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**PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN**

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## A TALE OF TWO KUMQUATS

One Sunday morning not long ago, our friend and Christian brother Joe (Guo-hua) brought us a gift. Joe's wife is Daphne (Su-zhen)—we've written about them in previous newsletters. The gift? Two kumquats.

Yup. Two kumquats.

They were about the size of one of those small superballs.

These are tasty, sweet and sour little fruits that are especially good in tea.

Why mention this small gift?

Pure and simple... for what they represent.

Back on December 31, 2006, the Taiwan Christian Church of Yonghe held a special "sending out" worship service in which we were part of a group of people from that church who were being sent out to Ankeng to start a new church. You can check out our January 2007 report for more details on that service, but I want to mention a small part of it here.

As part of our being "sent out" our mother church purchased 2 kumquat trees. They kept one and they gave the other one to us. We've often shared with our churches that planting new churches is like seeing fruit trees bear fruit and reproduce naturally. Their gift represented that idea... that we were now being sent out to plant seeds and bear fruit in a new area. I must admit that I cried when they pulled out those trees during the service and that I cried again when Joe placed those 2 small fruits on our table.

They were from our tree. A new crop!

And just as that tree had produced fruit... so has our little daughter church. I must admit that I sometimes become frustrated because I think of many things we have not accomplished yet. But the joyous fact is that our church is growing. That day we found ourselves especially thankful for those who have regularly joined our fellowship during these last 21 months: Jones, Andy, Qing-mei, Simon, Ya-li, Qing-ping, Xing-ping, Bo-en, Chiu-lan, Guang-yu, Yu-wen, Yuh-an, Joseph, Sunny. We've had several visitors too.

Yu-wen (12 years old) said that she likes to come to our house and be with our family because of the warmth she feels at those times. Before we left she said, "I am going to miss you guys. I love you." We love her too. This is church.



ZI-YING IS THE BABY WE ARE TAKING CARE OF FOR A MONTH!

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## Home Service Update

- ◆ Our plans for home service are coming along nicely. We still need to hear from some of you so if you'd like us to visit and report to your church please let us know ASAP.
- ◆ We are still in need of a vehicle if you know of one we could use.
- ◆ We fly into Tulsa, OK on November 12 and fly out of Tulsa on March 25, 2009.

## New Kids' Club

We decided to squeeze in another 8 week Kids' English Club before we leave for the USA. We started in September and we are working through "The Fruit of the Spirit". We have had some of these kids in class before but some are new and we are thankful for the chance to know each of them!

We'll miss "our kids" during our home service time, but we trust that these seeds are in God's good hands!

## City on a Hill Coffee

We aren't sure what will come of this, but we feel like we've made significant progress towards our goal to become more a part of the fabric that makes up our beloved Ankeng!

In mid-August I (Scott) dropped Bethanie off at dance class and then went to a nearby coffee shop with my bible and a pen. I read a bit and prayed a bit and I started jotting down some thoughts and scriptures on a napkin. During a pause from my scribbling, the numbers 1, 4, and 3 came into my mind. I wrote it down along with some other things. My eyes kept moving to the numbers 1...4...3... and I didn't really know what it meant but I thought that Psalms is the only book with 143 chapters so I flipped there with great excitement growing inside my spirit and found a goldmine (go read it now!) and especially this in verse 7. "Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit."

Although my situation was not as dire as King David's, my spirit was indeed failing and these words became my own prayer the moment after I read them. Within 5 minutes, I had sketched out a good outline of the vision, goals, and dreams for "City on a Hill Coffee" with an emphasis on unconditional service in our community. This plan was well received at a church meeting 3 days later, but more prayer is needed!

## A Note from Team Expansion's President

Like much of the world, my wife and I watched as China threw a party to beat all parties at the Olympic Opening Ceremonies. I was amazed by all the wizardry, costumes, people hanging on wires, and the works. And how 'bout that refrigerator box routine? You know... the "movable type blocks" scene which everybody just assumed those 897 boxes were run by hydraulics, forming shapes of the wind, Chinese characters, 'waves', and "Harmony." How'd they do it? Well the explanation I heard was 8 hours a day, solid, for 4 months. No wonder they had teamwork! What this illustrates \*big-time\* is that for a team of 897 to really pull off a large-scale success like this, he has to recognize he's part of the body. Likewise, we'll function best in the body of Christ if and when we see ourselves in perspective of the larger body. Ephesians 4. Romans 12. I Corinthians 12. Your role in helping bring about new church planting movements around the world is an important one! Your favorite Team Expansion missionary couldn't function without your help. Ultimately, none of us can. Thank you for your support... and thanks for your prayers!

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



**T** Giant pandas "Tuan-tuan" and "Yuan-yuan" may arrive in Taipei Zoo as early as November  
**A** via a cross-strait direct flight, and visitors will be required to take a number to see them. Zoo  
**I** director Jason Yeh yesterday said the Taipei City Government has formed a special team to  
**W** handle the two pandas, and will seek to arrange for them to take a direct flight from Chengdu,  
**A** China, to Taipei. Yeh said the zoo expects the pandas to attract 6 million visitors each year.  
**N** The zoo will ask visitors to draw number slips to save them from waiting in line, and each visi-  
tor may be given only three to five minutes in the Panda Hall because of the large number of  
expected visitors, he said.

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