

In Which We Are Embarrassed by a Steak

This past month, I (Scott) had the honor of attending the college graduation for Sean Hsu. Sean is the son of one of our sisters in Taipei and we've seen him grow up and grow in Christ for 10 years now. Sean and I have grown close over the years. He graduated from a college in Taichung and I enjoyed the ceremony and celebrating with Sean. That night we hosted his mom, Josie, and another sister from Taipei.

The next day, June 9th, our family headed north to Taipei to attend the wedding of a family friend that we've known since we first moved here back in 1999. Charlie Zhou was one of my best language helpers when I used to hang out with him a couple times a week during our first couple years in Taiwan. Our co-worker, Chad Edwards, did a great job with the wedding vows and we foreigners got some surprise special treatment during the wedding feast—we were served steak instead of a seafood dish (abalone) for one of the 11 courses because our hosts were afraid we wouldn't like the seafood! We didn't catch it for a couple minutes as we assumed that our abalone and their steaks would arrive soon... and then the awkwardness set in as others at our table drooled over our steaks. I actually love abalone (and steak!) and was able to do some high-class lunchroom style trading to the enjoyment of the entire table.

Many missionaries are not on the field long enough to see milestones in the lives of young people. We feel so privileged that we were able to take part in 2 such milestones over the weekend. We thank you for your continued support which allows us to not only start something great... but maintain it over years.

Last Sunday, a new friend, Amy Li, came to church with us and then to lunch at our house. She was introduced to us via Facebook by our friend, James Bacus, campus minister at Pittsburgh State. Amy is from Taichung and just returned from studying at Pitt State for a year where she met many loving Christians and had the chance to hear about Jesus. She also attended Christ's Church of Oronogo, one of our sending churches, so we have much to talk about! We gave Amy an English/Chinese Bible (she was given an English one in the States) so she can read the Word she thirsts for in her mother tongue. Amy plans to join us for church this Sunday too!

We have a newborn baby staying with us. You can see her in the picture. This is the fifth little one we've had the privilege of caring for. We've had them for as few as 3 days and as long as 7 months and each has a different story of why they will end up being put up for adoption. Please pray for the Home of God's Love (Ted and Bev Skiles) and His Hands (Cheryl Dunn) as there are many more babies that will need a home until adoptions go through. With new adoption laws in Taiwan, the adoption process takes significantly longer—meaning that spaces open up less frequently so they (the children's homes) are not able to help as many children as before.

A Note from Team Expansion's President

Dear Partner in Christ,

In addition to the 7 Great Passions I mentioned last month, we've also identified 7 Core Values that all of us have chosen to embrace in unity. This month, I'll share the first 3:

- 1) Biblical - God's word is our key guide for figuring out what we believe and what we do each day.
- 2) Unreached - It's hard-wired into our DNA to focus on those who don't know Jesus.
- 3) Grace - We try to show mercy to locals, team members, and even to ourselves.

These are 3 of the 7 Core Values that serve as compass points to guide us in our dreams, goals, objectives, and daily tasks. (Continued next month.) They bind together our teams and labor. By undergirding our global work, you are embracing them too! Thanks for your partnership!

Doug Lucas, President—Team Expansion



Scott & Angie
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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	\$ 175.00
Edmond Christian Church	\$ 550.00
Individuals	\$ 435.00
Journey's Crossing	\$ 300.00
Kingston Federated Church	
Pagel, Scott & Angie	
US Treasury	\$ 2,007.00
Wildewood Christian Church	\$ 150.00
Winona Christian Church	
Interest - Xrate - Refund - Rebate	\$ 4.16
TOTAL	\$ 6,371.16

SUMMARY	
Beginning Balance	\$ 14,708.08
Receipts	\$ 6,371.16
Expenses	\$ 3,882.29
Credit Card Beginning Balance	\$ 39.90
Credit Card Ending Balance	\$ 99.84
Ending Balance	\$ 17,256.89

NOTES
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EXPENSES	
Fund Transfer Expense	
Benefits	
100 · Salary	\$ 1,759.94
110 · Medical Insurance	\$ 659.00
111 · Special Medical Expense	\$ 4.09
120 · Life Insurance	
130 · Social Security	
150 · Housing Allowance	\$ 682.97
160 · Utilities	
170 · Education for Children	\$ 126.16
180 · Contributions	\$ 50.00
Total Benefits	\$ 3,282.16
Education	
200 · Books/Periodicals	
210 · Language Acquisition	
220 · Conferences/Classes	
230 · Team Building	
240 · Equipping Missionaries	
Total Education	\$ -
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	
450 · Compassion Projects	
460 · Facility/Utilities	
470 · Joint Team Projects	
495 · Church Planting	
Total Evangelism	\$ -
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	\$ 126.36
670 · Secretaries/Assistants	
Total Office	\$ 126.36
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	\$ 95.88
806 · Vehicle Maint/Ins	\$ 277.89
810 · Meals While Traveling	
820 · Fees/Tolls	
830 · Housing While Traveling	
840 · Legal (Travel Fees)	
850 · Shipping	
860 · Air Fare	
Total Travel	\$ 373.77
Miscellaneous	
900 · Unspecified Equipment	
910 · Legal In Residence	
920 · Banking Fees	
990 · Other	
Total Miscellaneous	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 3,882.29