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Some recent questions we've received and are glad to answer:

Now that the Ferry family has moved out of Indonesia, where are you? Home for us is starting to take shape as we unpack boxes, locate stores, and start making friends with those around us, in the country of Taiwan, also known as the Republic of China.

Why Taiwan? The LCMS has had a partner church here for decades, the China Evangelical Lutheran Church, which has gone through some very difficult times in the last 20+ years. The church is small, and needs help in theological education, but they are very welcoming, and eager to be of service. There are multiple benefits to living in this place and having our headquarters here. Among them: Taiwan is centrally-located in Asia, our partner can greatly benefit from our closer relationship, the cost of living here is very reasonable, it's a safe place to live and raise a family, and they welcome people on missionary/church visas.



So where specifically will you live? The generosity of LCMS donors over the years allowed the local church here to purchase numerous properties, and not all of them are being used. The CELC used to operate a seminary in Chiayi, a city in south-central Taiwan, and the same city where Concordia Middle School (started by LCMS missionaries) is located. This former seminary building was currently unused, and they offered it to the LCMS to use in whatever way we needed. In this building, we're able to do a number of things: provide office and working space for the LCMS Asia regional team, provide space for hosting theological education events, interact with the community and reach out, and house the families of the Asia regional staff. And all of this can happen *rent-free* because we have such a good relationship with our local partners.

Are there any challenges to this relocation? Apart from the normal challenges of moving with a family of six kids, the main challenge is language. There really isn't much English spoken outside of the capital city, so we have jumped wholly into learning Mandarin Chinese, which is not an easy language to learn. Cheryl and the kids are taking Chinese classes five days per week, and are already making great progress.

What are the opportunities with this new location? The Ferrys are very excited about living in Taiwan, despite the challenges of setting up a new house and learning a new language. Some of the highlights for us are: being able to live rent-free which allows for more of your donation dollars to support the programs of mission work; living in community with other LCMS folks, which is a new experience for us; living in a place where Cheryl and the kids can go out to the park, into the neighborhood, and to the store without being as concerned for their security and safety; having a local congregation to attend and receive Word, Sacrament, and pastoral care (even though it's all in Chinese!), having Daddy working in the same building and home more; hosting regional and education events in the building at low cost. And that's just a few!



Thank you for sticking with us through this transition! Please see the pictures and other updates in this issue, and feel free to reach out to us (charles.ferry@lcmsintl.org or cheryl.ferry@lcmsintl.org) for any other questions you'd like to have addressed. We are overjoyed to be in partnership with you, and to have your ongoing trust, love, and prayers.

Ferry Family Update



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Cheryl and the Ferry kids as they make the adjustment to a new country, language, culture, and home
- Those who have just received calls from the LCMS Board for International Mission to serve in the field
- Our partner Lutheran church in Taiwan, the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC)

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- A wonderful place to live in relative safety
- Great friends provided by our Lord for us in Taiwan and all over Asia

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The entire Ferry Family has been settling in to our new surroundings by unpacking, exploring, and by using lots of mime and “charades” to communicate with those around us. We have also been getting to know our new church, Salvation Congregation in Chiayi City. Pastor Alex Wu is a good man, and has been a gracious resource for us as he helps us make connections, locate the household necessities, and even transport us to the store occasionally.

This is a very different living situation from what we knew in Indonesia, as we’re living in an apartment rather than a house. Our “flat” is located in a five-story building which also will house members of the community who are not Christian, and not connected with our work [yet!].

We have seen that mail is a little more reliable and predictable here, so if anyone wants to keep in touch, our new address is listed to the right. If you can’t make sense of the Chinese (in green), don’t worry; you can just use the English and it will get to us.

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God bless all of you for your continued friendship, support, and love.

*- Your Servants and partners in Asia, **the Ferry Family**
Charles, Cheryl, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, Cassandra, Chloe, and Charlotte*



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A page of FERRY PHOTOS from May 2018



Chloe celebrates her 2nd birthday, with big sister Carissa along to help



Charlotte wants mama to tell her a story about the new place we're going to live



Above: the kids watch the arrival of the Taiwan High Speed Rail, which takes us between cities here.

Below: Caleb and Caitlin help around the house by washing the dishes for the family; with six kids, that's a LOT of dishes to wash!



Above: the kids open one of the boxes that arrived from our home in Indonesia.

Below: Cassie helps out at the house by sweeping after meals; because she's just the right size, she can actually stand under the table while sweeping!

