The Cullers Family

2nd Generation Missionaries Taiwan



10-12/25 Prayer Letter Update

Let me be the first (maybe) to say Merry Christmas! Hope all is well there and that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have been holding down the fort these past few months while my parents have been back on furlough. We have been able to add some additional services and regular activities to our usual schedule. A lot has happened, but I will try to keep it to the highlights.

I can't remember if I mentioned that one of Logan's classmates he invited from the village came to VBS and got saved, so I will mention it again. Praise the Lord! Soon, the church will be going to Logan and Allie's tribal school at Wenle village to do a Christmas program and give the Gospel. We rejoice that this will be the third year they have allowed the Christmas program to be presented, despite going through a leadership change in the administration at the school this year.

Attendance has been great these past few months, though these past few weeks it has been low. You know how it goes with attendance though - it ebbs and flows at times. Overall, we have continued to see new visitors and the regular attendance has increased. A few months ago, we started a new Sunday night service format with the intent to train and disciple our people, and also develop the habit in our small congregation of going to church in the AM and in the PM. It is easy to take for granted in the US, and it may seem like a basic thing to attend both services, but believe it or not, it isn't common in some places around the world. But I do believe it is a matter of teaching and training as well. Therefore, we have begun doing an institute type of program in the PM service which is completely different than the AM service, aimed at teaching the basics of the faith in a simple and systematic way. We started with "Who is God?" and have been working through the Trinity. We are about to wrap up the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit at the moment. It has been great! There has been very positive feedback. We also encourage questions and interaction at this service. Culturally, students here do NOT ask questions and are not usually allowed (let alone encouraged) to think independently for themselves. They go to the teacher and are to be quiet and absorb what the teacher tells them to. What I desire for them is that they be like those who were, "more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so." To that end, I am counter-culturally seeking to push them past their comfort zone to give voice to their questions, doubts, misgivings, so that we can go to God's Word together and see that God's Final Authority has the answer to all of our questions, no matter the culture or generation we live in. God's Word is not a religious book of rules - it is a living book of principles and relationship. We must grow in wisdom and discernment to apply it to our lives, and live to please Jesus with our every breath. I deeply desire for them to love God's Word and to enjoy their Savior here even in this life.

"Crowded modern cities, or in the mountains wild,

Every soul is just as precious in Your sight.

Anywhere You send, I am prepared to go.

Lord, oh help me love the ones You love!"

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Similarly, our Men's meeting and Ladies meetings have this same kind of flavor, and also has had positive feedback. I am grateful for Kelsie and the way she has had an impact on the ladies at the Ladies meeting. They have been growing, and at times shocked by their misconceptions about what God's Word actually says. I am grateful that she always comes back and gives me the rundown so that I can keep a finger on the pulse of our church folks in various settings, to better pray and teach going forward. Our Men's meeting has also increased the amount of times we meet. Several men have told me privately this way of being able to ask questions and always be taken to the open Bible in front of them for the answer, as opposed to a set curriculum, has really helped them to grow and ignite an interest in the Bible for themselves. Praise the Lord! I always have a lesson ready in case some structure and direction needs to be introduced, but I have yet to actually need the lesson. Fine with me! I prefer it this way. Makes it interesting and keeps me on my toes, and it is good for me too. It has privately also helped and challenged me to take a look at areas I need to grow in and develop in my own Bible knowledge, so that I am, "ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Please keep praying for Brady and Dario in particular. Recently, I once again had the opportunity to go through the Gospel individually for several in-depth hours. They are still not saved but they were listening, and I know God's Word will not return void. I haven't given up on them, but it is frustratingly slow going. For my part, I just hope salvation is sooner rather than later. There is much more we could say, but this is already page two, so I will finish here and include some pictures that tell a little more. Thank you for your continued prayer and support!

Expecting Great Things,

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Right Two: Allie got to learn how to farm Taro Root with the tribal farmers up in the mountains with her class. Taiwan is a heavily urbanized nation, but we are grateful our kids still get a bit of "country living" experience being in a rural tribal area. We are really so blessed that God provided us with a place to live where the kids can go outside and run and bike down the country dirt tracks and in the mountain forests. We would serve God anywhere, but He knows His

children, and He is so gracious.





Above: A picture of the Men's Meeting group. Kelsie makes delicious breakfast and, since we are men and we like to eat, we usually don't have very many leftovers.

Bottom Right Two: We made Christmas gift packages with invitations to our church Christmas Program for Logan and Allie's classes. Our kids got to hand them out. We were able to invite over 30 people from their small village school. Logan kept getting hugs from his very excited classmates. It was cute to see how special it made Christmas feel. We continue to be grateful for how the Lord is working and giving opportunities through our two MK's.



