



November 15, 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us and for the ministry of the gospel in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Please bring the following needs before the throne of grace on our behalf. We feel deeply our need for your prayers and for God's grace in our lives.

As you receive this letter, I will have already arrived in India for a 10-day ministry trip (Nov 17-27). At the invitation of Bible's International, I am attending a Bible translation summit conference and the dedication service for a new Bible translation. The Darlong people live in Tripura State in North-eastern India. Until now they have had no Bible in their own dialect. This BI translation project was begun almost 20 years ago and the New Testament was completed in 1995. The complete Bible has now been printed and will be delivered into the hands of the local churches at this dedication ceremony. I am honored to witness this historic event. This is my first visit to India. Please pray for my physical health and stamina and for God's blessing on the conference sessions.

Soon after my return from India, Marla and I will be returning to the States for a brief homestay from December 8 through February 3. After visiting my mother in California, we will be spending the holidays with our three children in Greenville, SC. In January we will be reporting in a few of our supporting churches in the South. The primary purpose for this visit is to take care of some important family and personal business that requires our presence. We praise the Lord for providing suitable housing for us while in Greenville.

Our return to the US has been planned for some months, but it is not convenient timing for our church, which has recently experienced a series of reverses. Some church members have drifted away from the Lord and from the church; others have left us to attend a new charismatic mega-church, which was recently built just a few blocks away from ours. Our biggest setback is the departure of my church assistant, whom I have been training for the last three years. This leaves a big hole in our church leadership, just at the time we will be absent. Please pray for our church leaders, particularly while we are away: our deacons—Jerry Hsu, Tom Lai, and Ian Wu—and Dolly Wong, our missionary co-worker.

Pray for the Christmas activities here at Cornerstone Baptist Church. We have invited Yoh Shirato from Guam and Joyce Oshiro from Japan to work together with our choir on a Christmas musical concert for outreach to our community on December 27. In addition, we will have a Ladies' Christmas luncheon on December 13 and a children's evangelistic outreach on December 21.

Pray for Marla and I during the two months that we will be in the US. We are asking the Lord to renew our vision, and to guide us as we plan and refocus for the future direction of our own ministry and that of the church.

We wish to each of you a joyful day of Thanksgiving and God's blessings upon you and your family during your Christmas and holiday celebrations.

In Christ,

The Hanna family

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