



Team Expansion

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PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN

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2007 SPORTS & ENGLISH CAMP

Last summer, David Atkin, our co-worker in Taichung, organized the 1st Annual Team Expansion Sports and English Camp for Jr and Sr High students. We were in the USA, so we did not have the chance to go, but we heard GREAT things about the camp from campers and staff. This year, David Atkin was in the USA and the dean of the camp was another co-worker, Chad Edwards. Chad did a wonderful job with the camp, although he was in the USA during the time of the 2006 camp, too.

The camp had a great schedule with lots of opportunities for the campers to practice English and sports as well as learn more about Christianity. The best part of camp for our family was when our neighbor, Jones Yeh, chose to follow Jesus (see photo). His parents are not Christian, but have given him their blessing. He has a sister Bethanie's age and we met their family through some activities we've held in our building. Our next-door neighbor, Andy, is interested in following Jesus, too. We are planning to start a young men's group because we have a total of 5 high school boys who want to study God's Word and learn to play guitar.



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CIY Group—28 days

In our last newsletter, you read that the CIY group arrived in Taiwan. They are already back in the USA now, getting back to school and work, but this group... like most others... has left an impression here... in Ankeng, in our church, and in our family.

We tried to keep them moving during their first days and also give them lots of time to discover how to work best as a team. After spending a few days around Taipei, we took them on a 10 day trip which included 2 days of ministry in Lotung (The Home of God's Love) and 7 days of ministry in Taidong with a day at Taroko Gorge in between.

We brought them back to Ankeng for 5 nights of VBS. They did a great job leading many areas of the VBS. Several friends from church helped with translation and teaching. We had about 35 kids from our building join the fun. It was a great opportunity to meet many neighbors.

Their next week was at the Sports and English Camp in Taichung. They concluded their trip with a time of worship with the Ankeng church, a ride on the newly opened Maokong Gondola, and a great session of drinking tea and eating the usual snacks.

Recently on the Blog

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- ◆ Bizarre Foods In Taiwan
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- ◆ Taiwan's 7/11 Culture
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For More Information...

Sports and English Camp:

- ◆ Get Chad & Alicia Edwards' August newsletter here: www.teamexpansion.org/edwardsfamily

Pictures of our Family, Friends, Ministry and Taiwan:

- ◆ <http://picasaweb.google.com/sqjtaipei>

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A Note from Team Expansion's President

This past Sunday, I was talking to a good friend who pilots his own biplane. We were talking about some recent tragedies at nearby air shows and I asked him if he was ever scared when flying "loop the loops" and other stunts. His answer? He quoted a highly-respected flying instructor who once told him to start every trick '10 mistakes high.' I'm sure I looked confused, because he went on to explain that if the trick required 100' vertical feet, the instructor wanted him to start it at 1000'. I thought about that for a long time afterward. I've concluded that missionaries are more like stunt pilots than trapeze artists. We don't really have the luxury of a safety net. But we *do* have a band of prayer warriors and supporters that can help us survive a long nose dive. For every difficult task we tackle, we need 10 supporters and prayer partners to make sure we can survive. In reality, you (our supporters and friends) *are* our safety net. You keep us going when the 'loop the loops' are long. Thanks for your partnership and shared vision. On behalf of the whole organization, thanks for the support you provide for Team Expansion's ministry in the life of the missionary you know and love!

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



T Taipei (CNA) - Almost 300 2nd or 3rd generation overseas Taiwanese concluded an eight-week internship program aimed at helping them understand more about Taiwan. The "Taiwan Tech Trek 2007", an annual event entering its 3rd year, received 271 overseas Taiwanese aged between 18 and 30 from 23 countries, offering them internships at government agencies, non-profit organizations, private companies and special group projects. The summer program is part of the government's efforts to recruit new generations of overseas Taiwanese to raise Taiwan's competitiveness. (Chris Wang)