

The Hanna Newsletter

Missionaries in Taiwan
with Baptist Mid-Missions

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

September 3, 2012

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your prayers for us during the very busy travel period through which we have just passed. Since our arrival stateside on May 1, we have put over 13,000 miles on our newly purchased mini-van and traveled in a great circuit from South Carolina to California; from California to Michigan; and then twice from Michigan to South Carolina! Please forgive us if our prayer letter sounds a little bit like a travelogue. In brief, God has been gracious by giving us travel safety, good visits with family and friends, and good meetings in supporting churches.



We arrived in the U.S. from Taiwan on May 1 and witnessed Luke's graduation from BJU. Since then he has been granted a Graduate Assistantship by the university, which provides him with employment and enables him to work toward an M.A. degree in Christian Ministries in Bob Jones Seminary. During our short stay in Greenville, we also took possession of our 2005 Honda Odyssey, which had been purchased for us before our arrival. It has proven to be the vehicle exactly suited to carry us across the thousands of miles

which we are traveling during this furlough.

After a week visiting with Luke and Rose in Greenville, we started our road trip out West, accompanied by our youngest daughter, Beth. During our journey we made extended stops in Chattanooga, Dallas, Phoenix, Flagstaff, and St. George, Utah; we finally arrived in California by early June. In celebration of Beth's high school graduation, we also made stops at the north and south rims of the Grand Canyon and in Zion National Park for her senior trip.



We remained in California about three weeks and had opportunity to visit with Matt's parents as well as his brother's family, who came from a remote location in Alaska in order to be there at the same time. By the time our visit had concluded, we had visited and reported to all of our supporting churches in Arizona and California. We then travelled cross-country to

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Hope, Michigan, arriving on July 2.

After visiting with Marla's mother for a few days, we attended the Baptist Mid-Missions annual conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Upon our return we were able to move into mission housing in Midland, Michigan provided for us by Calvary Baptist Church. We were thrilled to finally unpack our suitcases and have a place to call "home," at least for a few months. Later on we drove to South Carolina and on the way made contact visits with churches and pastors in Virginia and North Carolina. We brought Luke and Rose back with us to Michigan for a short week together as a complete family.

In early August, I (Matt) travelled overseas for a ministry trip. I taught a week-long Bible class to Mainland Chinese house church leaders and afterward stopped for a brief visit in Taiwan to touch base with the ministries at Cornerstone Baptist Church. The church is showing stability and continued growth during our family's absence and the men in leadership in the congregation are growing in maturity as they learn to deal with various issues that arise. My whole complicated itinerary for this trip involved ten different flights; four of these flights had major delays causing missed connections and lost baggage and resulting in two nights spent on airport benches. I turned 50 in May; international travel is getting harder and harder on my body the older I get!



Another trip to South Carolina was necessary at the end of August in order to get Beth settled for her freshman year at BJU. But we couldn't stay long. We had to quickly rush back to Cleveland for three days of committee meetings at our home office. When Marla and I finally walked in the door of our Midland home, we experienced the strange feeling of an empty house. It will take some time for us to make the adjustment to being "empty nesters."

Over the summer months, we found time to design, record, and assemble our furlough presentation for use in our supporting churches; we are also in the design stage of publishing a new prayer card, which should be available in a month or two. Now that September has arrived, we will begin traveling to report to the majority of our supporting churches, which are located in the Midwest and South. We are praying that God would also enable us to schedule other meetings in churches which do not currently support us, so that we can increase our support base.

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Please pray for our ministry in the churches during the next several months. Pray that God would enable us to be effective in not only reporting what God has done through our ministry, but also in recruiting future laborers for the field of Taiwan. Here is our itinerary:

September 9-12	Mission Conference	Hope B.C., Hope, MI
September 16	Sunday Services	First B.C., Monroe, WI
September 30-		
October 3	Mission Conference	Fellowship B.C., Whitmore Lake, MI
October 7	Mission Conference	First B.C., Wixom, MI
October 20-24	Round Robin Miss. Conf.	Mt. Carmel Community Church, ►►
	►► Mt. Pleasant, PA &	Ch. of the Open Door, Connellsville, PA
October 28	Sunday Services	Philadelphia B.C., Rutledge, GA
October 31	Mid-Week Service	Faith B.C., Reidsville, NC
November 4	Sunday Services	Calvary B.C., Greenville, MI
December 2	Sunday Services	First B.C., Pound, WI
December 9	Sunday Services	Ontonagon B.C., Ontonagon, MI

Also pray for two couples who will be traveling to minister in Cornerstone Baptist Church (Kaohsiung, Taiwan) as short-term furlough replacements for us. Pray for them to adjust to the time, climate, culture, and environment. Pray for them to have effective ministries in the pulpit and as they counsel and disciple members of the congregation.

November – December, 2012	Henry and Grace Tsuei
January – February, 2013	Dave and Shirley Marsteller

Thank you for your faithfulness in the critical role which you perform in our ministry.

In Christ,

The Hannas

(Matt, Marla, Luke, Rose, and Beth)