It's not too late to make a difference.

If you're doing this already – on behalf of CIM Canada, thank you.

Thank you for seeing the vision.

Thank you for changing lives.

Thank you for giving into what you believe.” (Pastor Douglas Wong)



CIM Canada leads mission trips to west Africa and eastern Europe year-round.

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to email us at

contact@cimcanada.org or visit our webpage (www.cimcanada.org). We are always looking for people or churches who partner with us through prayers and finances. If you feel called to contribute in these areas, please contact us as well.

Sincerely,
Rev. Isaac Quan
Executive Director

Prayer items:

- 1. Pray for wisdom, vision and health for our Roma ministry workers and the leaders of the Roma churches in Uzhgorod and Perechin, Ukraine,**
- 2. Pray for the exploratory trip to Ukraine and Serbia in April. Pray for a clear vision from the Lord.**
- 3. Pray for the preparations for the June STM trip for the team from Burnaby.**
- 4. Pray for Pastor Jean Desire's family in Togo, who passed away last month in a tragic car accident. He is survived by his wife and three children. His wife's half brother passed away the day before Pastor Jean's accident.**
- 5. Pray for the ECG building projects in Yeji, Nkwanta, Subrini and Tinjase, Ghana. Pray that these projects may be completed soon. Borehole projects in the Kpandai region may also begin shortly. Pray for fund allocation and the scheduling of the project.**
- 6. Pray for the financial needs of CIM Canada. Pray for a healthy general fund and funds to maintain our ministries, including village schools, Togo, and Roma ministries. We thank God for donors who have been supporting CIM Canada in the past. May God continue to raise more donors to bless our ministry. Pray that we can find more effective and efficient ways to promote CIM Canada.**

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Financial Highlights for the month of March 2019

	General Fund ¹	Designated Fund ²			
		Short-Term Missions	Ghana Ministry	Togo Ministry	Roma and Other Ministries
Balance, beginning	\$47,417	\$15,749	\$35,869	\$269	\$10,202
+ Donations	\$5,923	\$0	\$4,673	\$1,639	\$0
(-) Expenses	\$(3,739)	\$(5,991)	\$(3,031)	\$(2,712)	\$0
Surplus/(Deficit) for the month	\$2,185	\$(5,991)	\$1,642	\$(1,073)	\$0
Balance, ending	\$49,601	\$9,758	\$37,511	\$(804)	\$10,202

1. General Fund - for general and administrative such as staff salaries

2. Designated Fund - for specific ministries in different field locations as designated (cannot be transferred between funds)

- All financial figures are in Canadian dollar and rounded to the nearest dollar.

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