



Here's the News!

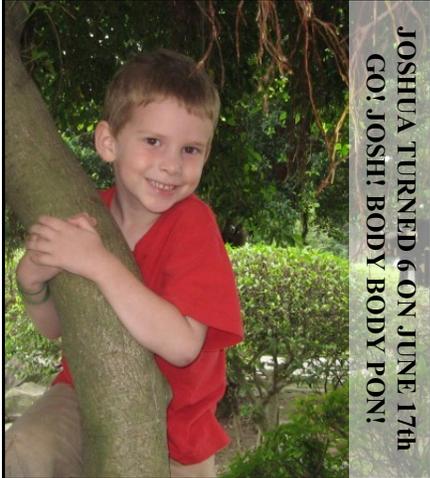
We usually devote the front page of the newsletter to a single story. Sometimes—like last month—that story spills onto the second page too. This time... the news is different. We have many things to report this month but none of them require the entire front page so we'll just dump it all in like so...

The end of May and the beginning of June seemed to bring us into contact with many Christians who were weary and burdened... we also felt this way. But by the end of the June, the clouds had cleared for us and many of those we are in contact with and it seemed like a fresh breeze was blowing in.

June brought with it the excitement that Kayla Wickenkamp, our summer intern, would be arriving soon! She flew into Taipei on June 24th and we've enjoyed getting to know her better and she's getting a good start on learning some Mandarin and trying new things. She even tried stinky tofu just 24 hours after being in Taiwan. We know some long-time missionaries that haven't tried this tasty treat yet!

Meng-ru (see FEB, MAR, APR newsletters) came over for a visit and she's doing OK. She seems to be adjusting well to her new home and is taking steps toward knowing God more, but she still makes many poor choices. We hope to remain involved in her life as she faces more trials and opportunities.

Our church recently started a new Bible study on Wednesday nights based on a simple book put together by our co-worker, Chad Edwards. We hoped to meet somewhere out in the community and ended up meeting at a local restaurant run by some people the church has helped out a few times. Although it isn't noteworthy to any Taiwanese person, most westerners will be amused to know that this restaurant's specialty is stinky tofu and is where Kayla had her first (and only) plate of it. Mr. Lin is the owner and this is his family in the picture.



JOSHUA TURNED 6 ON JUNE 17th
GO! JOSH! BODY BODY PON!

CONTACT US
PO BOX 6-32
YUNG HO 23499
TAIWAN
phone: 886-2-2211-9736
spagel@teamexpansion.org
apagel@teamexpansion.org
http://pagels.teamexpansion.org

OUR TEAM
SENDING CHURCH
Calvary Christian
10100 Cedar Island Road
Bellevue, NE 68123-5048
402-293-1700
FORWARDING AGENT
Nancy Crouse
701 Diamond Lane
Papillion, NE 68133-2484
402-614-5277

TEAM EXPANSION
3700 Hopewell Road
Louisville, KY 40299-5002
1-800-447-0800
info@teamexpansion.org

Pictures of our Family, Friends, Ministry and Taiwan:
<http://picasaweb.google.com/sqjtaipei>
To receive (fairly) regular email prayer updates:
Send a blank email to: pagelsintaiwan-subscribe@yahoo.com
To download past newsletters and financial reports:
Visit our website at: <http://pagels.teamexpansion.org>

More News

At a party at Joshua's school (celebrating his "graduation" from kindergarten) we met Qing-mei, her daughter, and her granddaughter. We found that her son (finishing 9th grade) was classmates with Benjamin Chen from our church. The next Sunday, Qing-mei, her son, and her granddaughter sat in our living room and joined in our simple church service. We are excited to see her use her spiritual gifts in serving the church. Their family, like many here, is dealing with some tough stuff... but she has hope that God will intervene. We believe he will. After the service, I was playing with her granddaughter and she said to me, "I don't have a daddy so I will come to your house a lot and you can be my daddy."

On Sunday mornings, we typically meet for worship in our apartment. Sometimes we go out somewhere together or to someone else's house, but usually we meet in ours. It is convenient to do so and we are happy to host, but we know that the vision for a church



planting movement in Taiwan demands that we not be the focus. Our meeting needs to move to other homes, perhaps instead of ours, but at least IN ADDITION to ours. Our living room is *very* full on most Sundays and so this is good in many ways. It is pushing the issue that we must face—where will we meet in the future? We hope to continue meeting in homes and pray for people to open their homes for these simple church meetings. We also hope to do more to welcome and aid those in our area who are in need or are pushed out of society in some way. Won't you pray that we will hear God's voice regarding these important decisions?

COMING UP!!!

Our annual Taiwan Missionary Summer Conference in Taichung followed by the Team Expansion/Formosa Christian Mission 3rd Annual Sports and English Camp!

You can check out the S&E CAMP WEBSITE at:

www.sportsandenglish.com



A Note from Team Expansion's President

This past Monday evening, after having presented Team Expansion to a local church in Cincinnati, I picked up a soft drink then headed home only to realize (about 5 miles down the road) that I had walked out without paying for it! Sigh. I turned around, doubled back, explained to the cashier what had happened and cashier gladly took my \$1.50. :-). In a quiet voice, he said, "Thank you for your honesty." I didn't go back just to hear him say thanks, but it still felt good that he said it. My guess is, you probably feel the same way about giving toward the work of your favorite Team Expansion missionary. You don't give just to hear 'thank you', but the truth is, we really are grateful, as an organization, and we hope you hear us plain and simple, WE APPRECIATE YOU! Thank you for going out of the way to help the work of the Lord go forward!

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



Starting on June 25 the Taipei City Government is inviting sunbathers to pull up a beach chair and relax — right by Taipei City Hall. The city government is creating a 400m² beach with white sand, umbrellas, beach chairs and palm trees at the southeast plaza of Taipei City Hall. "Beachgoers" may need a little imagination, though, to enjoy the one missing ingredient: the sea. The NT\$1.07 million (US\$35,000) project, which will be open until November, is intended to attract Taipei residents yearning for a bit of beach relaxation, city officials said, but the government will also use the beach to sell advertising space. The city's Parks and Street Lights Office said the beach would have seven palms, large beach umbrellas, a wooden patio and sinks to wash off sand. As many Taiwanese are averse to getting a tan, however, the umbrellas may be the key to the beach's success.

(From: <http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2008/06/04/2003413781>)