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**PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN**

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## Jesus... Grace... Service

In the weeks since the CIY group left, we have spent some time re-evaluating our church plant. We are thinking about what is going right and what we'd like to improve on. It has been interesting to see where our inspiration has come from. Of course, we seek guidance from the scriptures and in extended times of prayer. We also talk with other missionaries and Taiwanese believers. I did not expect to also find direction from a series of blog and email exchanges with a couple atheists I've met online. It has been enlightening to learn their views of Christians in general and missionaries in Taiwan. Their opinions are based on common misconceptions about authentic Christianity and I give more weight to the opinions of Taiwanese people, but all opinions can be helpful to the church planter.

Our decision to establish a Church Planting Movement through house churches reflects our belief that the simple structure and practice of the house church is desirable. Generally, we believe that simple is better when it comes to planting churches. We are not opposed to church buildings or to using presentation software to project song lyrics, etc. But each of those things adds a complexity to church planting, making it more difficult to reproduce in new church plants. Therefore, in light of our unofficial "simple is better" formula, we are trying to put the ministry of the church into a simple slogan or mantra which we can use to guide our personal and church decisions. We think it is good to focus on the distinctives of Christianity.

- ◆ The story of the life, death, and resurrection of **Jesus** transcends cultures
- ◆ We are saved by **grace** through faith and we are to extend grace to others
- ◆ The teachings of Jesus emphasize humility and **servicing** others

JESUS... GRACE... SERVICE

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## Back to School

The kids are back in school using curriculum from Sonlight. Bethanie is in 6th grade, Zach is in 3rd and Joshua is in Kindergarten. We are so glad to be able to teach the kids at home. It isn't easy, but it is probably easier than it sounds. Angie does a great job exposing the kids to a broad group of subjects. The Sonlight curriculum emphasizes reading and covering subjects from various angles. We love this approach because it helps instill a love for reading as well as helping the kids learn to think for themselves.

We generally supplement the kids' education by joining some activities offered at Bethany School, a missionary school in Taipei. Bethanie has joined their girl scout troop, led by our friend Jen Reynolds. Zach will participate in some sports later in the year. All the kids enjoy the recently redesigned library. We can join these activities for a fee.

The kids enjoy school but they also enjoy playing with friends from our apartment complex. It is good to see our kids making these friends... especially Zachary because he has had several friends move to the USA. They play in our large courtyard or go swimming. We thank God for where we live.

## Recently on the Blog

- ◆ Priorities on the Mission Field
- ◆ Nebraska News In Taiwan
- ◆ A Midwest Rite of Passage
- ◆ Mother Teresa's Doubt
- ◆ Find us on Facebook!
- ◆ John Ondrasik interviews US Presidential candidates (coming up soon!)



<http://pagels.teamexpansion.org/sqjtapei/>



The Taipei Team Expansion missionary men recently went to Brian Zhou's noodle shop for lunch. Brian goes to the Yunghe church.

## A Note from Team Expansion's President

Sometimes it is great to go back to the basics. What are the basics on Team Expansion? In short, we seek to bring glory to God by partnering with local churches to send and sustain teams of interdependent missionaries to plant churches among the least reached peoples of the world. Launched in 1978 with a three-year prayer emphasis, God has grown the organization until today, it includes 300 career missionaries that have together baptized some 9000 people in 40 countries worldwide. In the process, they've organized over 200 new church plants so that these new believers can continue growing in Christ. If you're holding one of those newsletters in your hands, please join us in thanking God for the global band of cross-cultural workers -- and for the prayer partners and supporters of Team Expansion that make their work possible! From all of us, we jointly say, Thank you!!!

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



Sept. 9 (Xinhua) -- NBA star Yao Ming left Taipei on Sunday afternoon by air after a three-day visit to the island. The Houston Rockets center attended a basketball friendship match held at Taiwan University in which Yao scored 26 with seven slam dunks, making more than 3,000 of Yao's fans scream. It is the third time that Yao has visited Taiwan. Yao visited the Taipei 101, the world's tallest completed skyscraper just after his arrival on Friday evening. Yao stayed at the Sherwood Taipei with a specially prepared king size bed measuring 2.6 meters long and 2.4 meters wide for the 2.26-meter-tall basketball giant. Yao went to Hsinchu on Saturday and taught schoolchildren how to play basketball and visited a restaurant run by a basketball star in Taiwan who is also Yao's friend. (Editor: Yan Liang)