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PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN

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TAKING ROOT & BRANCHING OUT

“Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season without fail.

Their leaves never wither, and in all they do, they prosper.”

Psalm 1:1,3 (NLT)

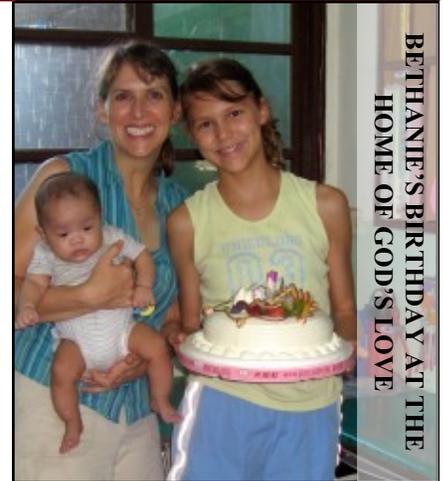
We believe that a healthy church is like a healthy tree. Ideally, the roots of a tree will plunge deeply into the earth and only when the roots have gone deep will the branches grow wide. We hope and pray that the Ankeng church will grow in this manner.

Taking Root in the Community

We believe that our church needs to be deeply concerned about our community. In the last few weeks, we’ve started talking more seriously about how our church will make a difference here. We have talked about ways to put newly released prisoners and rehabilitated drug addicts back to work. We have talked about how we can effectively share God’s love with our neighbors. We have talked about ways to provide helpful resources to people who want learn how to be better parents. We want to keep our community clean. We want to become known for our love of Ankeng—both the land and its residents. We have enjoyed our brainstorming sessions and times of fasting and prayer. We believe we are close to making some decisions regarding these important issues. We are preparing to go deep...

Branching Out

To put it simply, our house is FULL when we gather together for worship on Sunday mornings. We’ve always planned on this church being the first of a network of house churches. We hope we’ve made church planting and multiplication a part of the DNA of the Ankeng church. We believe that our commitment to take root in the community will also make this expansion of churches more important and urgent. Our upcoming home service will provide a natural opportunity for others to host the church meetings. Please pray for them as they make decisions about hosting the meetings. Ideally, when we return from home service, meetings in other homes will continue instead of everything reverting back to our house.



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2008/9 Home Service

We try to come back to the US every 2 to 3 years for home service. If you would like to schedule us to come to your church please be sure and contact us because our schedule fills up quickly. Lord willing, we'll be in the USA from mid-November 2008 until late March 2009.

We haven't spent the winter season in the US for several years now. Joshua and Mollie don't remember seeing snow so that will be fun if they get to experience it. Since we'll be in Missouri and Nebraska and surrounding states we feel like our chances are pretty good of a nice snow at some point.

Be sure and get in touch with us if you would like us to come and share at your church. We can do as much or as little as you like.

VBS & English Club

The VBS held in our building was well attended and well received. Kayla prepared the curriculum and we enjoyed serving the kids in our building during the week. We always get to know some of the parents better during these events. We also had the chance to take our Kid's English Club "on the road" as we went to Joe and Daphne's house one night to serve some of the families in their immediate neighborhood through an English activity.

Goodbye Kayla

Kayla Wickenkamp, from Christ's Church of Oronogo, left us in mid-August after being here for 2 months. She did a great job on her internship this summer. She prepared the VBS curriculum we used with the kids in our building, spent some time at the Home of God's Love, helped at Sports and English Camp and the TMF Conference, and watched our kids for a couple days while we went away for our 16th wedding anniversary! She did many other things as well. She's smitten with Taiwan and the people here. Our guess is that she'll be back at some point, but we'll trust God to lead her.

The picture below is Kayla with all of us (sans Scott) at a local fish pond and butterfly garden. We enjoyed the time we spent working with and hanging out with Kayla.

If anyone is interested in an internship with us, please contact us and we'll see what we can work out!



A Note from Team Expansion's President

Proverbs 25:25 says, "Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land." Each month, we receive all the reports from each of the 311 full-time Team Expansion missionaries around the world, serving in some 47 lands. As we open reports, gaze at photos, and bow in prayer for these courageous saints, we are truly encouraged by their selfless sacrifice and their unceasing determination. Each report causes us to bow to the Lord and give thanks for feet and hands that seem to never stop in their service for the Lord of Lords. Please join us in giving thanks for the way God is working through Team Expansion servants throughout the globe.

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



The recent economic downturn is so severe and pervasive that the annual sale of moon cakes by many charity organizations to raise funds has been receiving lukewarm response. Tsui Pin, director of the Eden Social Welfare Foundation's public relations department, said it was clear that charity organizations were having difficulty promoting their hand-made moon cakes because of the slowdown.

Tsui said in a telephone interview earlier last week that her foundation has set a target of selling 15,000 moon cake gift boxes this year made by about 40 physically and mentally challenged people at three Eden shelter factories. "But at best, sales are expected to total only 10,500 boxes this year, which means a big drop from last year's 25,000 boxes," Tsui said.

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