

# The Hanna Newsletter

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



Missionaries to Taiwan



November 10, 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

With the arrival of fall in California, we have received welcome relief from the multiple, massive wildfires that were polluting the atmosphere and that have been causing so much damage. Although we are enjoying the cooler and much clearer air (physically), the spiritual, social, and political climate here in the United States remains dramatically turbulent and threatening. In all of this we remain confident that the Lord continues to reign supreme over human events.

Since our last letter we have visited supporting churches in northern, central, and southern California. We have appreciated the opportunity to renew relationships and enjoy fellowship with pastors and individuals in these churches. This week we travel to Arizona for further meetings there. We also look forward to reconnecting with some of Marla's family in that state, whom we have not seen for several years. After leaving Arizona, we plan to spend Christmas with family, although the details are still being formulated.



*San Juan Bautista: One of the history stops during our California travels.*

News from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Taiwan is that the church is healthy and the congregation is continuing to move forward under the leadership of Josh Stewart and the deacons. We have recently been made aware of the possibility of more BMM co-workers joining our Taiwan team in the near future.

In recent years, the China-US relationship and the China-Taiwan relationship have become more and more tense and confrontational. Mainland China considers Taiwan a breakaway province and insists that it is an inalienable part of the motherland (even though the communist government of China has never exercised any sovereignty over Taiwan). China has repeatedly threatened to invade Taiwan to assert its control. We and the missionary community have lived with this geopolitical reality for many years, but recent tensions are the highest we have seen in a long time. Please pray that God will allow Taiwan to remain free and open to the gospel; pray that the Taiwanese people would recognize their need for Christ while the opportunity is still freely available; and finally, pray for Taiwanese Christians to avoid worldly temptations of materialism and to be faithful and bold in their witness to their society.

In Christ,

Matt & Marla Hanna