

NEW NANNY—LESLIE OWENS

We had the privilege of meeting Leslie during our time as Missionaries on Campus at Ozark Christian College in the Spring of 2004. Leslie visited Taiwan this past summer and we all believed the Lord was leading her to return to Taiwan in some capacity. Leslie has chosen to take a break after the first semester of her sophomore year at OCC and join our team for a year serving primarily as a nanny for the 9 (soon to be 11) kids on our team. She is also learning some Mandarin Chinese with a tutor. This is an exciting time for our team and for Leslie. God is good and blessings abound!

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"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." JEREMIAH 6:16

OUR JOURNEY

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CHURCH PLANTING MOVEMENTS

We have mentioned Team Expansion's mission statement before:

"Team Expansion exists to partner with local churches to send and sustain teams of interdependent missionaries to plant indigenous churches among unreached people groups worldwide."

This mission statement is so helpful for us! Team Expansion helps us partner with local churches (USA churches) so we can come over here and help plant indigenous churches.

How will we plant churches? Over the last several years, and especially since the internet has allowed for rapid transmission of information from even the most remote mission fields, missionaries involved in "church planting" have been the fortunate beneficiaries of a wealth of helpful tools and ideas.

Like other fields (i.e. technology or manufacturing), church planting strategies have changed and generally improved over the years. I hope the strategies we implement here are, in turn, improved upon as well. We pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send out workers to complete His mission!

Patience may be a virtue, but since hundreds of people are dying in our city every day, we must be ever more impatient about our goal of planting indigenous churches. For these hundreds of Taiwanese, more traditional (western missionary based) methods are proven to be too slow, even when they enjoy long term success. What should we do? How will we plant churches? To answer these questions... let me share a few words about our "hopeful outcome": An Indigenous Church Planting Movement (ICPM).

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We are praying and planning that by 2015, we will see an ICPM established in Taiwan. This ICPM would be reaching out to local communities as well as beginning to reach into neighboring communities and countries.

So... this is why we are here in Taiwan: to establish a church planting movement. We want to work with you and our Taiwanese brothers and sisters to glorify the Lord through this work.

WHAT IS A CHURCH PLANTING MOVEMENT (CPM)?

“A CPM is a rapid and exponential increase of indigenous churches planting churches within a given people group or population segment.”

Notice the 3 “key components”: **rapid**, **exponential**, and **indigenous**.

A CPM is not simply having more churches. A CPM is not merely a revival of existing churches. However, a CPM will most likely see both happen.

Our goal is for God to be glorified. When is God glorified? When people come to faith in Jesus Christ. As they believe in Christ, they join local churches and continue to grow in grace. SO... the most important thing is for more and more people to believe in Jesus, right? What is the best way to do that? We believe it is through a CPM.

“The CPM occurs when the vision of churches planting churches spreads from the missionary into the churches themselves, so that by their very nature they are winning the lost and reproducing themselves.”

Missionaries can plant churches. Local church planters can do it better and faster. But we believe that a CPM is the best and fastest way to start new churches. From our personal experience in Taiwan, we can confirm what others have said and written... western missionaries are still needed, but traditional roles are changing.

In our specific case, we believe we will work **alongside** our Taiwanese brothers and sisters in a variety of ways. Regarding church leadership, we can be most helpful in establishing biblical principles of church leadership, at which time we desire to defer to the local leadership at all times except in the case of erroneous teaching. Regarding preaching, we will be available to help fill the pulpit on a temporary basis according to a plan mutually agreed upon by the local leaders and the missionaries. In short, we will work only in areas where local Christians are not able, and even then, only with their permission and with an understanding of how such work will aid in the establishment of an Indigenous Church Planting Movement.

(much of the information about CPMs is adapted from David Garrison’s excellent booklet, *Church Planting Movements*)

ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

After Thanksgiving, our team “kicked off” a new English worship opportunity. As our Chinese church has grown less dependent on missionaries, we began thinking about meeting together weekly with our team to worship. As we discussed this, we sensed God’s leading and help in creating an environment which other fluent English speakers might find inviting. As we look to the future, it is clear that the government of Taiwan hopes to make English as common as Chinese in the next several years (I am guessing 20-25 years). We already offer English classes. Why not build naturally on these pillars and offer an English worship service? After consulting the Taiwanese believers, and receiving their blessing and encouragement, we began to plan for the service. We are very encouraged that the most often heard comment about the service is, “It seems like home.” The music is a mix of modern and classic... the sermons are short and memorable (hopefully!)... the Lord’s Supper is long with a focus on “community”... the order of service is fluid... the atmosphere is “like home”... the focus is Jesus... simply worshipping Jesus. God has led us to start two small groups from this service.

WEBSITE AND EMAIL CHANGES

If you are interested in keeping up with our lives and our ministries on a more frequent basis, you might like to bookmark these websites in your favorite web browsing software. We hope you will find these websites helpful and informative and would appreciate any feedback you would offer.

Our Website – <http://pagels.teamexpansion.org/>

At this site, you can readily find out more information about our work and our family. We will try to keep the prayer request and newsletters sections current and we hope to post pictures from time to time. This is a work in progress, so check back often to see any new information.

Our Blog – <http://pagels.teamexpansion.org/blog/>

This page is actually a part of our website, but it is quite different from the rest of the site and you might find it worthy of its own bookmark. If you aren't already familiar with what a “blog” is... it is short for “weblog” and for us it is basically a combination of 3 different communication tools: a public journal, a newspaper opinion page, and a newsletter.

Our Email Addresses

We have new email addresses and hope you will make the changes in your address book. Scott’s new address is spagel@teamexpansion.org and Angie’s is, predictably, apagel@teamexpansion.org. Bethanie and Zachary also have email addresses, and would love to hear from you (and your children!) but we will only give those addresses out if you email us requesting them.