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PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN

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AND THE NAME IS...

Well... I wish I could just tell you... but unless you speak Mandarin, you'll need more explanation because the name of the new outreach center does not translate into English very nicely. I have to say, this does have a small downside because it is common for shops in Taiwan to have English names, but overall, I'm glad that our outreach center doesn't have a readily available English name because we'd like to keep things as indigenous as possible. In Taiwan, Christianity is seen as "Western" anyway... which is exceedingly interesting to me since almost everything in the Bible happens in Asia... but anyway...

The name of this place consists of 4 Chinese characters.

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These 2 characters can mean "overflowing", "flourishing", "abundant", "a surplus", or "more than enough". In Hanyu pinyin they are pronounced: *you yu*

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These 2 characters mean "small station". It is used for smaller rail and bus stations, but in conversation it can mean something like a "pit-stop". In Hanyu pinyin: *xiao zhan*

You Yu Xiao Zhan is more than a name, it is also a reminder of our mission to others and of our relationship with God. It reminds us that the Christian life is an abundant life.

AN ABUNDANT LIFE

For the Christian, joy and peace and love are so abundant that they flow out of the Christian and to the people and communities around them. We do not intend to be a church that simply waits for people to come to our "pit-stop" in order to receive a blessing, but we want to be sure that when/if

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people do visit that they notice that the Christian life is an abundant life. The reason we are deliriously joyful, impulsively generous, and exceedingly caring is that we have received all of these things in abundance from our heavenly father and we want to share.

OUR MISSION TO OTHERS

The 2nd character in the name, “Yu”, sounds like the Chinese word for “fish”. If we had used the character for fish in the name, it would sound the same, but peo-

ple would think it was a place that sold fish. However, for the Christian, the word “fish” will remind us that we are to be “fishers of men” and of the ancient Christian symbol of the fish. By using a word that sounds like “fish”, it is a reminder of our dual mission: to meet together as a family and to regularly “cast our net” in order to see more people come to Christ.

We hope that this outreach center will provide even greater opportunity to share God’s abundant blessings with our neighbors in Ankeng.

RED BEAN CAKES

For a few days in May, I helped our brother, Qing-hong, with his newly opened "Red Bean Cake" stand. The first 3 days of business, Qing-hong promoted his cakes by offering "buy one, get one free". With the promotion and with Qing-hong still learning to work with the pressure of customers at his stand, he was very busy and needed extra hands. I had a blast helping out and plan to help in the future. He is selling 4 different flavors... red bean and cream are sweet, and pickled veggie and turnip are "salty". I think he's going to have great success. I love seeing Christians start businesses like this and add value to people's lives!



A Note from Team Expansion's President

Dear Fellow Helper,

In these days of economic fluctuations, we are thankful for your faithful and, in many cases, sacrificial help for the work of your favorite Team Expansion personnel around the world. Odds are, your favorite Team Expansion worker has wondered how certain the future is. Because of your gifts of prayer, hope, and financial help, you have enabled him or her to soldier on in ministry. And in spite of the challenges we all fact, I'm excited about the future. The "Leadership Task Force" (Team Expansion's "board of directors") just met last weekend for their annual retreat. They patiently reviewed the work of every single Team Expansion worker. There are so many dedicated people at work under the Team Expansion banner... and you are helping make that work possible. Thank you!

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky

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With “no success can compensate the failure in the home” as their rallying cry, for 52 years, thousands of young Mormon men and women, often on bikes, have been carrying out their missions in Taiwan. In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church, the word “elder” is given to signify a high-level of priesthood. Latter-day Saints believe that all men, at age 19, who have been called to serve a two-year proselytizing mission, must receive this type of priesthood before they can wear the black nametag on their chests. Young women at age 21 are also encouraged to devote 18 months to a mission. The main duty of the missionaries, said Norman Neilson, the president of the Taipei Mission, is to “share the gospel of Jesus Christ and tell the Taiwanese brothers and sisters that families can be together forever.” As a young man in 1971, Neilson served in Taiwan, and he recalls a country largely covered with rice paddies. The number of Mormons in Taiwan at the time was about 4,400, mostly US missionaries. Nearly four decades later, its membership has grown 10-fold to 47,000 and its missionaries have to move through heavy traffic instead of dodging water buffalos.

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