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Taiwan



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Prayer Letter Update:

Well we are here! We have been so excited to finally be on the field. Thank you so much for your prayers, they mean a lot! It is amazing to be writing a prayer letter from the field this time as opposed to on deputation. I hope you're ready for a mini-book - this one is longer haha.

To get right into it, and hopefully not write a book, we would ask prayer for our resident visa situation - we still don't have it. It is interesting to me that out of all the resident visas available to apply for, the religious resident visa (i.e. what missionaries get) is by far the most difficult process. It is also valid for the least amount of time, one year, as opposed to business visa which lasts three years. After working for 3 months to get all the various paperwork together, including blood work, x-rays and endless hours at hospitals, we thought we were finally ready to head to Korea, since you have to leave the country to apply for it. We got to Korea and within a few minutes were informed that there are three other documents we have not been told about before that we must get! We must send the necessary paperwork to a Taipei consulate in the States for them to verify and notarize. When that's done they send it back to us, we then send that by mail again to Korea, assuming there are no problems they then send that over to Taipei, who sends it back and then they let us know whether or not we can come to Korea and finally get our visa. By that time, the other documents we have completed will expire and we will have to start over on some of the paperwork. So it will be our third time completing some portions of the requirements.

I mentioned before, to live effectively in Taiwan as missionaries this is a vital visa to have. Without it we cannot buy a vehicle, rent a house, get vaccines for Logan (who is overdue for his four-month shots now) or really much of anything else. So please pray that we get this visa. After getting the Religious Resident Visa and re-entering the country, we have 15 days to convert that to the ARC (Alien Residency Certificate) which is good for one year.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ARC Paperwork
- Trip to Korea
- A House and car
- Kelsie's Transition

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Despite these and other difficulties getting to Taiwan (we got stuck in San Francisco en route to Taiwan with 15 bags and had to stay there 5 days), everything worked out and God always provided for our needs and sent a few people along the way that were extra nice and went way out of their way to help us. Maybe they were angels, just kidding. So to recap, please pray for this last round of red tape and bureaucracy to smooth out so we can finally get our visas. If our paperwork is in order then Taiwan will decide if they are going to issue us the visa.

But besides that, we have had several opportunities to witness to some individuals. I would ask prayer for two people in particular. One is a man who, back in the Vietnam war, served in combat zones alongside US soldiers. I will be bringing a large print Bible for him as he is asking questions and wants a Bible of his own to read. Another lady is a realtor who rode in our vehicle to Ping-Tung to look at houses that might be for rent. During that whole trip we got to talk about Taoism and Christianity. I got to present the gospel to her very clearly and I could see she was really listening, understanding and thinking. Pray for their salvations! We are working to get started on language learning as well. Given my unique situation, I have the privilege to preach a few times in the next few months. I have also been able to pick up a few Taiwanese phrases and am working to get a feel for how the language works. We are so excited to be here! We are doing well and we are looking forward!

Expecting Great Things,

Nathaneil and Kelsie and Logan Cullers