

# The Hanna Newsletter



Missionaries to Taiwan



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

March 3, 2017

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your ministry to us and through us by your prayers and financial support. We write this letter from Greenville, SC, while Matt is taking a semester of seminary coursework at BJU. At the end of the semester he will be very close to completing his Master of Divinity degree. He plans to finish up the few remaining credits through online courses in the next few months. After eleven years of study, the end is finally in sight. Originally, the goal was not to obtain a degree, but spiritual enrichment and ministry sharpening through the ongoing training. That goal has already been achieved and surpassed. However, it will be rewarding to cross the finish line and complete the degree requirements.

We are enjoying having our children nearby while we are here. Luke and Rose are both working in town. Beth, who completed her BJU studies in December, is staying with us while she looks for a job and plans her next steps. She is still heading for medical missions, but not as a doctor. She is now considering laboratory technology to work in a mission hospital.

In late November, Marla and I took our first official BMM ministry visit to one of the Creative Access Nation that we oversee. We had opportunity to observe firsthand Christ at work building his church amidst physically and spiritually challenging circumstances. The worship services that we attended were full, and several individuals professed faith in Christ while we were there. We were able to visit separately with each one of our missionary families. Over the next year, in order for us to become better acquainted with all of the fields and missionaries under our care, we will need to travel many more times. We solicit your prayers for us as we plan and carry out these visits.

We left Taiwan on December 27 to begin a year of furlough. Josh and Rachel Stewart (and their two children, Nate and Anna) are carrying on the ministry at Cornerstone Baptist Church in our absence. Positive reports have come in about continued progress and growth under their leadership. We look forward with anticipation to our return to them in May. Please pray for grace and wisdom for the Stewarts and for blessing on the congregation.

Our plans for the next several months are beginning to take shape. We will be returning briefly to Taiwan in mid-May. During late May and early June, we will be traveling to Australia and New Zealand to meet with our missionaries in those nations. Both of these are developed nations with Western culture, but they both have very low response rates to the gospel. In late June, Matt will be visiting Indonesia to conduct a survey trip for future BMM ministry there. Indonesia covers a huge geographic area and is the most populous Muslim nation on earth. There is currently one couple on deputation, who are aiming to arrive in that country as



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soon as they can raise their support. We are praying and seeking for another couple to partner with them to carry the gospel to that needy nation.

Finally, during the late summer and fall we plan to travel in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania to report to our own supporting churches in those states. We will be contacting pastors in those areas soon to arrange for a date to visit.

For those wishing to contact us while we are in the US, here are our current phone numbers. These numbers will also be active till May 13, 2017 and again when we return in mid-July through late fall.

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In Christ,

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(Here are some pictures from our Christmas program in December)

