

# Footprints from Taiwan



## For prayer:

### Praise God for:

- Students deepening in their walk with God at the Discipleship Camp; pray that each student will keep growing and witnessing for Jesus among family and friends
- Renewed motivation and joy in language learning and being in Taiwan; pray for accurate pronunciation and beautiful language
- More people to share at the Morning Tea at language school.

### Please pray for:

- God's continuing work in Jessie and Fiona
- Opportunities to meet with Sarah, and for the Bible stories to impact her
- Mu Jie to come to see God's goodness and love for her, and an openness towards Him



Dear Family and Friends,

God continues to be at work here to draw people to Himself and change lives. He uses us whether we realise it or not at the time. Praise God for how He has continued to work through your prayers for Taiwan.

*Charissa*

### *When I missed my bus stop...*

It was a bus ride that I was familiar with. Each fortnight, I visit friends at Tunghai University after school. Yet, last week, I was so engrossed in my book that I missed my stop. The next stop brought me to the upper gate of the university. Being thirsty on a hot summer day, I decided to get a drink before walking back to the main gate. As I walked along the road through Tunghai Village, I noticed a pretty top outside a clothing shop, and decided to go in and look.

That's how I met Mu Jie, the owner of the shop. We struck up a conversation, which included her asking and me answering the typical questions: "Where are you from?" "How long have you been in Taiwan?" "Why did you come here?" "Where are your family?" "and "How old are you?"

I shared that I am in Taiwan to learn Taiwanese; that I am a Christian, God is most important to me, and I hope for Taiwanese people to know Him too. She said she'd heard about God, but had met some bad Christians in the past. I agreed that there are bad Christians, but urged her that there are also good Christians, and most of all, that our God Himself is good. She said she could see that my God loved me very much.

*Praise God for allowing me to meet Mu Jie. Please pray that Mu Jie will come to see that God*

*loves her too. Pray also for future opportunities to talk with her more.*

### *Language learning*

Thank you for your prayers for language learning. After a break from class, I went back with renewed motivation and of course, more Taiwanese blunders;

"I chin kau5" (He is monkey-like) instead of "I chin gau5" (He is very good)

"When she was growing up, her father drank a lot of 'chui2' (water) instead of 'chiu2' (alcohol)."

*Please continue to pray for accurate pronunciation and beautiful language to accompany the beautiful feet that bring the good news of Jesus.*

### *Discipleship camp*

Thank you for praying for the discipleship camp. About 1200 senior high students and 300 camp counsellors and volunteers gathered for five days to know God better. Camp counsellor Yi Lin and I got to know a delightful group of 12 girls during the camp, participating in various talks, studies and activities with them. Each of the girls were deeply impacted by the week's teaching, and encouraged in their walk with God. Please pray that each of the students will keep growing and witnessing for Jesus among family and friends.

For me personally, it was a privilege to journey with the students, see God's work in them, and serve alongside Christians who love the Lord, including Yi Lin. It was humbling as I struggled to understand Mandarin, but with each instance that I struggled, God provided a counsellor or student to help. In my weakness, Christ is my strength.



*'God-footprints:'  
Stories from Taiwan*

Thank you for your prayers for people whose lives God is continuing to leave His footprints upon.

*Jessie:* Jessie has been struggling in her relationship with God for a while. At a recent concert by Taiwanese Christian group 'Stream of Praise' that Jessie and I attended, the theme was: 'Do not give up! I am strengthened by God'. The songs were about Jesus. It brought joy to my heart to hear that Jessie's response to the songs, was: "Do not give up". *Pray that Jessie will not give up on the God who does not give up on her.*

*Fiona:* Fiona has been reading a book about Jacob from the Bible, and we have had good discussions about God's gracious love despite Jacob's fallenness. *Please pray that Fiona will deepen in her understanding of God's grace, and that she will grow more and more like Jesus.*

*Sarah:* This month, we haven't had much opportunity to meet up, so *please continue to pray for opportunities to meet and go through the Bible stories. Pray that the stories will impact Sarah.*

*Taiwan Missionary Fellowship  
Conference*

I attended the annual Taiwan Missionary Fellowship from 13-17 July, and really enjoyed the fellowship with other missionaries, singing together, presenting the Bible through stories, and input from workshops helpful for ministry here. I felt renewed in my conviction to be here, and was reminded that there are others also reaching the Taiwanese with God's love. I noticed that there weren't many younger missionaries from among those present, and

many mission agencies have not had new missionaries come to Taiwan in recent years. *Please pray that God will send more new workers to Taiwan, as many have still yet to know God, but the workers are few to reach them.*

*Reflections*

This past month, the question "What am I doing here in Taiwan?" came to mind and lingered.

It was understandable where the question came from. I had taken a break from language school to attend the camp and conference, and was outside my normal routine. I felt dependent upon people at the discipleship camp. Then I had to leave the camp 2 days early because of a bad reaction to insect bites which left me with very itchy spots, and unable to sleep.

Looking back over what I'd achieved in my past 10 months here, I wasn't sure what difference I have made. Looking forward, I was unclear what I would be doing after language school.

Yet, God answered my question, reminding me firstly that His love for me and my worth was not dependent on what I achieve. Secondly, I am to, above all else, worship God, then flowing from that, be faithful in language learning, loving those He has put around me. Whether I see any results was up to God. He then graciously allowed me to see changes in friends, assuring me that He is at work in them, and that my labour for Him would not be in vain.

*Praise God for renewing my conviction to serve Him in Taiwan. Pray that future ministry will become clearer through ministry visits and decisions made by the Taiwan Field Council in September.*



Discipleship camp opening

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*Looking ahead*

1/8  
4 new OMF missionaries and 4 children arrive

10-12/8  
MInistry visit to Taipei

24/8  
Taiwan Prayer Group in Sydney 7:45pm (contact Anthony Choong at [anthony.choong@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.choong@gmail.com) for details)

28-30/8  
Ministry visit to Chiayi