

# The Hanna Newsletter



Missionaries to Taiwan



"Good news from a far country" (Proverbs 25:25)

March 3, 2015

Dear Praying Friends,

The year 2014 was a busy, stressful, changeful, and travel-full year for Marla and me! In addition to losing two of our parents, we experienced a major setback in our church goals. As we enter 2015, we are experiencing even more changes in our life and ministry. Thank the Lord that "In every change, He faithful will remain." Thank you also, our prayer supporters, for your faithfulness in upholding us during these changing times.

In December, we travelled to the US and spent two months taking care of family business and reporting to a few supporting churches along the way. When we arrived in Greenville, SC, Marla had a bout with pneumonia, which kept her down for most of the Christmas holiday. Nevertheless, we were able to enjoy some valuable time together with our three children and accomplished most of the critical items on our "to do" list while there. The Lord faithfully provided housing for us in just the right places and times that we needed.

In light of the loss of our church assistant in October, while in the US Marla and I also engaged in prayerful planning for the future direction of our ministry in Taiwan. We were able to sharpen the focus of our long-term goals, plans, and vision for Cornerstone Baptist Church and for our personal ministry. Marla and I are now in our early 50's; this leaves us about 10-15 years (Lord willing) before we must consider a change of ministry. We want to finish our race well. Our ultimate goal is to see CBC call a qualified national pastor, so that we can complete the missionary process and faithfully transmit the gospel, which has been deposited to us. Pray that God would raise up the right man for the task (2 Tim. 2:2).

As soon as we arrived back in Taiwan in early February, CBC held its annual business meeting. We elected new officers, including a new deacon. Please pray for the grace of God in the lives of our three deacons, Jerry, Ian, and Waylon, as they serve the Lord and the congregation in these important offices.

Additionally, our long-time missionary co-worker, Dolly Wong, announced her sense that God was leading her away from her ministry at our church to go in a new direction. We will miss her friendship and partnership in the ministry here; her departure will also leave a big hole in our church ministry team. God is clearly testing and challenging our congregation to step up and increase its level of commitment to the Lord and His church.

However, we are expecting the arrival of new missionaries in our church in a few months. Brian and Erin Bollon are GFA missionaries who have just completed their deputation and are making their plans



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and arrangements to move their family to Taiwan. They will be settling in our congregation while they engage in language study and cultural acquisition. Please pray for them as they face many transitions, stresses, and difficulties.

Marla and I also will be moving (again!). We have enjoyed our present home for the longest period that we have lived anywhere since we came to Taiwan. However, with all of our children in the US we need to downsize. After a long search, God has provided us a new place to rent. Pray for us as we pack up and move to a new apartment and as we prepare for the arrival of the Bollon family around the end of April.

Finally, we are announcing the change of our permanent stateside address. After the death of Marla's mom last April, her house in Hope MI, which we used for our permanent address, will be passing out of the family. Please discontinue using this address for any correspondence with us. Please correspond directly with us on the field, or send in care of Baptist Mid-Missions.

In Christ,

Matt and Marla Hanna