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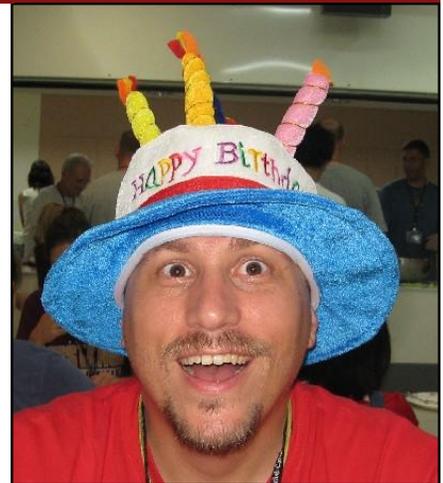
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PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN

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SPORTS AND ENGLISH CAMP

Each summer for the past 4 years, the Team Expansion missionaries in Taiwan have worked together to hold a “Sports and English Camp” for Taiwanese junior and senior high students. This year, the camp was July 5-11. We hosted over 100 campers and many staff members from the USA. I preached twice, coached hoops, and helped make breakfasts. Angie served as the camp nurse and was very busy in that role. Together we served as leaders of a family group. Bethanie was part-time camper and part-time staff member. Several students from the Yonghe and Ankeng churches attended and some were among the 15 who professed Christ as Lord and Savior before the end of the week of camp. If you’d like to help out next year, please let us know!



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WHEN DOES A NEW MISSIONARY HIT STRIDE?

In each newsletter, we always include a paragraph from Team Expansion's president, Doug Lucas. In this edition, I'm adding another bit from Doug with some additional comments added. I added this topic because it has been stuck in my mind since I first read Doug's opinion back in mid-June and because I wrote about our 10 year anniversary in Taiwan in the last newsletter and this seemed relevant, but didn't fit in that issue.

FROM DOUG: What's your opinion? Mine varies, but in general, I've concluded (after doing this for about 31 years) that it takes about 5 years for one of our workers to really start understanding the turf, feeling the groove, speaking the language without pause or frustration, and, in general, producing. So -- you can understand then -- how my heart goes out to the worker who leaves after just 2 years. In general, he or she is leaving before the real feeling of fulfillment can set in. As a result, I'm afraid the shorter stint (2 years or so) might actually inculcate the worker *against* missions. "I tried the missions thing; I just wasn't cut out for it." Lord, please bring on more of the 5-year-plus workers!

FROM SCOTT: I completely agree. I suppose I don't need to say it. I could just post Doug's opinion and be done with it... but I'd like to go on the record. I might just add that I don't think Doug is at all saying that missionaries are a burden for years 1 - 4 or that 2-year stints are always bad, but I believe (like Doug) that we must aim high. In our own ministry, I'd say 5 years was about when we hit our stride, but I also have to admit that even 10 years in, I sometimes get knocked off of my stride. We've been here long enough to see others come and stay long enough to hit their stride but some have left before reaching that point. Will you pray for more 5-year-plus workers and consider being one yourself?



A Note from Team Expansion's President

Sometimes, when I explain how Team Expansion is set up, I have to chuckle. Think about it: We approach the most gifted and skilled people we can find. We ask them to leave their salaried jobs, their parents (and grandparents), their clear & clean drinking water, the amusement parks, the softball league, Christmas with family, and Mexican Food. To talk them into this, we dangle in front of them the prospects of having to raise their own salary, work expenses, and travel costs. We challenge them to serve in a place where they can't watch "24" real-time. We have to help them figure out ways to get internet by satellite, postal mail in the town down the road, and the water -- well we point them to a couple of really good quality filters. No wonder you love your favorite Team Expansion missionary. No wonder we do to. Join me tonight in giving thanks to the Father of the one who also left home (in Heaven), traveled to a faraway unfriendly place. Join me in thanking God for your favorite missionary.

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



Michael Jackson fans gathered in Taipei yesterday to imitate their late hero's dance moves and watch his performances as tributes to the US pop legend. Jackson, who died on June 25 in Los Angeles, enjoyed a huge following in Asia. About 200 fans held a memorial in Taipei where impersonators performed on a stage adorned with his photos. Many sobbed as they watched videos of Jackson's concerts. "I paid tribute to him with my dance," said Kao Sha-ming, 30, wiping tears after he mimicked Jackson's moves in a red T-shirt and a black jacket. Kim Lin, 32, said she was picked to dance with Jackson when he performed in Taiwan in 1996. She said she screamed for 20 minutes after hearing about his death. "My god of music just died. It was too hard to accept that because I was so close to him on the stage," she said.

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