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PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN

2010 — January

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

Would you believe that we neglected to shoot a family photo at Christmas? I guess these will have to do for this year! We'll shoot a family pic next year!



**IT IS GREAT TO BE
SERVING IN 2010!**

Yes... Z is sitting on a fridge. Yes... Mollie has a pomelo peel on her head. Yes... Bethanie has 2 hamsters. Yes... J is cool. Yes... our kids are eating Red Bean Cakes!

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CONNECTIONS

A few months ago, our family took a hike up the big hill behind our building. At one of the resting points, we had the opportunity to meet Alisa, a young woman hiking with her parents and her aunt. When Angie found out Alisa worked in Yonghe and was interested in English she had a great idea. Over the last several years, various missionaries have taught an English Bible study at the Yonghe church on Monday nights. Angie takes Bethanie to dance class in Yonghe on Monday nights so Angie offered to take her. Alisa was happy with Angie's offer and in December she attended with her sister for the first time.

On a trip to the pharmacy, Angie discovered that the pharmacist, Richard, was interested in English and invited him to our monthly English conversation night. He came the very next time and he came to our Christmas Eve service too!

These 2 stories are just a couple examples of the way the Lord brings us into contact with people who could be called "good soil". Alisa's story also serves as a testimony of the value of working together with the other missionaries and how important it is to stay in one location for a long period of time. We are blessed that we can meet so many interesting people.

THANKSGIVING PARTY

In December, we had a great party to celebrate a successful soccer session. We invited everyone over to our building and had a Thanksgiving meal and Chinese food combo/potluck. We shared about some of the other activities we have and our Taiwanese brother Joe shared about our outreach center... who we are and why we do what we do - Jesus! One of my favorite times was when some of the dads started murmuring when they thought we were going to throw down an evangelistic guilt trip and maybe even ask for money. We are glad to be a part of a group of believers who understand what it means to "live out one's faith" instead of merely talk about it. These same "murmurers" were later seen playing games and dancing to music in the relaxed atmosphere generated by Christians who know the meaning of grace.

SYMPATHY

On Christmas day, our forwarding agent's husband, Ben Crouse, passed away after suffering from Alzheimer's. Ben was a great man and we offer our sympathies to Nancy and Ben's family. Please excuse any temporary delay in processing your donations.

A Note from Team Expansion's President

Today, when meeting with a Team Expansion worker departing for the field in January, my mind reflected on the good news she shared. In just 8 months, God had provided all the support needed for her work. As she spoke, I realized more and more that there were at least a couple of reasons for this great outcome. First she's a very relational person. Most of our missionaries are -- which makes us a very relational organization. There are very few politics around here. It's mostly all heart. This Christmas, one of my most treasured 'gifts' is the privilege of serving with *friends*. In fact, thank you for *your* friendship and service throughout 2009. Thank you for empowering your favorite Team Expansion worker to leave home for a foreign land, bearing Good News of peace and joy. From all of our hearts, Merry Christmas!

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



A Canadian and his Taiwanese wife have built their dream house out of pulped newspapers. John Lamorie, an English teacher living in Taiwan, collected 1,300kg of old newspapers and turned them into building materials with a pulping machine he invented. It took him and his wife almost a year to build, but now they have an environmentally friendly house in Pingtung County. Lamorie said he loves a challenge, and that when he is not teaching English, he fills his time with carpentry, building and glass painting. He has already made five wooden houses abroad and five years ago purchased a plot of land in Pingtung County. Most of the buildings on their land are wooden structures set in lush, green surroundings with a bridge over a stream and a small pond for geese and ducks. The main house, which they just completed, is built from bricks made of old newspapers.

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