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PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTHERN TAIWAN

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FAMILY UPDATES

We like to give updates about the kids from time to time, but it has been a while. Our kids are AMAZING and Angie and I could not be prouder!



BETHANIE still loves dancing and one of the highlights of the year was starting to dance in toe shoes. She is a leader in the youth group at Bethany school. During Christmas break she helped take care of babies at the Home of God's Love (and she brought one back with her—see reverse for more info). She is a natural teacher and likes to take “artsy” photos like the one on the left.



ZACH is very interested in sports and not just in playing sports, but in learning about the histories and strategies of sports as well. He is a big football fan and loves playing soccer and football most of all. He's always had an aptitude for music and is taking piano now. He also likes to beat his dad at a World War II sim called *Memoir '44*.



JOSH is busy losing teeth as you can see in this photo. He learned to ride his bike without training wheels in about 30 seconds one afternoon. He LOVES reading and will read for hours at a time. He enjoys soccer and has a good sense of where to be on the field. He also takes a Chinese class and is learning quickly— characters too!



MOLLIE makes us laugh. She is very fun to be around and she loves to be with people. The picture is of her 5th birthday and her best friend is her classmate, Ariel, who is in the front on the left. Her Chinese is excellent and she moves between English to Chinese easily. She loves to learn about the world and “figure stuff out”.

Pictures of our Family, Friends, Ministry and Taiwan:

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MISS QIU

I know it is hard to know how to pronounce it, but something like “chee-o” would be close.

Miss Qiu is a baby we are fostering for a few weeks or months. When Bethanie went to help at the Home of God’s Love over Christmas break, Angie told Ted and Bev that we’d be happy to take a baby for a while and when Ted brought Bethanie back to us, he brought Miss Qiu, too. She already has adoptive parents but her paperwork is still making its way through the legal systems in the US and in Taiwan. We don’t know how long she’ll be here, but she is very welcome and very loved. Since moving to Ankeng, she’s the second baby we’ve helped with and the third child to stay with us during a time of transition. Our home is always open.



PRAYERS...

- ◆ Our hearts go out to the people of Haiti. Haiti is one of Taiwan’s few diplomatic allies and the people and government of Taiwan have been generous and helpful in the relief effort.
- ◆ Our co-worker, Karen Thompson, lost her mother in January and flew back to the USA.
- ◆ Another co-worker, Jen Reynolds, went back to the USA to be with her parents after her dad had sudden brain surgery in January. He is recovering well and should be fine.
- ◆ Scott’s dad has had some health issues the last few weeks, but it seems that he’s doing better now.

AND PRAISES...

- ◆ Peter Bennett and the Edwards family are back safely from time in the USA.
- ◆ Our co-workers, Allen and Cherry Messimer, welcomed their 3rd daughter, Kylea, into the world.
- ◆ Our entire family seems to be thriving and have stayed mostly healthy most of the time!

A Note from Team Expansion's President

Like you, I have a deep respect for the people of Team Expansion. These everyday heroes sell their houses, often resign from jobs that were providing regular incomes, leave family & friends, and even give away the family dog. Grandparents have to watch their grandchildren grow up via Facebook, wondering how tomorrow's morning news will impact the world. And there's nothing quite as poignant as when I see a mother hugging her little girl (now a grown missionary) goodbye. But you know, in the midst of all of this, there is a certain resolve visible in the hearts and lives of these pilgrims. That commitment is rooted not in the size of the paycheck, but in its source. One of our Team Expansion families once said to me, "If even one person over there has never had a chance to say 'yes' to Jesus, how could I stay home?" It's that, "how-could-I-stay-home commitment" that gets them through the hard times... and the help you lend to your favorite Team Expansion missionary is fuel for that fire. Thank you for empowering their service... and thank you for your partnership with Team Expansion.

Doug Lucas—Louisville, Kentucky



Revelations about Leonardo Da Vinci’s Mona Lisa and the machines created from designs by the Renaissance master will be shown at National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall from Feb. 12 through May 13. The exhibition, entitled “Da Vinci the Genius,” will feature 188 works, including replicas and mechanical models based on Da Vinci’s codices and 25 revelations about the famous painting Mona Lisa. It is hoped that viewers will be able to glimpse the creative genius of Da Vinci as an artist, inventor, scientist, engineer, sculptor, anatomist, biologist, musician, architect and philosopher, based on his codices, the curator of the exhibition said. He said viewers would discover the answer to the long-held question of whether Mona Lisa had eyebrows. “The mystery was solved by a French scientific engineer and photographer of fine art Pascal Cotte,” the curator said. Cotte invented a 240-million pixel camera to photograph the Mona Lisa in the Louvre museum in Paris. With this equipment, he was able to obtain the most accurate replica of the masterpiece ever achieved.

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