

## In Which Snakes are Celebrated

In February, we celebrated another wonderful and exciting Chinese New Year season. It is now the Year of the Snake. Angie had a great experience with a neighbor that she shared in a recent email update and is reprinted below:

A neighbor, Miss Wang, made a lovely red sign for us to put on our front gate (very traditional at this time of year) that says 主賜平安福 which means "May the Lord give peace and blessing". She is Buddhist, but knows we follow Jesus. She offered to give me another sign that her husband had made that had a picture of a snake on it.



Miss Wang asked if I liked it and I told her that I thought her husband was very talented to draw so well. She was worried I would have a problem with the snake for religious reasons. I told her that God made snakes! However, when she told me that some Taiwanese Christians don't like the symbol of a snake, I thought I'd better check it out before we hung such a sign on our door, so as not to offend or cause anyone to stumble. In the mean time, our family met together for house church on Chinese New Year's Day, and happened to be reading through John 3. I smiled as I read what was there in verse 14 as Jesus compares himself to a specific snake that was to save many from death back in Numbers chapter 21.

**“And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.” John 3:14-15 (NLT)**

I thought it was pretty cool that we came across what's possibly the only positive reference to a snake in the Bible on New Year's Day, the Year of the Snake! We hope to share this interesting comparison with many this year!

This holiday season has brought many visitors as well as chances to have fun with fellow missionaries and other friends here in our area. We were especially happy to have a visit from Joe and Daphne and kids from the church in Taipei. We always enjoy spending time with them and were very encouraged to hear stories about how God is leading and blessing in the church that's been meeting in their home for about 9 months now. It's exciting to see them enjoying this ministry so much and growing in faith as God just continues providing all they need.

Please continue to pray for the leaders of the house church network in the Taipei area as well as for us and the other Team Expansion missionaries here in Taichung as we meet in different homes with the vision of filling homes with more and more people seeking after Jehovah God!

### A Note from Team Expansion's President

Dear Prayer Partner,

It's not often you have the chance to pray "live" with your favorite Team Expansion worker, no matter where he or she is in the world. But that's exactly what's happening on April 17, 2013. Join the "Global PrayerCast" that night at 8:30pm (EDT), 7:30pm (CDT). (That's 12:30am UCT on Apr. 18th.) It will be streamed from Overland Park, KS, "live" to the entire planet. To learn more, watch the 3-minute video at [www.U4theU.com](http://www.U4theU.com) and keep watching that site for more instructions and the link. Workers and groups will be praying "live" from points all over the planet. Make it an event for your church or group. You're invited! Want to volunteer to pray on the broadcast? If so, just email me at [DLucas@TeamExpansion.org](mailto:DLucas@TeamExpansion.org) and make the subject, "Global PrayerCast: I'm in." Thanks, and hope to see you on the PrayerCast!

Doug Lucas, President—Team Expansion  
(but the PrayerCast is not merely a Team Expansion event; it's global)



**Scott & Angie  
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**2013 — March**

**PLANTING  
CHURCHES IN  
TAIWAN**



**Bethanie looking great on her way to a banquet.**

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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	\$ 211.00
Edmond Christian Church	\$ 550.00
Individuals	\$ 535.00
Journey's Crossing	\$ 300.00
Kingston Federated Church	
Pagel, Scott & Angie	
US Treasury	
Wildewood Christian Church	\$ 150.00
Winona Christian Church	
Interest - Xrate - Refund - Rebate	\$ 1.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,497.15</b>

SUMMARY	
Beginning Balance	\$ 14,739.20
Receipts	\$ 4,497.15
Expenses	\$ 6,365.47
Credit Card Beginning Balance	\$ 23.58
Credit Card Ending Balance	\$ 3,075.91
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 15,923.21</b>

NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$6614.73 remains to be paid back to Scott and Angie's personal funds.</li> </ul>

EXPENSES	
Fund Transfer Expense	
Benefits	
100 · Salary	\$ 4,722.17
110 · Medical Insurance	\$ 657.65
111 · Special Medical Expense	\$ 13.26
120 · Life Insurance	
130 · Social Security	
150 · Housing Allowance	\$ 679.83
160 · Utilities	
170 · Education for Children	
180 · Contributions	\$ 50.00
Total Benefits	\$ 6,122.91
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	\$ 53.74
210 · Language Acquisition	
220 · Conferences/Classes	
230 · Team Building	
240 · Equipping Missionaries	
Total Education	\$ 53.74
Christian Education	
300 · Printed Material	
310 · AudioVisual	
320 · Hospitality	
330 · Other	
Total Christian Education	\$ -
Evangelism	
400 · Printed Material	
410 · AudioVisual	
420 · Hospitality	
430 · New Field Research	
440 · Bibles	\$ 85.66
450 · Compassion Projects	
460 · Facility/Utilities	
470 · Joint Team Projects	
495 · Church Planting	
Total Evangelism	\$ 85.66
Postage	
500 · In the Field	
550 · In the States	
Total Postage	\$ -
Office	
600 · Supplies In the Field	
640 · Facility/Utilities	
660 · Mission Phone	
661 · E-Mail	
670 · Secretaries/Assistants	
Total Office	\$ -
Promotion/Representation	
700 · For More Support	
710 · For More Recruits	
720 · Newsletters	
740 · Team Expansion Home Office	\$ 100.00
750 · Miscellaneous	
Total Promotion/Representation	\$ 100.00
Travel	
800 · Car/Transportation	
806 · Vehicle Maint/Ins	
810 · Meals While Traveling	
820 · Fees/Tolls	
830 · Housing While Traveling	
840 · Legal (Travel Fees)	
850 · Shipping	
860 · Air Fare	
Total Travel	\$ -
Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	
910 · Legal In Residence	
920 · Banking Fees	\$ 3.16
990 · Other	
Total Miscellaneous	\$ 3.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,365.47</b>