

# Pilgrim Songs...

I've often written and spoken about how the Christian life is like a journey and we are pilgrims on the road. This idea is nothing new. In ancient Israel, people traveled from distant places to Jerusalem to visit the temple. At that time, it was the way to come near to God and present offerings with expectation that God would accept your gifts and respond in some way. As people made the journey to the temple mount, the anticipation built in part through the singing of certain Psalms which are marked in some versions of the Bible as "Songs of Ascent". These 15 Psalms (120 to 134) are among my most favorite Psalms and reveal some information about what those ancient pilgrims were looking forward to when they came into God's presence at the end of the journey.

It is important that each of these 15 Psalms are "hopeful" and many of them seem explicitly "joyful." When I read them in order, they seem to build in stages: vision —> preparation —> journey —> encounter —> blessing. The journey begins as an idea... hopeful and joyful expectation builds with each step... and ends with God's blessing and we will never come away from such an encounter unchanged.

## ... For the Journey Ahead

In recent months, we've seen 4 units of church planting co-workers leave Taipei for various (good) reasons. Next year, one more family plans to move to another city. This has great implications for the churches in Yonghe and Ankeng, the church leaders, and for our family. I feel like it is very important that we put ourselves in situations that enable us to encounter God in ways that result in his blessing. The 'Songs of Ascent' readily come to mind because we, too, have a great and cheerful and hopeful expectation that God wants us to come to him and he wants to lead us and bless us. Will you please join us in prayer as the local believers use these natural times of transition to clarify their vision for the future?

I look up to the mountains -- does my help come from there? Psalm 121:1 (NLT)

## Activities

We meet with Taiwanese brothers and sisters for prayer and friendship. Most regularly this is with Joe and Daphne (we've mentioned them before).

Moon Festival—BBQ with the community last month... great to meet new/old friends!

13 Lessons in Christian Doctrine— Study on Sunday AMs started on Oct 3.

I Am a Hero Games—a sports event for children living with mental and/or physical disabilities, is coming to Ankeng in December. This big event is sure to get everyone involved.

Kids' Bible Class—this regular event starts up again this month and runs until Christmas.

## A Note from Team Expansion's President—Doug Lucas

Dear friend of the Unreached,

My son has recently started a Ph.D. degree. He called the other night, burdened by the sheer number of deadlines he was facing. He asked for tips. The suggestion I gave bordered on the obvious: "Make a list." Write it all down, prioritize and organize by date and strategic priority. He called me back a couple of days later to say he had followed my advice and it had really helped. He was already feeling like he had a better handle on what was coming next - and he was at least sleeping five hours a night now. :-)

Some time ago, researchers took a similar route with the world's unreached peoples. They made a list, which has been steadily improved and corrected with each passing month ever since. (See [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net) as a prime example.) All Team Expansion missionaries are dedicated to telling the tribes, castes and kindreds on that list. When you support his or her work, you're helping check off a global to-do list -- one that has needed attention for centuries. So thank you for your help with the Task Remaining. God bless!

For the sake of unreached peoples, Doug Lucas



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RECEIPTS	
Antioch Christian Church	\$ 350.00
Calvary Christian Church	\$ 1,300.00
Cedar Ridge Christian Church	\$ 500.00
Christ's Church Of Oronogo	\$ 600.00
Cisne Christian Church	\$ 190.00
Edmond Christian Church	\$ 550.00
Individuals	\$ 235.00
Journey's Crossing	\$ 300.00
Kingston Federated Church	
Pagel, Scott & Angie	\$ 1,694.34
US Treasury	
Villa Heights Christian Church	
Wildewood Christian Church	\$ 150.00
Winona Christian Church	\$ 150.00
Interest - Xrate - Refund - Rebate	\$ 0.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,019.67</b>

SUMMARY	
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,457.06
Receipts	\$ 6,019.67
Expenses	\$ 4,659.76
Credit Card Beginning Balance	\$ 20.00
Credit Card Ending Balance	\$ 99.95
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,896.92</b>

NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receipts this month include US\$1694.34 from Scott and Angie's personal funds (last in 2009). This happens from time to time and we try to repay the amount as soon as possible.</li> </ul>

EXPENSES			
Fund Transfer Expense			
Benefits			
100 · Salary	\$ 1,789.95	Postage	
110 · Medical Insurance	\$ 648.56	500 · In the Field	
111 · Special Medical Expense	\$ -	550 · In the States	\$ 29.95
120 · Life Insurance		Total Postage	\$ 29.95
130 · Social Security		Office	
150 · Housing Allowance	\$ 1,387.11	600 · Supplies In the Field	\$ 13.89
160 · Utilities	\$ 62.32	640 · Facility/Utilities	
170 · Education for Children	\$ 263.94	660 · Mission Phone	\$ 52.80
180 · Contributions	\$ 50.00	661 · E-Mail	\$ -
Total Benefits	\$ 4,201.88	670 · Secretaries/Assistants	
Education		Total Office	\$ 66.69
200 · Books/Periodicals		Promotion/Representation	
210 · Language Acquisition	\$ 10.00	700 · For More Support	
220 · Conferences/Classes		710 · For More Recruits	
230 · Team Building	\$ 11.45	720 · Newsletters	
240 · Equipping Missionaries		740 · Team Expansion Home Office	\$ 100.00
Total Education	\$ 21.45	750 · Miscellaneous	
Christian Education		Total Promotion/Representation	\$ 100.00
300 · Printed Material		Travel	
310 · AudioVisual		800 · Car/Transportation	\$ 126.36
320 · Hospitality		806 · Vehicle Maint/Ins	\$ 73.26
330 · Other		810 · Meals While Traveling	
Total Christian Education	\$ -	820 · Fees/Tolls	\$ -
Evangelism		830 · Housing While Traveling	
400 · Printed Material		840 · Legal (Travel Fees)	
410 · AudioVisual		860 · Air Fare	
420 · Hospitality	\$ -	870 · Misc. Expenses	
430 · New Field Research		Total Travel	\$ 199.62
440 · Bibles	\$ -	Miscellaneous	
450 · Compassion Projects		900 · Unspecified Equipment	
460 · Facility/Utilities		910 · Legal In Residence	
470 · Joint Team Projects	\$ -	920 · Banking Fees	\$ 40.17
495 · Church Planting		990 · Other	
Total Evangelism	\$ -	Total Miscellaneous	\$ 40.17
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,659.76</b>