

When People are Hurting

"I have learned now that while those who speak about one's miseries usually hurt, those who keep silence hurt more." - C.S. Lewis

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." - Charles M. Shultz

"When others are happy, be happy with them. If they are sad, share their sorrow." - Romans 12:15 (NLT)

It seems good to me that when God brings our path to intersect the path of one who is hurting that we would do well to listen, to give, and to stand with them.

My initial reaction is to feel pressure to *say* something that will bring healing. Then, because I at least have the sense to know that I'll never come up with those words, I just start doing whatever I can. I hug. I sit. I listen. I drink tea. I pray.

There are hurting people in all of our lives, but what prompts this topic today is that our church family is hurting at the tragic loss of life of Jen-Jen's sister-in-law. Jen-Jen's name shows up in our reports from time to time and if you've ever visited here, you also met her.

It is hard to know what is appropriate to share in these reports. Our contacts here in Taiwan are not "newsletter fodder" they are real people. I almost always choose not to share in public (this report is public) but I don't think Jen-Jen will mind.

Her sister-in-law was dealing with mental illness and she took her own life by jumping off of a building. She leaves behind her husband and 3 daughters.

As the church family stepped up to plan the funeral and take care of the family, Angie and I were given the somber task of accompanying the 3 daughters after the funeral and cremation and driving them with the remains of their mother to the burial vault. At each step in the process, we prayed, read scripture, and sang. The daughters were moved by the words of "Because He Lives". Throughout the day, we listened, we drove a van, we opened doors, we pleaded with heaven, we wept. The girls were grateful. Jen-Jen's brother was grateful. Sometimes it seems that the desire to be light for Christ is sufficient enough to make you a light. Apparently, some of my actions (kindness?) made an impression on Jen-Jen's brother during the mourning period after their father's passing a few years ago and he requested that Angie and I be with the daughters during the interment.

We don't deal with tragedies like this on a regular basis, but we do enter into others' sufferings as we actively seek out those who are hurting. We don't tell all the stories here, but we want you to know what God gives us to do. Thank you for letting us be here to share Christ's love.

A Note from Team Expansion's President

Dear Partner and Friend,

In the little one-chapter book of III John, the apostle writes to a friend named Gaius to thank him for the "hospitality" he has shown to a group of travelers on a journey "for his name's sake." These men were similar to our modern-day missionaries, in that they were on a journey "for His Name's sake," taking nothing from the people with whom they labored. Not only does John reinforce Gaius' good work, but in addition, John goes on record saying that we would do well to "send them on their way." This concept of "sending them on their way," is clearer here than in most other locations in scripture, partly because we know well the meaning of the original Greek word here. It can mean providing a) food, b) housing, c) funds, and even d) accompanying someone somewhere in person. These four meanings all seem to apply to you as well. Like Gaius, you have provided all these and more for your favorite Team Expansion missionary. So like John, I want to thank you today for "doing well" and I give praise for your life!

Gratefully,

Doug Lucas, President-Team Expansion



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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	\$	265.00
Edmond Christian Church	\$	550.00
Individuals	\$	235.00
Journey's Crossing		
Kingston Federated Church	\$	50.00
Pagel, Scott & Angie		
US Treasury		
Villa Heights Christian Church		
Wildewood Christian Church	\$	150.00
Winona Christian Church		
Interest - Xrate - Refund - Rebate	\$	45.39
TOTAL	\$	4,045.39

SUMMARY

Beginning Balance	\$	5,938.07
Receipts	\$	4,045.39
Expenses	\$	3,547.24
Credit Card Beginning Balance	\$	162.87
Credit Card Ending Balance	\$	115.60
Ending Balance	\$	6,388.95

NOTES

- Remaning amount to be repaid to Scott and Angie's personal funds: US\$1694.34.

EXPENSES

Fund Transfer Expense				
Benefits			Postage	
100 · Salary	\$	1,720.00	500 · In the Field	
110 · Medical Insurance	\$	533.65	550 · In the States	
111 · Special Medical Expense	\$	24.04	Total Postage	\$ -
120 · Life Insurance			Office	
130 · Social Security			600 · Supplies In the Field	\$ 45.00
150 · Housing Allowance	\$	278.98	640 · Facility/Utilities	
160 · Utilities	\$	192.88	660 · Mission Phone	\$ 52.96
170 · Education for Children	\$	226.34	661 · E-Mail	\$ 37.37
180 · Contributions	\$	50.00	670 · Secretaries/Assistants	
Total Benefits	\$	3,025.89	Total Office	\$ 135.33
Education			Promotion/Representation	
200 · Books/Periodicals			700 · For More Support	
210 · Language Acquisition			710 · For More Recruits	
220 · Conferences/Classes			720 · Newsletters	
230 · Team Building	\$	50.94	740 · Team Expansion Home Office	\$ 100.00
240 · Equipping Missionaries			750 · Miscellaneous	
Total Education	\$	50.94	Total Promotion/Representation	\$ 100.00
Christian Education			Travel	
300 · Printed Material			800 · Car/Transportation	\$ 135.15
310 · AudioVisual			806 · Vehicle Maint/Ins	
320 · Hospitality			810 · Meals While Traveling	
330 · Other			820 · Fees/Tolls	\$ 22.33
Total Christian Education	\$	-	830 · Housing While Traveling	
Evangelism			840 · Legal (Travel Fees)	
400 · Printed Material	\$	50.60	860 · Air Fare	
410 · AudioVisual			870 · Misc. Expenses	
420 · Hospitality			Total Travel	\$ 157.48
430 · New Field Research			Miscellaneous	
440 · Bibles			900 · Unspecified Equipment	
450 · Compassion Projects			910 · Legal In Residence	
460 · Facility/Utilities			920 · Banking Fees	\$ 27.00
470 · Joint Team Projects			990 · Other	
495 · Church Planting			Total Miscellaneous	\$ 27.00
Total Evangelism	\$	50.60	TOTAL	\$ 3,547.24