

Footprints from Taiwan



For prayer:

Praise God for:

- His work across Taiwan to reach the Taiwanese working class
- Opportunities to get to know language school staff better

Please pray for:

- God's continuing working in Pei-Fang, Felicia, Jessie, and Fiona
- Pray for Shiao Ru as she hears the Creation story.
- Ongoing wisdom and love to witness at language school, through morning tea and individual friendships
- Discipleship camp 6-10 July: pray for language ability and energy, good interactions with coleader Yi Lin and participants; encouragement of each participant in their relationship with God



Dear Family and Friends,

Visits to missionaries have given me a glimpse of what God is doing across Taiwan. I am reminded that mission is God's work, and is dependent upon God through prayer. Thank you for your continued prayers for me, and for Taiwan.

With Christ's grace and peace,

Charissa

Taiwanese tones

Language learning has been progressing with great humility as I become more aware of where my weaknesses are.

Recently, I was attempting to share a Bible story with a local friend when she corrected my pronunciation. I get my first tone and second tone mixed up, and instead of saying 'seng2keng1' (Bible), I said 'seng1keng1' (crazy). Tones do matter in the Taiwanese language!! I give thanks for language helpers who are willing to correct me. *Please continue to pray for accurate pronunciation so that friends can understand.*

Language school friends

Praise God for friendships that have been forming at language school (see photo). Together with my flatmate Sin Ee, we have been trying new recipes when we have friends over for dinner.



We had a morning tea on 23 June to thank teachers for teaching us (see photo). *Pray that friendships with teachers and other students will be built and deepened.*



'God-footprints:' Stories from Taiwan

Thank you for praying for people whose lives God is leaving His footprints upon. Here are updates and more stories from Taiwan...

Felicia: Felicia will be travelling to the US for a working holiday for a few months. *Please pray for her time there as she seeks God's will and waits upon Him for guidance.*

Jessie: After a busy period at work, Jessie has been struggling in her walk with God. *Please pray that hindrances in her relationship with God will be removed.*

Fiona: Thank you for prayers for Fiona's witness at language school. She recently shared her testimony at the morning tea time. *Please pray for boldness and opportunities for her to witness among family and friends.*

Sarah: Sarah works in a shoe shop from 10am - 10pm, 6 days a week. We met through another friend, and have been meeting up on her days off. One day, as I struggled to share the creation story with her in Taiwanese, she offered to help me with the words to tell the story in Taiwanese. *Please pray that Sarah will understand the stories and come to know the Creator God.*



Pei-Fang; Thank you for your prayers for Pei-Fang. I met her in Tainan in May (see photo), and introduced her to a Christian friend. We were able to talk about how to deal with her nightmares, and pray for her. Please pray that she will go to church and keep learning about Jesus.



Ministry visits

My ministry visits to Donggang and Tainan (May) and Taipei (June) were very insightful and encouraging, as I spent time with missionaries, observing various ministries.

The trips gave me a snapshot of God's work across the island, with the early stages of church planting in Donggang with Christine, and high school student ministry in Tainan with Judith.

In Taipei, a number of missionaries work with working class people in the Wanhua area. Katie is 8 years old, and lives with her brother and mother. She heard about Jesus through an English tutoring class organised by a missionary Veronika. Katie wants to believe in Jesus. *Pray for Veronika, as she gets to know Katie, her mother and brother.*

Tera reaches out to women involved in prostitution, while another couple Randy and Janet meet with staff and patients at a local hospital. *Praise God for reaching out to people wherever*

they are. Pray that the people whom missionaries contact, will see God's love through them.

Looking ahead

Discipleship camp: A discipleship camp for senior high students organised by Campus Evangelical Fellowship, will be held 6-10 July. Students from across Taiwan will be attending, and the camp will be conducted in Mandarin. Together with another camp counsellor Yi Lin, I will be caring for a group of 12 girls.

Please pray for language ability and energy to keep up with a packed schedule. Pray for good partnership with Yi Lin, and interactions with the girls. Pray that each participant will be encouraged in their walk with Jesus.

Reflections

I've been humbled by what God has been teaching me lately through my weaknesses and sin. Through this, I have experienced God's grace: in His forgiveness through Jesus; and in the graciousness of those around me.

This has reminded me that it's not what we do, nor how well we do what we do, that makes us worthy of God's love. Rather, God's love for us is unconditional, and it is His love that gives us worth.

In Philippians 3:8-11, Apostle Paul declared that knowing Jesus was more important than anything else, This takes the focus from me onto Jesus, enabling me to rejoice.

I long for perfection, and the day when I won't sin any longer. Yet, I'm reminded that this won't happen until the day Jesus returns. In the meantime, I keep living by God's grace.

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Looking ahead

3-10/7

Discipleship camp for senior high school students organised by Campus Evangelical Fellowship

13-17/7

Taiwan Missionary Fellowship Conference

25/7

Homeside Ministry Team Meeting

28/7

Taiwan Prayer Group in Sydney 7:45pm (contact Anthony Choong at anthony.choong@gmail.com for details)