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Date: 12/20 - Prayer Letter Update:

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! It was great to be in the States with family and enjoy absolutely amazing food and fellowship. We look forward to the Christmas season in a nation that celebrates it. Logan is so excited with the Christmas tree his grandparents got the other day. So many lights - so many no-no's. We want to thank the multitude of people and churches who have given extra in this Christmas season - we greatly appreciate your kind gift!

We also have some very good news! We have our visas! They came back approved on a Wednesday, and after searching and searching, the next day we secured a new home to rent that is closer to the mountain villages and almost half the rent of our old house. The home had been listed for merely a couple of hours when we saw it. God has in a moment unleashed blessing and forward progress for us. Thank you so much for your prayers. We don't know what to do with ourselves to think we actually, finally have our visas after two years of battling. PRAISE GOD! There is still one more step to complete when we arrive in Taiwan but I believe the religious resident visas we just received were the hard part. Please pray for us and our return to Taiwan. We are looking for tickets to leave in January but the pickings are slim and pricey, with 20-48 hour layovers between flights. We are praying to find just the right tickets back to Taiwan. A negative covid test must be secured 3 days before flying and some additional paperwork must be filled out 48 hours before we fly. Once we land in the capital (which is the only open airport right now), we will likely have to hire a special quarantine taxi to take us over 4 hours to our new home to quarantine. The quarantine lasts two weeks (with a third week of







restrictions) and is very strict. Daily calls are made to

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check up on your temperature for the day. They track your cell phone to be sure you do not step outside your door. Visits are made by officers to check in and be sure you are complying. Infractions result in an expensive fine, mandatory removal to a quarantine facility, or even deportation. We must be in quarantine for 14 days and we only have 15 days to finish our visa conversion at the appropriate office after we land. Fortunately, my parents are allowed to take our paperwork in to the visa office on our behalf. All of this is easily doable of course, merely inconvenient. We are just overjoyed to be returning to our field with forward progress.

My parents have been helping to move our furniture and belongings into the new house and have helped us with calling in a water guy to install a water system to purify our drinking water. I don't know how many filters you may use, but to clean water where we are it takes six! We learned we didn't have the right set up while we were in Taiwan this past year at the other house, which may have contributed to why we struggled to stay healthy.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Our hearts are eager to share with you in our next letter how the Lord has continued to make a way back for us, and we anticipate hitting the ground running as soon as we are cleared to leave our house from quarantine. I guess I could also ask prayer for not going stir crazy! Thankfully, roofs are flat in Taiwan, so we may be hanging out up there just to be "out of the house." We are so thankful for you prayers, partnership and sacrificial giving to help us in our work. It is an honor to be co-laborers with you as we seek to get it done on different halves of the globe.

Expecting Great Things,

Nathaneil, Kelsie and Logan

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