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PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN

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The King Has Come!

We are once again thankful for another year of life and ministry in Taiwan. We literally cannot do this without your support. It is just that simple. We are so glad to be here doing this great work, but God uses our financial and prayer supporters to make it possible. It is a testimony to God's greatness, grace, and power that his people pull together for these good works.

**WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT & INTEREST IN OUR
FAMILY, OUR MINISTRY, AND THE
TAIWANESE CULTURE AND PEOPLE.**

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Christmas Outreach

Back in the November 2007 report we mentioned that our church was looking for a special way to serve at Christmas. Our prayers were answered!

Since we moved into this apartment complex 14 months ago, we've tried to make a deliberate effort to get to know our neighbors and make friends. One way we've done so is through holding some activities for the kids who live here. We've written about Aunt Angie's English Club before, but we've also had some of the groups from the USA hold a VBS or some other activity for the kids. One group from Central Christian College even had a night where we reserved a room in our building and people could just drop by and play board games or Xbox and practice English. Some of the activities are more evangelistic than others.

Those previous efforts were a big reason why some of the people who lived here came to Angie and I and asked if our church would organize a Christmas program for our building. It is important for you to know that there are about 70 apartment units in our building and that our building is just one of 5 in our apartment complex! So whenever we talk about our "apartment complex" or "our community" we are talking about hundreds of people!



Of course we said YES! Angie is a master of organization, communication, and getting things done so it was bound to be great fun for the kids and parents alike. Our church friends were excited to help out and we quickly had volunteers for each of the various "stations" we created for people to visit and get a Christmas Ticket punched: these included crafts, the Christmas story drama, singing, a coloring page, and some snacks.

After the Christmas Party the church met in our apartment for some snacks, singing, reading the Christmas story, and prayer. Christmas is not an official holiday in Taiwan... everyone goes to school and work as usual.

A Note from Team Expansion's President

Face it... as much as we grouse about having to exchange Christmas cards this time of year, we all enjoy getting them now and then. One of the most meaningful greetings I've seen this season, so far, came, of all things, from a bank. The simple message went like this: "cherish your dreams (flip the page), for they start today (flip the page again), and go well into tomorrow. happy holidays." The lower case just amplified the elegant simplicity. I'm learning that dreams are fragile things... like the beginnings of a new campfire with wet tinder. You blow and fan, just hoping to encourage the embers along.

Your gift this month to your Team Expansion worker did exactly that: You fanned into flame the simple dreams for the worker you enabled. You encouraged someone that otherwise might have given up. Thank you for giving wings to dreams... and thanks for your support of Team Expansion.

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky

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December 15—Taipei—Felix Baumgartner, the 38-year-old Austrian daredevil, who has parachuted off skyscrapers around the world said he had wanted to jump off Taipei 101 since it was completed in 2004. "He prepared himself for one year," his spokeswoman in Vienna said. With the help of colleagues, he hid his parachute inside the ceiling of a toilet on the 91st floor. He inspected the building's security system and the observation deck for five days, waiting for the right wind conditions. On Tuesday, the weather conditions were right. Baumgartner had hired breakdancers to perform on the observation deck and two women to chat with the security guards to distract them. He climbed over the railing on the upper deck, walked out onto a ledge and jumped, landing on the roof of a parking garage. He then went to Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport and was on a flight to Hong Kong two hours later.

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