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2nd Generation Missionaries

Taiwan



Date: 05/21 - Prayer Letter Update:

Greetings from your missionaries in Taiwan! We have some exciting news to share. Two Sundays ago, May 2nd, we helped to launch my parent's new church in Neipu! As you know, I have been preaching once a month back in my parent's church in Kaohsiung, and since my parents live in Neipu now plans have been moving forward to start the new work here. Since our last prayer letter, the day was set to launch the Neipu Baptist Church. Canvassing was organized, a store front was rented, and chairs and equipment were moved in and set up. We had a great turnout the opening day! Sixteen people came. There were all ages present. I will attach a few pictures for those who wish to see. In addition to preaching once a month in the new church, I will be teaching the English Corner time. Right now, we just have a Sunday night service. Initially, there is an English Corner time aimed at drawing people and gauging their interest in staying for the service. It is a time to engage folks in conversation and seek to evoke interest in the Bible. Following the English Corner is a church service. So far, all those who have come for the English have stayed through the service too.

A 7th grader, Ming Jia (or Mark, his new English name) and I also play basketball on some Saturdays. He has been very interested in church, which he has never attended before. Since Kelsie and my mother provide baked goods for the English Corner time, he has also been thrilled by the prospect of plenteous snacks. He is the son of the barbershop owner where Logan and I get haircuts. Twice a month on Saturdays my parents also head up a children's Bible club. An average of 30 kids have been attending so far. A local elementary school teacher has been bringing her whole class too.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Full Support**
- **Language**
- **Work**
- **Health & Safety**

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Also, Brady has promised to come Sunday! I will be preaching this Sunday as well. I am so excited at the prospect of him coming to the Neipu Baptist Church. I hope he can become a permanent fixture despite living in a different town on the coast. Since our last prayer letter, I have also had an in depth opportunity to witness to Brady during one of our weekly meetings. For more than four literal hours I went through a detailed presentation of the Gospel. Our lesson that day was nothing but 30 minutes of small talk and then 4-5 hours of non-stop Bible discussion. You will get a kick out of this I think - have you ever started a witness from the story of Jacob working 7 years for Rachel? As absolutely crazy as it may sound, the Holy Spirit used that exact story to segue something Brady was talking about into the Gospel presentation. We ended up going through multiple Bible stories from Joseph to Moses to the reason Christ came to die. The Lord really seemed to be working on his heart. He is getting hungrier for the Bread of Life and I would implore you to pray with me that soon he may trust Christ and be saved. He told me he has never heard any Bible story before, let alone ever darkened the door of a church. Hearing a few Bible stories that day was his first time ever hearing any Bible story.

This area is a Hakka minority area. Unbeknownst to us, we moved straight into another area that's said to be more difficult to reach than others. It reminds us of the tribal people, so nothing new. One thing we keep hearing repeatedly about the Hakka people - they keep to themselves and it will be extremely difficult to make any progress with a church work. We are so excited to be part of a new church plant and gain experience for our own one day. It has been frustrating to meet new friends and engage people without a church to send them to. Now all our contacts have a place to go if they wish and we can be more actively engaged in a ministry. Not to mention, we apparently have a soft spot for more difficult, smaller groups of people. Please pray with us that God would work mightily in this area and bring precious souls to Himself!

Expecting Great Things,

The Cullers Family



Left: The welcome center. Visitors receive a nice new pen with the church's contact info.

Right: Logan is such a good missionary kid. He loves to help me hand out Bibles and song books and mop the floor afterwards. There are a few children close to his age he has taken to. Can you believe he will turn two in a few days??



Left: Behind the camera is a few tables put together where the English Corner meets. It is thrilling to see so many first time visitors who have never been to church before. If Brady comes this Sunday, it will be his first time in church as well.

