



**Scott & Angie  
PAGEL**

**旅行**

**PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN**

**2007 — June**

## **VISITORS BRING JOY AND HOPE**

Of all earthly things... visits from family are some of the most precious. Angie's mom, Patsy, came for a great visit at the beginning of June. We were sad that our niece's passport did not come in time for her to come with Patsy as originally planned. Hopefully she can come visit soon!

Patsy is allergic to cats... but our friend Josie and her son Sean are watching Captain and I'm sure that he's absolutely ripping their furniture to shreds... but they aren't letting on even though I keep asking.

If Patsy ever tries to tell you that she is not able to walk 2.2 miles in the rain through dark tunnels and rough trails and suspension bridges in shoes resembling flip-flops... don't believe her as she DID JUST THAT when we went to Taroko Gorge for 2 days during her stay. We could spend DAYS at the gorge... but we are exceedingly grateful for these short trips out of Taipei and for our \*very\* plush accommodations! Thank you Patsy.

We also enjoy visits from churches and other groups. As I write this, a group from CCF @ Truman State University is here with us. Our former co-workers, Keevin and Stephanie McGlumphy, are leading the trip. They have been in Taiwan for over 2 weeks and with us for 3 days with about 5 days left in Taiwan. By the time you get this, they'll be home.

It is a lot of work to host these groups and it does cut into the time we can spend on things like getting newsletters out on time. :- ) It is rare that a group is not worth the work. This particular group is one of the best ever. I know that the value short-term mission trips is debated, but we love their excitement, creativity, and energy. We always enjoy introducing people to their Taiwanese brothers and sisters in the family of God.

We have already started our busy summer. After the CCF group leaves, we will have about 10 days before we go to Taichung for the annual TMF conference. Fellow Team Expansion Missionary John Dunn is the chairman of the conference this year and he is doing a great job with preparation and I'm sure it will be a great experience. Our main speaker is David Eubanks, the president of Johnson Bible College. Starting July 11th, a group from Christ in Youth will be here until August 6th. They will help with a Sports & English Camp from July 29 through August 4th.

Starting August 7th... the Pagel family will be resting for a few days at a location yet to be determined!



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## Family Update

MOLLIE "Dolly"	Has rockin' Chinese... likes to spell her name... is potty trained... loves to sing and play with Bethanie... she does great "faces" - excited face, mad face, etc
JOSHUA "BodyBodyPawn"	Actually prefers the nickname "Big Fatty"... loves to draw and color... wants to be a sumo wrestler or an xbox when he grows up... yes I said xbox... really
ZACHARY "Z-man"	Is a friend of all insects and critters... they often jump right into his hands... his goal in life is to frustrate his big sister until she smacks him... k'nex expert
BETHANIE "Princess"	Still dancing and especially likes one of her teachers... Has a performance on July 28th... loves hanging out with the groups that visit... makes friends easily
ANGIE "Mom"	Basking in the afterglow of visits from her mom and sister in recent months... got her scooter license on the first try... pleased with "Mama's book study"
SCOTT "SQJ"	Enjoys running & biking in the hills around home... hopes to develop closer ties with local schools... believes time stands still while working on computers
CAPTAIN "America"	Captain has been at Josie's while our visitors were here. He likes eating, sleeping, basically freaking out once a day and being bigger than most dogs here.
FISH "fish"	We have guppies (which are WAY cooler than I thought), zebra danios, pork-chop rasboras, 2 cats, several shrimp. These creatures like eating and dying.

# TAROKO GORGE

June  
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**T** Taiwan will refuse to let the Olympic torch go through the island en route to China ahead of next year's Games unless the mainland changes the current order of stops on the itinerary, officials said. Taiwan's mainland affairs council, which handles the island's testy relations with Beijing, insisted that the torch would have to enter from and go on to a third country to avoid any suggestion that Taiwan was part of China.

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