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CATCHING UP

It seems that the last few newsletters have been dominated by single stories and I've realized that many of the day-to-day news items get left out. These little things can provide a lot of insight into our life in Taiwan and I'd like to share several with you in this edition. We do share more of these things through the email updates so be sure and follow the directions (below) to get on the email list if you want to be more connected.

- ◆ In early October, Chris Sanford joined our team for a 6 month internship. He moved to Taipei after spending 6 months in Kaohsiung. He is making excellent progress in Mandarin and making lots of contacts.
- ◆ Also in October, we celebrated the Chinese holiday called Mid-Autumn Festival or Moon Festival. Most people celebrate Moon Festival with a big BBQ. At our outreach center, we organized a BBQ for all of our neighbors in the alley and some other friends. We rented a big projector and screen and played Wii as we ate and talked.
 
- ◆ On October 21, Peter Bennett left the hospital!!! :-) PTL!
- ◆ On October 4, I went to visit Peter in the hospital, but as soon as I arrived, I received a phone call from our Taiwanese sister Jen-Jen. Her father had passed away that morning. Someone else stayed with Peter while I drove over to Jen-Jen's house to be with her and to find a way to show God's love to the Jian family. Jen-Jen has 4 older brothers and she is the only Christian in her family. On the day of her father's passing, we were able to help in some very real and practical ways. One of Jen-Jen's brothers is a strict adherent of a syncretistic religion called I-Kuan Tao.

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It is prevalent in Taiwan and requires many ceremonies in order to send the departed off to heaven properly. Jen-Jen's mother testified that whenever the I-Kuan Dao adherents came to the house, the made many demands upon the family and they had to pay a great deal of money for the higher ranking priests to make a call. These visits were always stressful for Jen-Jen's mother. Her mother made it clear that Christians were welcome to visit the home anytime because they brought peace. Several brothers and sisters attended the funeral and sang Amazing Grace as a testimony of God's great power and our love for sister Jen-Jen and her family. The way in which the local church cared for Jen-Jen's family while respecting their traditions has turned out to be one of my proudest moments as a missionary in Taiwan.

- ◆ In the last 2 weeks of October, Bethanie had 2 dance performances, one in Taipei and one in Changhua county in central Taiwan. She's very talented as is her entire class. A joy to watch.
- ◆ Back in September, Mollie started attending a public kindergarten. It is the same one that Josh attended a couple years ago. She's made a lot of friends and her Chinese is amazing.

- ◆ We've been holding a free English conversation night on the first Friday of each month. I hope we can do this every Friday night, but it is important to make sure we have enough native speakers first.
- ◆ In September, we started a soccer camp on Saturday mornings. We are running 2 age groups and more kids have come each week. We have some dads helping as coaches and have seen that this is a blessing to many families. People are already asking when the next session will start as they don't want this one to end.



SCOTT TO USA IN NOV

I plan to be in the USA from November 10-24 to attend the Team Expansion Team Leaders' Summit in Louisville and the National Missionary Convention in Peoria. Maybe I'll see you there!

A Note from Team Expansion's President

All around me there are positive signs for a resurging USA and global economy. Apple stock is up (I guess lots of folks are buying those iPhones.) and the Dow Jones Industrial Average (a stock indicator) just climbed back into the 10K+ stratosphere. We're seeing more gainers than losers, more money-makers than broken-hearted, and a returning optimism that has taken a while to develop. But the good news is, most of the Team Expansioners with whom I talked have said that the sluggish economy didn't seem to impact their functional finances, praise God. When I'm asked why, the only response I can dream up is that there is a strong link between most Team Expansion workers and the donors that sponsor their projects. That strong link is personal... and it's based on a strong belief that Team Expansioners will finish what they started. I'm here today to tell you that we take that trust very seriously. Thank you for supporting the work of your favorite Team Expansion worker. We appreciate you!

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky

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A couple has been living happily together for half a century because the husband has been giving his wife an apple a day to keep their marriage sweet. Lee Ta-pin, 77, and Sung Chin-yu, 74, revealed their secret for a happy marriage while celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday in Kaohsiung. Their tradition began three months after their wedding when Lee, an army reservist, was called up to serve for 30 days. Knowing that Sung liked apples, Lee bought a basket of them for her, telling her to eat an apple a day when she missed him. "By the time you have finished eating the 30 apples, I will be home and we will be reunited," he said. Lee has been buying apples for Sung ever since, except when fruit shops were closed on typhoon days. "I have enjoyed a sweet life because of the sweet apples he bought me," Sung said. In the 1960s and 1970s, a Red Delicious apple cost US\$2, which was enough to buy food for a family for several days.

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