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THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

In an article* I read around Chinese New Year, a doctor was giving his annual opinion of what the new year would bring based on the Chinese zodiac symbol for the coming year.

“ In Chinese astrology the tiger is one of the most dynamic and powerful signs. Its nature is unpredictable, courageous, and explosive. Therefore, the year of the Tiger is usually associated with big changes and social disorder; 2010 is likely to be a turbulent year—on both a global and a personal level.

Um... yeah. I agree about the general prediction for 2010, but I think I'd predict this outcome even if it was the Chinese Year of Bunnies, Marshmallows, and Rainbows.

The doctor goes on to give his 5 tips for the best chance of weathering any storms 2010 may bring...

1. Eat right for 2010
2. Consistent and regular exercise
3. Protect with herbal and nutritional supplements
4. Cleanse your body
5. Develop patience

Um... yeah... again. Seems like good advice for any year, any day, any time.

But this doctor's nebulous predictions and tips actually served as a catalyst for making my own plans for this upcoming lunar year. I like all of the doctor's tips and I'm going to leave the first 2 as they are and tweak the other 3.

3. Protect from error with greater knowledge of scripture, science, language, and cultural understanding
4. Cleanse your desk, other personal space, and life from all clutter
5. Develop patience in prayer

Each year brings its own challenges... and I expect these tips will help us meet the challenges, remind us of grace, and bring us closer to our goal of establishing an Indigenous Church Planting Movement in Taiwan.

*(<http://health.yahoo.com/experts/drmao/23890/2010-forecast-year-of-the-tiger/>)

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SOCCER CAMP

We just finished our 2nd soccer camp. It occurred to me that we haven't mentioned much (if anything) about our soccer camps in these newsletters although we've shared more in the email updates.

A few years ago, the principal at the local missionary school (Morrison Academy—Bethany Campus) and a few of the faculty/staff started an organization called Fun Formosa with 2 primary purposes: to play team sports with their own kids and to teach character and Christian principles in a sports context.

After helping coach for several sessions of basketball and soccer, we started thinking about opening a session at the school next door to where we live (see picture). The directors readily agreed and we kicked off Fun Formosa Ankeng a few months ago.

We've had help coaching from both Taiwanese and American dads as well as a single missionary guy and some missionary kids. We practice on Saturday mornings and many families attend practice together and use it as an active start to the weekend. We are grateful for the chance to meet new friends and to be able to share with them of our overflowing love and joy because of knowing Jesus. More in April...



A Note from Team Expansion's President

Have you ever tried to analyze what constitutes "the missionary call?" What I mean is -- why would a reasonable man or woman decide to leave home, family and friends for the sake of people he or she doesn't even know yet? During college, I remember learning that a missionary call is when "one sees a need and knows that he or she can meet that need." It was Frederick Buechner who wrote, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." (Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC). Perhaps it's that way with your favorite Team Expansion missionary. For my part, I am certainly inspired by many of them. In fact, if I ever waiver in my own commitment to "the Cause," all I have to do is remember their response to the call and, for some reason, I take strength. If you regularly partner with a Team Expansion worker in prayer and/or in giving, you're a part of that strength. For that, we are very grateful. May God bless you as you participate regularly in encouraging an ongoing commitment to that "missionary call!" Thank you for your partnership and support!

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Those hoping to take a trip to enjoy the snowfall on Hehuanshan should drive with care after the season's largest snowfall yesterday dumped 50cm to 60cm of snow on the mountain. Despite the sub-zero temperatures, visibility on the mountain remained clear, offering a rare treat to tourists already at the scene. However, motorists should be prepared for delays after heavy traffic was reported on the road leading up to the mountain. An officer at the Nantou County Police Bureau said that while last month brought only about 60cm of snow on Hehuanshan, yesterday's snowfall dumped nearly an equivalent amount of snow in less than a day. Officers will check that vehicles traveling to Hehuanshan are equipped with snow chains. Snowfall was also recorded on Yushan. The Central Weather Bureau said that yesterday brought about 9cm of snow, resulting in an accumulation of nearly 24cm this week..

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