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## Li Baba

We met Pei-yi (Sandra) during the Moon Festival in either 1999 or 2000. She was excited to find some Christians because she had become a Christian in college, but had not gone to church since. We were not surprised to see her that next Sunday morning. The following week she brought her college classmate, Su-zhen (Daphne). Within a few weeks, Su-zhen's husband, Guo-hua (Joe), was attending regularly. Daphne and Joe have become good friends over the years and their love for Jesus is inspiring.

Not long after they started attending the church in Yonghe, Joe's mother passed away. Obviously, this was difficult for them. But about one month later, Daphne seemed to disappear from church activities. She had become quite involved, and then withdrawn almost completely. No one seemed to know the reasons for this, although many people tried to talk with her about it.

Over the next few months, the reasons for her absence became clear, her mother passed away and her father was suffering from Alzheimer's. As an only child, all of the burdens and pressures of these events fell on her shoulders. She was quite traumatized by her mother's sudden passing and her father's condition. Eventually, she was able to rejoin the church fellowship.

Since that time, Daphne has faithfully taken care of her father, whom I will call "Li Baba" which is the Chinese for "Daddy Li". Filial piety is one of the most treasured attributes in many Asian cultures and Daphne's inward and outward expressions of filial piety serve as a model for others.

Although her father's condition was advanced, Daphne believed that God might give her a chance to share the gospel with her dad. She prayed for such an opportunity and in a miraculous act of grace, God granted her this opportunity. During one visit, her father was speaking and acting almost completely lucid and she shared from her heart about Jesus' love and God's grace. As she spoke, she looked through her own tears and into her father's eyes. She knew that he was hearing, understanding, and considering all that she was saying. He asked a few questions and she answered those and asked a few questions of her own to make sure that he was truly understanding what she was trying to tell him about Jesus. She was convinced beyond any doubt and spoke with him

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about baptism which he joyfully desired to enter into. In the following hours, his mind began to fade... and he never stepped out of the cloud again.

Li Baba passed away on May 4th, 2008 and entered into the promise of heaven. His funeral was held on May 16th and with many church brothers and sisters and unbelieving family members in attendance, Daphne continued to show by her words and deeds how it is possible to be a Chinese Christian. Her grace, beauty, intelligence, and wisdom were apparent to all as she shared about her dad and his unlikely conversion. Her final act of filial piety deeply touched every person.

Following the cremation of the remains, we were part of a small group of people who drove to the north coast of Taiwan for a brief graveside service. The Christian cemetery is in a beautiful location overlooking the ocean. It was an appropriate place to reflect on God's power as it is displayed in nature and in the lives of individuals. He reigns!

AT RIGHT: Daphne and Joe with their son, Yu-guang, and daughter, Yu-qing. It was taken Christmas 2007.

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## A Note from Team Expansion's President

"One of my team members shared a great story with me today. He told me about how there were two angels talking about the numbers on the other side of the pearly gates. These angels knew there was some kind of inconsistency, so one of them went in to find out. When he came back, he reported that he had discovered the source. "Jesus is on the outside of the wall, boosting people over the top as fast as he can." [grin] I thought the story did a good job explaining why many of us are involved in this work: We're trying to help Jesus boost people over the wall -- as quickly as we can. Your support toward the work of your favorite Team Expansion missionary aids in this process immensely... and we \*all\*, the world over, appreciate it. Thank you!

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



Taiwan is ready to buy 60 F-16C/D aircraft from the US and will pass the budget for the purchase as soon as Washington approves the sale, a lawmaker said yesterday. A member of the legislature's Diplomacy and National Defense Committee made the remarks in response to a report by the Chinese-language China Times that said a US official would visit later this month to persuade president-elect Ma Ying-jeou to approve the purchase. Lin said the newspaper was wrong as the legislature had already passed the budget, but later froze it "to save face" because the US kept delaying the sale. "So as soon as the US approves the sale, we will un-freeze the budget. This has nothing to do with whether Ma approves or disapproves the purchase," he said. Taiwan is seeking to buy 12 P-3C marine patrol, eight diesel-electric submarines, six PAC-III anti-missile batteries and 60 F-16s.

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