

The Hanna Newsletter



Missionaries to Taiwan



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

June 23, 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

We sent out a prayer letter in March, but many of you did not receive it. For some unknown reason, we were unable to communicate with our printer in the US. We have since re-established our communication link. If you'd like to read that previous letter you can find it online at the following url. It describes many important events in the growth of our church that you will want to read and rejoice over.

http://www.east-is-east.org/newsletter/nl_20160304.pdf

Marla and I returned to the US to attend our daughter, Rose's, graduation from BJU and remained for two months. During the month of April, we traveled and reported to churches in California and Arizona. In May, after watching Rose march, we visited with our sending church, Morningside Baptist, and with Stanley Heights Baptist Church of Chattanooga, which graciously allowed us to remain in their mission apartment and enjoy a family vacation with our children.



Our biggest news, however, involves an unexpected increase in ministry responsibility and opportunity that has come to us. Marla and I have been invited to move into the role of BMM Field Administrator for the Asia and Pacific Region. However, this does NOT mean that we will be leaving the field and ministry here in Taiwan that we love so well. We will be pioneering a model of administration that is new to our mission organization, which will allow us to remain vitally involved in our current ministry. The primary focus of our new responsibilities will be to provide care, encouragement, and oversight to the BMM missionaries in our region. It is our hope that by remaining geographically near and ministerially engaged we will be better equipped to understand and minister to our BMM colleagues. Of course, there will necessarily be some changes in our local ministry to accommodate this new role. However, with the presence of the Stewart family to partner with us at Cornerstone Baptist Church, we trust that Christ will continue to grow and mature his church. The Stewarts are currently in the US taking a needed furlough. They will return in late October, Lord willing.

Since our return to Taiwan on May 26, Marla and I have been busily trying to process the myriad of details concerning our new administrative responsibilities. At the same time we have also continued planning and organizing our 2016 Taiwan Baptist youth camp. The revolving camp directorship revolved on us this year! We are expecting about 75 campers, missionaries, and national co-workers to gather for this important week of retreat (July 4-7). Our camp speaker will be the Rev. Ping Ngian of

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Singapore. Please pray that God would use His Word to touch the hearts of our youth and move them to live for the Lord and to serve him wholeheartedly.

Cornerstone Baptist Church continues to thrive. We are enjoying our new location and building, which is proving to be eminently suitable for our church ministries. After gaining legal status, Cornerstone has now completed the process of moving funds out of personal accounts into church accounts. This is a huge relief. In addition, the Bollon family was able to benefit from the church's new status by successfully applying for and receiving resident missionary visas. The Stewarts plan to do the same before they return to Taiwan.

Pray for souls to be saved. We have not had a baptism in several months. Recently our focus has been inward as we have completed the complicated process of government registration and moved and remodeled our church building. Please pray that our focus would turn OUTWARD to reaching our lost community.

In Christ,

Matt & Marla