

The Hanna Newsletter

Missionaries in Taiwan
with Baptist Mid-Missions

"Good news from a far country" - Prov. 25:25

Dear Praying Friends,

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"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"
(1 Peter 2:9). One of our primary functions as the people of God is to praise Him by word and life before the world for "so great salvation" which we have received. The approaching Thanksgiving holiday invites us to do just that. Christmas, which soon follows, adds motivation for us to praise Him by rehearsing how "the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Thus praise to God becomes both motivation and message for us as we broadcast his salvation to every dark corner of our globe.

We have much for which to thank and praise the Lord since our last communication with you. (1) We thank God for safety as we have traveled several thousands of miles by automobile to report to supporting churches about our ministry. We are also thankful for the opportunity during this time to present our ministry in two churches which do not currently support us and to speak to young people in a Christian camp and in a Christian school chapel. (2) We also praise the Lord for his faithful provision of our needs. We have been stretched financially since our return to the U.S. by various medical, educational, and travel expenses which we have incurred. We thank the Lord for faithfully meeting each one of these needs. We've also been stretched emotionally and spiritually by the demands of our transition to stateside life and ministry. At the appropriate moment God has brought into our lives individuals who have offered us encouragement, friendship, and support in our times of need. (3) Finally, we praise the Lord for good reports of blessing and progress which come to us from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Taiwan. Tad and Hannah Wychopen and Pat and Mary Delaney are being used by God as they minister to the needs of the congregation while studying Mandarin Chinese.

Please continue to uphold us in your prayers in the coming months as we pursue ministry during our home assignment. We have prayerfully mapped out for ourselves four goals/purposes for our home ministry: To report, to retool, to recruit mission laborers, and to recruit (new) financial supporters. Please pray with us as we pursue these goals.

During the next few months we will be traveling heavily to minister in the churches. Please pray for safety on the winter roads and blessing on the ministry of the Word of God. You can find an itinerary containing our travel schedule on our website by following the links to our Furlough Travel Calendar page. Also please pray as Matt tries to arrange additional meetings in new churches so that we can increase our support base. We currently stand at 80% of our needed support; the 20% that we lack is equivalent to about \$1,200 per month. Additionally, Matt has several ministry related trips planned for early 2008 for which we do not yet have funding. Pray for God's provision at the appropriate time.

Pray for the needs of our children. They are enjoying the many opportunities available to them in the Christian school for sports, music, drama, friendships, driver's training, work, etc.- not to mention their academic studies! All of these are presenting a new challenge- learning to balance their schedule and establish priorities. Also pray for Luke as he narrows his choice for a Christian college and begins to make preparations for next year.

Pray for Cornerstone Baptist Church in Taiwan as the congregation begins to prepare for its opportunities for Christmas ministry and evangelistic outreach. Pray also for the Wychopen's and Delaney's continued adjustment and language learning.

Finally, we thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and your loyalty to us and our ministry. We wish you all a joyful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas and holiday season.

Praising Him,

The Hannas

Matt, Marla, Luke, Rose, & Beth