

The Hanna Newsletter

Missionaries to Taiwan



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



May 20, 2015

Dear praying friends,

Thank you for continuing to pray and uphold us before the throne of grace. Since our return to Taiwan in February, we have been challenged by the extra church responsibilities that have fallen to us after the loss of our national church assistant as well as our missionary co-worker, Dolly Wong. These responsibilities are keeping us very busy. We are looking to God to be our sufficiency (2 Cor. 3:4-6) and to work through us in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:9-10).

Visa issues have temporarily detained the Brian Bollon family (new GFA missionaries) in the US for a while. Their new plan is to arrive in Kaohsiung in August to begin language and cultural acquisition as they begin their missionary career.

In an unexpected turn, we recently received a phone call from our field administrator: A BMM missionary family serving in another Asian country was suddenly being forced to change fields due to a health crisis. Since our church apartment was empty and available, we offered to host them here until they determine what direction the Lord might lead them. Within a few days of that phone call Josh and Rachel Stewart and their two children had arrived in Kaohsiung.

We first met the Stewarts about six years ago when they were considering Taiwan as a potential field of service. Now it looks like the Lord may be directing them here for long-term ministry. We are still in shock at the possibility of having BMM co-workers, since we have been the sole representative in Taiwan of our mission board for more than 18 years.

The Stewarts are still in language study, which will be their first priority to complete; after that they will begin to work their way into ministry with us. For the near term, they are facing some of the same visa issues as the Bollons. They are attempting to get student visas for the purpose of studying Mandarin Chinese until more permanent arrangements can be made. They also need to find housing, move their household goods to Taiwan, and further stabilize Rachel's health situation. Please be in prayer about these major needs and for their adjustment to a new field.

Our daughters, Rose and Beth, both finished their junior year at BJU and arrived home in Taiwan on May 13. It has been four years since Rose has been home and three for Beth. Rose has been taking courses in Mandarin Chinese at the University this year and now has the opportunity to put her language skills to practical use. Luke is continuing to work his full-time job in Greenville, SC.



Beth was only here in Taiwan for a week before leaving on a six-week medical mission trip to Cambodia. She will be staying with Hubert and Dr. Mary Broeckert and learning about medical missions in a third-world nation. In the future, Beth desires to serve as a medical missionary. She was thrilled (as were we) to see God completely supply all the financial needs for her summer ministry. Thank you to those who are giving and praying for her this summer.

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Cornerstone Baptist Church celebrated its 10th anniversary during a special worship service on April 19. Our special speaker for the occasion was Henry Tsuei. Beginning May 31st he will begin teaching a special series on Biblical Counselling in our adult Sunday School hour.

Beginning in June, I plan to start preaching expositionally through the book of 1 Corinthians during our worship service hour. Please pray that God would use the truths, principles, and doctrines of His Word to build up our congregation.



We are making a second attempt to register Cornerstone Baptist Church with the government. One of our deacons, Jerry Hsu, is heading up the process. Please pray that we will be able to meet the requirements and to navigate successfully through this complicated process. It will take at least six months to a year to complete. When we possess this registration, we will not only be able to hold financial accounts and real estate, but we will also be able to function as an inviting organization for missionaries to enter Taiwan.

In Christ,

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