

OLIVERS LATEST TWIST



Summer 2018

SERVING THE LORD IN TAIWAN

The Killing Fields



After an interruption for a time, classes for the Cambodian students have been restarted to help them complete their BTh degrees through Concordia Theological Seminary, Hong Kong. A period of instability prevented the courses, but I thank the Lord that I was able to go this August to teach Theology of the New Testament. It was truly at time of mutual edification and encouragement. Now the students (pictured with me) have three or four more courses to complete the degree.



Pastor Phin (BTh student) contemplates one of the mass graves in the “killing fields” (30 minutes from our class). During the Pol Pot (Khmer Rouge) genocide of 25% of Cambodians, Pastor Phin’s father disappeared without word of his fate. On the right, a Cambodian family visits the “killing fields”. The terror, deception and destruction (of the devil) affected every family, but the Gospel is now shedding Light, Healing and Salvation into their homes through Pastor Phin and other faithful servants!





Our family attended the Taiwan Missionary Fellowship Conference this summer, where Annie Neamtu (pictured) shared their family's amazing story of God's care while experiencing persecution for preaching the Gospel during Soviet times in Romania. She is a pastor's wife and mother of a fellow missionary here. Her husband passed away to Heaven this year in Romania, after long-term bodily suffering from the beatings for preaching the Gospel. He preached the Gospel to the end.

Thankful for the freedom in Taiwan, I'm standing in front of a big church at which I regularly preach, Peace Lutheran in the Taipei area.





We were thankful to be able to make a short trip back for my parents' 60th Wedding Anniversary (pictured above with the grandchildren). We took that opportunity to take our first trip to Yosemite (left), one or two days after which the roads were closed because of the big fires there.



Gary went to his first camp this summer: a Christian “Farmer’s Camp”. See him in the front of the group in an irrigation canal (left)? Isaac went to a Christian “Wood Working Camp.” See him working on a project (below)?



Pray for the Cambodian church, and for our family as we start school. Pray for our health, faith and relationships, especially for Isaac, Gary and Ginny with their new teachers, and for the new students at the seminary.



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