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PAGEL**

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PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN

2005 — DECEMBER

MERRY CHRISTMAS - 聖誕節快樂

We hope you have had a great Christmas and are looking forward to the new year. We always enjoy the promises of the new year and we also enjoy looking back at the past and reflecting on God's blessings. We are now in our 7th year in Taiwan and we are reminded that we can only be here because of God's faithfulness and your generosity. Can we ever find a way to express our thanks?? We value your partnership and trust that you are enjoying God's blessings as we celebrate Christ's birth! One way we plan to celebrate is to join the Taiwan Christian Church and march around the local park with banners proclaiming God's love. We will stop at various points and sing and offer drama presentations as a way to help people begin to know God love and grace. Peace on Earth.



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NEW FORWARDING AGENT

We recently sent out a card with the announcement that Nancy Crouse has joined our team as our forwarding agent. She has worked in public accounting so obviously that works out nicely for us all. Even though she is a Chicago Bears fan, we think she will do a great job in this role. We'll take this chance to again welcome her to our church planting team!

NOTES

- ◆ **Planning our next Home Service for March—Sept 2006. Yes, SOON! We'll know more next month, but pray now.**
- ◆ **The BLOG is BACK! Just visit our website and click the link that says BLOG. Daily tidbits... quotes... pics... prizes!**
- ◆ **Be sure and sign up for weekly prayer updates by sending an email to pagelsintaiwan-subscribe@yahoogroups.com**
- ◆ **Can we pray for you? Please let us know! We love to do so.**
- ◆ **Bethanie did great in her December performance of "The Little Mermaid". She played the role of the oldest sister.**

OUR TEAM SENDING CHURCH

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Scott's year was filled with lots of ups and downs. UP: a visit from his mom and her cousin... DOWN: during their visit dropping a large rock on his hand... surgery, a pin, pain, etc. UP: further clarification of God's plan for planting churches in Northern Taiwan... DOWN: the mistakes that often come before progress is made. UP: That Nebraska made it back to a bowl game this year... DOWN: The 30+ year win streak over Kansas is over. Hmm...



Angie's life can't fit in this box. Her family has started calling her "supermom" in Chinese because she manages her house and family and school and ministry like the expert that she is. She scrapbooks whenever she has time and if Scott keeps his piles off of her desk (rare). She loves being a mother and also loves that her own mother was able to come visit in February. She has been known to sit still to watch new episodes of E-Ring with Scott.



Bethanie is 9 and her big news is that she gave her life to Jesus on November 27th. We are proud of her for making this decision on her own and we rejoice with the angels in heaven. She always reminds us of a line in a song from The Sound of Music... because "she fleetly flees, she flies". She still loves her dance class and the dancing does not stop when she leaves class. What a joy to have a life filled with dancing and flying!



Zachary is now 7 1/2 and is still the "master builder". If you give him some legos, k'nex, lincoln logs, tinkertoys, or even just some paper and tape... he'll make a masterpiece. His reading is getting pretty good, but his favorite subject in school is science. A perfect day for Zach would include soccer and riding his bike... with a computer game fit in at some point. Except for when he bugs his big sister, he brings smiles and laughter to all of us almost all the time.



Joshua is 3 1/2 and already quite the philosopher. We are very grateful for all the money Josh has saved us on diapers since last June when he decided he was done wearing them! He loves to play cars and ball and trains. Zach is teaching him how to build stuff. Josh likes to watch Thomas the Tank Engine and Veggie Tales... but who doesn't? His favorite food is "Frito" casserole. It is so fun to see Joshua learning to do new things by himself almost daily.



Mollie was born on January 29th... 2 weeks early! We were glad to have her here... but in some ways we still haven't really recovered from her early arrival. Mollie is a very happy baby. She's finally getting a tooth... will probably be walking by her birthday... and says a few English words: mama, dada, sissy, kitty, pretty, this, baby, and hi. She also says sister and brother in Chinese: jie-jie & ge-ge. Looks like we've got another smart one!



AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS - by CRAIG THOMPSON (website: thompsons-taiwan.teamexpansion.org)

The separation from family is easily the hardest part of being here in Taiwan. Craig is a co-worker and I want to share a letter he wrote "to all parents... who give so much to their children who are missionaries."

Dear Mom and Dad:

- Thank you for raising us to know about God and his love for the world.
- Thank you for letting us go without letting go of us.
- Thank you for forgiving late birthday cards.
- Thank you for praying for us.
- Thank you for giving up time with your grandchildren.
- Thank you for your e-mails and letters and phone calls.
- Thank you for sending Barbie Dolls, Tic Tacs, Koolaid, socks, photos, and Honeycomb Cereal.
- Thank you for your questions about our new home and work.
- Thank you for being patient and understanding when we tell you how exciting it is to live in another part of the world.
- Thank you for being patient and understanding when, two days later, we complain about living in that same place.
- Thank you for not making us feel selfish for wanting to go. Sometimes we feel that way on our own.
- Thank you for listening to our stories about people you'll never meet with names you can't pronounce.

- Thank you for being our ambassadors.
- Thank you for believing "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
- Thank you for sending clippings from our hometown newspaper.
- Thank you for telling us about our neighbors, classmates, and cousins—all the stories that don't make the news.
- Thank you for letting our brothers and sisters stand in for us when we're too far away to do our part in the family. (They really should get their own letter.)
- Thank you for loving us.
- Thank you for trusting Jesus to take care of us when you can't.
- Thank you for being proud of us. We are proud of you. We chose to be a missionary family, not you, and we understand that our move has meant many sacrifices for you. You are not only a part of our family but an invaluable part of our team.
- With all our love,
Your children