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2nd Generation Missionaries

Taiwan



Date: 07/21 - Prayer Letter Update:

Good news!! The water level has reached the top frog! I thought I would begin with a confusing attention grabber. Things are better now, but we have been in the worst drought in 56 years. Water rationing was happening almost island wide with different districts having the water shut off on alternating days. The top frog is in reference to a large reservoir with a totem pole of frogs which serves as a water level marker. We have also had quite a few power outages and electricity shortages. I am thankful for air conditioners each time we get the power back. God bless America for her invention of them. It has been an interesting year for Taiwan with a few larger earthquakes thrown in too.

More importantly, it has been Taiwan's turn to have the pandemic rage within its borders. It has not been nearly as bad as many other places, but for Taiwan it has been the worst period of pandemic. I wrote about Brady saying he would come to church. He did come! It was a great service and I felt that the Lord was working on his and his girlfriend's hearts. The very next week we were shut down and haven't been able to meet since. We are still in lockdown as I write, but hopefully restrictions will loosen soon. It has been very frustrating to have such momentum only to lose it almost as soon as we began. But praise the Lord, many still join in the live-streamed services and even some new people have tuned in.

The hot, humid summer weather makes mask wearing unpleasant. Masks must be worn every time you go outside. Even going to your own garden means a mask is to be worn or you face being reported and fined.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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Driving in your own car must be done while wearing a mask. You can be pulled over and fined for not having one on.

To enter a store or business (one allowed to be open to an extent), one must sign in with an app which tracks your comings-and-goings. The government additionally pings phones and tracks people at will. If you have been in contact with someone who was later diagnosed with covid, you will be sent into quarantine or be arrested and possibly jailed in a facility. Kelsie and my mother each went to the market just an hour before someone with covid on two separate occasions. Fortunately, an hour earlier is better than an hour later and they did not get notified to enter quarantine.

Had we gone one lockdown-level higher we would have been told to wear masks in our own homes and keep to separate rooms, even within families. Cities would be isolated, travel forbidden, and strict curfews enforced. Fortunately, we didn't end up there. Currently, no more than five people can meet in a home, even extended families. With the virus more under control now, hopefully things can get back to normal and we can resume more aggressive outreaches.

On the tribal front, many if not most villages have since boarded up their homes and blocked off the mountain roads and visitors are NOT welcome. Historically, sicknesses hit there harder so they have attempted to quarantine themselves from the city folk. I haven't been back to Piuma since the lockdown began, though I have kept up with Maichos over the phone.

One more bit of news I would like to leave with you is some great news. We are expecting our second child! We have been going to a nice little clinic in the big city and all is well with mom and baby. We look forward to meeting the new addition to our family in January. Soon we can apply to get the national healthcare and not pay cash-pay prices anymore. Also, due to the centralized healthcare here, there are quite a few types of care with no cash-pay options. One has to have the national healthcare plan or not get care. But it covers most things, and it is very inexpensive. To apply, we have to have lived in Taiwan at least six months. Oh by the way, we

have almost been in Taiwan for six months since returning with visas! We praise the Lord for the privilege to be on the field, and look forward to greater freedom in the future. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Expecting Great Things,

The Cullers Family



The frog statue in Sun Moon Lake. The stack of nine frog acrobats was introduced in 1971. In this drought, water levels fell over 40 feet and resulted in a dry, cracked lakebed. Across the island, lakes and reservoirs dwindled to alarming levels. Taiwan's annual rainfall is usually 2.6 times the world average, with additional, fluctuating Typhoon rainfall.