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PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN

2007 - July

TMF SUMMER CONFERENCE

The Team Expansion missionaries on the island, along with our partners from Formosa Christian Mission, were busy and blessed during the Taiwan Missionary Fellowship summer conference the first week of July. This annual conference is one of the highlights of each year for our entire family. Besides the fellowship with many other missionaries, we enjoy hearing an off-island speaker (and in recent years some on-island speakers too) and there are programs for kids. Anyone considering mission work in Taiwan will be glad to find out about TMF and the summer conference.

John Dunn, our co-worker in the southern port city of Kaohsiung, was the chair of the conference this year and effectively dealt with several setbacks to put on a brilliant conference. I'm so thankful for guys like John that are able to deal with so many details. John's wife, Cheryl, and Marilyn Liu headed up the children's program and the kids *loved* it! The high-schoolers also pitched in to help with the kids. It was great to see our teammates' children growing up and serving the Lord. Marilyn happens to be a relative of a Christian brother named Michael who lives in North Carolina. He found us on the web and I've chatted with him on several occasions. It was great to finally meet her.

Another teammate, Jennifer Reynolds (jenmaeren.blogspot.com), was responsible for the music during the conference and led the singing on 3 nights. On those nights, she was accompanied by Cherry Messimer, Molly Bell, Devon Pinkerton, and yours truly. Ted Skiles gave a shared a great message on Tuesday morning and led the memorials and retirees service. Bev Skiles kept the meal lines moving. Casey Bell recorded the sessions. Allen Messimer pitched in and helped with many things. Chad Edwards created the conference logo, Brenda Atkin helped with the snack times (even though she is currently on home service!), Angie helped with snack times and joined me in moderating a homeschooling workshop. The Thompsons helped prepare the daily announcements. Although not with Team Expansion, Dr. David Eubanks (President Emeritus, Johnson Bible College) was the speaker for the main sessions. He and his wife, Margaret, shared inspiring messages and drama related to the theme, "Faithful from Start to Finish". I hope I didn't forget anyone!

We are fortunate to be part of a team of missionaries with such varied talents and gifts. We do share some things in common... namely... a love for Christ and a passion to see Taiwanese people have a chance to know of God's great love for them.



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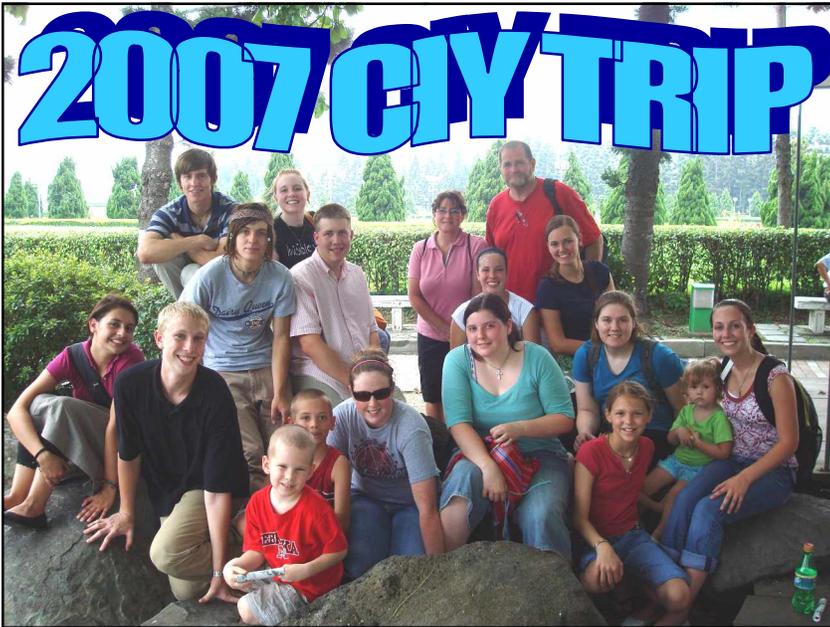
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CIY Group

—Traveling and Training

In 2001 and in 2004, we hosted groups led by Christ in Youth. As I think about some of the young people who came with those trips, I realize that some of them are serving (or, have served) on the mission field. Our prayer is that this most recent group will meet with the same success. They arrived on July 11th and they will be here until early August. During that time they will, Lord willing, take a trip to the East Coast of Taiwan where they will help at The Home of God's Love and then move on to Taidong and visit with Tim & Sarah Widener and their church. When they return to Ankeng in just over a week, they will help run a VBS in our apartment building. Their last week will be spent at the Sports & English Camp in Taichung. We pray that the group has a chance to learn quite a bit during their time here.



A Note from Team Expansion's President

“Thank you for your prayers and support for world evangelism through the work of Team Expansion. Today I invite you to join me in giving praise to God for the teacher in Kosova who told a supervisor, ‘I’d become a Christian if I knew how.’ The supervisor, who is not a Christian, by the way, knew a Team Expansion worker. The supervisor brought his friend to the Team Expansion worker and within days, the schoolteacher had given her life to Christ and was baptized. She then explained that she had been praying for 30 years for someone to tell her how to become a Christian. Today, please gather with your family and/or friends to give thanks for Team Expansion workers that God is using around the world to answer 30 years worth of prayers. And again, thanks for the important part you play in helping make the whole ministry move forward globally.”

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



MAOKONG, Taiwan -- Taiwan's storied tea country is about to get tantalizingly closer to the capital of Taipei. The city government has built a \$33 million aerial tramway linking the Wenshan district on Taipei's southern outskirts to Maokong, home to more than two dozen tea houses nestled in a verdant mountain setting. The new system will take visitors on a 20-minute, 2.5-mile ride to an observation platform located close to the Maokong summit, with 144 cars moving continuously, said tramway spokesman James Huang.

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