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PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN

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In the Midst of It!

We live in an apartment complex called San Yuan Luo Ma. I can't tell you what it means... because I don't know. The characters mean "Three Circle Rome" but that doesn't ring a bell to me. Any scholars out there?

There are at least 2000 residents living in the 6 buildings that make up our community and we enjoy getting to know as many of them as possible. We try to participate in activities that the community puts on whenever we know about them. Last year Angie won a small toaster oven as a door prize at one such activity.

We also try to run some of our own activities with the following goals:

- ◆ To serve our community
- ◆ To share the love of Jesus
- ◆ To make new friends

In the 18 months that we've lived at Three Circle Rome, we've been able to run two 8-week long (one night a week) English activities for elementary school kids and we are now in the middle of our third session, which started on April 9th. We advertise this activity as having English songs, games, activities, and crafts, with a bible lesson in Chinese and a snack. We have met several kids (and parents) through these activities. Some of the kids have attended each session, but sometimes their school (or cram-school) schedule will not allow them to continue. But we are glad for each opportunity to meet these children and love them in Jesus' name. This session will conclude at the end of May.

Last summer, the CIY group helped us with a VBS in our building and we also tried some casual English practice times with junior and senior high students. All of this has made Angie quite famous in our community. It is not uncommon to meet someone for the first time and for their first words to be, "Oh! So you are Aunt Angie!" Apparently Scott = chopped liver? :-)

This summer we are enlisting Kayla Wickenkamp's help in planning and leading another VBS. This time we hope to "take it on the road" and do the same VBS in a few other places where our church members live.



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TMF Spring Ladies Retreat

I admitted my lack of history knowledge on the front page and I'm going to admit another shortcoming here - I don't know if the word "Ladies" in the headline should have an apostrophe after the "s" or not. I've got a grilled squid on a stick here for anyone who can clear this up for me. You'll have to come to Taiwan to pick up your prize, though! :-)

Is it a retreat for "Spring Ladies"? No. But... there were some ladies... and they are all missionaries... and they took some time this spring to have a retreat together.

Angie was one of the participants and here's the scoop:

The retreat was held at a nice little spa/hotel near the east coast city of Taidong. You might recognize the name of that city because we have written about visiting friends who live there. It is a perfect place for a retreat with the mountains rising up steeply out of the ocean and creating many chances to marvel at God's creative power and beauty.

Angie planned in advance to attend the retreat, but had been sick for a few days leading up to the day the retreat started. She planned to ride the train from Taipei with some other spring ladies, but woke up feeling much worse and she cancelled her train ticket and decided not to attend. However, by mid-morning she was feeling much better and took her family's advice to try to get

down to Taidong for the retreat. We made some phone calls and put Angie on a plane in the afternoon and she arrived about the same time as she would have if she had taken the train. The plane ticket is more expensive, but was a big time saver for her. We are blessed to have such conveniences here and the support that makes it possible to take advantage of those conveniences.

After the retreat, Angie stayed with our friends, the Gants, for another day to enjoy the beach and have a short personal retreat. Thank you Chris and Sharilyn! Your hospitality helps us be better missionaries when we return home!

Speaking of returning home... something interesting happened when we picked Angie up at the Taipei airport. We (the kids and I) planned to pick Angie up and then whisk her off to Chili's for a bit of a welcome back celebration. When we entered the parking lot at Chili's, for some reason, I thought to ask, "Did momma's suitcase get in the van?" IT DID NOT! One of the kids put it near the back of the van, but it never got put in with all the hugging and laughing going on.

Angie started by calling the airline who then passed her off to airport security and she eventually received the good news that the suitcase was FOUND and would be held at the police station at the airport and we could pick it up after dinner. We are all thankful for Angie's safe trip, restful retreat, and recovered luggage.

A Note from Team Expansion's President

"What brings renewal for you? For some, it's getting away to the mountains. I tried that recently. In an effort to focus fully (on some of the questions in the item above), I took 4 days on a hilltop near Whittier, North Carolina. It was a very meaningful time of praying, reading, brainstorming, and recasting the dreams of my life and our ministry. I revisited my hopes, dreams, and daily walk, along with those of Team Expansion. I also studied carefully several of our projects around the world and became all the more convinced that God is doing some mighty work among us. Thank you for the support and prayer you extend in hopes of undergirding these projects, through the work of the favorite Team Expansion worker that you support. Please join me now in not only supporting them financially, but also in praying for their work specifically and intentionally. And thank you for the difference you're making around the world! (More later about the outcome from the 4 days on mountaintop.)

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



A teacher has been followed every day by a pigeon that she rescued six months ago, the Liberty Times reported yesterday. Pan Hsueh-hua, dean of the Chutian Primary School in Pingtung County, took home and cared for an injured pigeon she found on her school campus six months ago. Thinking the pigeon had an owner, Pan released the bird a week later. But a few weeks after that, the pigeon flew back to Pan's home and made itself a nest in the garage, the Liberty Times reported. Ever since, the pigeon has followed Pan on her daily drive to school and her drive home, a distance of 6km. When Pan is at home, the pigeon follows her around. Pan said she is touched by the pigeon's friendliness, but says she will let things take their own course. "If the pigeon wants to fly away, I won't stop it," she was quoted as saying.

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