

# The Cullers Family

## 2nd Generation Missionaries

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12/21 - 01/22 Prayer Letter Update

Greetings to all in this new year! Hope the Christmas season was especially wonderful this year. We want to sincerely thank every one who blessed our family financially and with extra prayers! We appreciate you and thank the Lord for your generosity and partnership through yet another year. We look forward to what the Lord has in store in another year of service! As the world gets darker, the little light we may have could shine brighter, and with upheaval could come many more unique opportunities. Let's fight the fight and run the race! We are ready to and hope you are as well, till Jesus comes.

We also want to share the news of our daughter's birth! Little Allie Rose Cullers was born January 20th at about 4 in the morning. She was a healthy 7 lbs 6 oz. Logan has been such a great big brother. Here in Taiwan, the birth process entails a three-day stay in the hospital or clinic. With covid restrictions, this meant being isolated in ward with no visitors. I was able to leave and check on him but my parents had to care for him those three days. He did great though, and was so happy to meet his new sister! I will include a picture of them. :)

Speaking of covid restrictions, we are heading in the direction of lockdown yet again. We enjoyed a brief period of lesser restrictions, but with the arrival of omicron, panic strikes again. There is actually a portion of the population begging the government to go back into level three lockdown. I must admit it is a struggle for me to fathom this reasoning or desire, especially when expressed by members of the church. But such is living in a socialist nation I suppose. Currently, the "Vaccine Passport" method of handling covid is being introduced. So far, it has not affected us too much since we don't go to bars and karaoke and such. Church employees do have to have a vaccine passport though. We will see how far the government goes with this but it seems the covid issue is just going to be the new normal for ministry around the globe for many years to come. Hard to believe that covid and its many variants have been around 3 years already.

Enough of news, I also wanted to give an update regarding the most important reason for writing this prayer letter - ministry and people! Please continue to pray for Brady's salvation and that of Wendy, his girlfriend. Both of them attended our Christmas activity at the Neipu Baptist Church. Though we still meet regularly, Brady has still not accepted Christ and been saved. After getting so close, he balked at the point of making the decision and has hit a wall. I hope the Lord will break down that wall and continue to convict his heart. I see so much potential in Brady for ministry, not that I know what the Lord has in store for him.

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Brady invited me to come to his home town of DongGang to observe a religious holiday celebrated every three years. It is called the “Welcoming the King” holiday. It is believed one of the gods comes down from heaven to visit the local god, who plays host to the “king” and entertains him with food and festivities and offerings that end a whole week later with a procession down to the beach to burn a giant ship on a mountain of god money. This highly ritualistic event is full of taboos such as remaining silent and never turning your back to the ship. If one leaves, they must leave without turning their back and are not allowed to return again. The burning lasts all night and finishes at daybreak. The purpose is that the visiting god will bless the host by taking all of the bad luck and evil spirits away back to the spirit realm. One must observe all the rules or possibly allow a “spirit criminal” to attach itself to the person and remain in the mortal realm and bring mischief in the following year. This is why no names should be spoken during the event, and people should just not speak at all. The speaking of a name brings power to the evil spirit to cling on and not be banished by the visiting king.

It was an interesting event and I learned so much about local folk religion. So much historical Chinese court culture is involved with such events. More importantly, it was another great opportunity to compare and contrast with Brady about the differences in what we believe. I believe it is important to be interested in someone’s culture and beliefs, especially since we expect them to listen to us and be interested in the Bible. Relationships are a two way street. Knowing how people think in their religion is also important for being wise in helping them come to the True God. I must say it was so sad to see so many people completely bound and blinded by false hope, looking to exciting rituals and cultural identity to find meaning and help in this life. All the fervor in the world won’t solve the problem of our sin and guilt.

Please pray for us as we continue to reach the people of Taiwan. I preach most weeks at either Mountaintop Baptist Church or Neipu, and sometimes at other works in other cities. We also help with the children’s Bible club in Neipu on Saturdays. We are continuing to seek the Lord’s leading on where to begin with the tribal outreach as well. There is need everywhere, so one is never lacking for work, but we want to fulfill the Lord’s mission for us and focus on this. May the Lord richly bless each of you and prosper you in the work He has for you.

Expecting Great Things,

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LEFT and RIGHT: Allie Rose, isn't she sweet? Logan was so happy to meet her and get to hold her after three days. His childish joy is very clear on his face.

BELOW: Logan loves going to Saturday kids cub in Neipu. We get to help with game time and occasionally with the English time. We usually have a great group that comes, sometimes parents too.



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LEFT: Participants take time to rest and eat food provided by locals during the week-long procession through town. There are 7 groups represented by 7 colors worn by the participants. This was the pink group. The special hats represent families who have been participating since the founding of the temple in the 1600's.

BOTTOM LEFT: The gates of the Temple, plated in actual gold. Inside is a full sized, elaborate wooden junk ship which takes years to construct and will be burned up at the end of the festival.



ABOVE: People line up at the King's shrine (golden color) to get blessed and offer incense. Blessing papers waved through the incense smoke are handed out as favors.

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