



### Our family

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### Pastor Paul's Call

Pastor Paul is a theological educator in Taiwan, serving with the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) and China Lutheran Seminary (CLS). He is called to teach, write, and help plant and pastor Lutheran churches.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Great VBS Tour

This summer marks the second year the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) has conducted a "touring" VBS program, this time at six different CELC congregations. Many of the teachers and support staff (all but director Cynthia Han are volunteers) have committed nearly their whole summer to first training for a week, and then traveling to the various congregations around the island week-by-week. Several team members are junior and senior high school students. This level of commitment and dedication is truly humbling and inspiring. This year's theme is the Lord's Prayer, combined with an additional focus on foreign mission work. Our family was chosen this year as the "model missionaries," and yesterday Irene, Elizabeth, and I visited one of the sites, Holy Grace Lutheran Church in Taichung. We interacted with 60 children, most of whom are unchurched, and half of whom were new contacts to this congregation. As with so many Christian congregations in Taiwan, evangelism is done most often and most easily with children, and the Gospel seeds sown during this summer's VBS program are full of God's Gospel power to work in these young hearts. Thank you so much for being here with us through your financial and prayer support. I began my presentation to the children saying how glad and excited I was to see them all, but that all of you brothers and sisters in the US supporting this work would be even more excited to see them!



"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

(Matthew 19:14 ESV)





## What can you pray for?

### Thanks for:

- the Gospel outreach of the summer VBS tour.
- more ways to reach out to our neighbors.
- a smooth sermon preparation seminar.

### Petitions for:

- the many children who are attending all the VBS sites, that Gospel seeds would grow.
- more neighbors to come regularly to study God’s Word and wisdom to know how best to spend our limited time.

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## New Ways to Reach our Neighbors

We keep trying different ways to reach our neighbors with the Gospel. On the one hand, we need to have ways to simply meet them, but then we also, of course, try to encourage them to regularly study God’s Word with us. A few weeks ago, Irene and Elizabeth hosted several mothers with their young children at our home for a “play day.” It was indeed a good chance to get to know them and let them feel more comfortable with us and our home. Partly as a way to follow up that gathering, we changed our twice-monthly home Bible Study time from Saturday evening to Tuesday afternoon. We were thrilled that in addition to regular attendees, one mother, Melody, came for the first time to a Bible Study, along with her child and her niece. We’ll probably keep this week-day afternoon time for the summer and pray that more would be able to come. In addition, I’ve been thinking for quite some time about starting a men’s English Bible Study class for our neighbors. English ability is such an important skill for so many in Taiwan, and we think this type of Bible Study might attract our neighbor-men. As always, the challenge is that there are so very many needs and ways to serve here...and which are the few to which we should devote our time? Please pray with us for wisdom to decide!



## Brief Updates

(related pictures are on our Facebook mission page – Michael Paul Family Taiwan Mission)

- We recently visited newly-baptized Jacky and his family at their home. Jacky was overjoyed to learn how you in the US have followed his “story” and prayed for his salvation.
- I recently led a one-day “sermon preparation seminar” for four vicars and a pastor. We studied especially how to move from all the pre-writing research to a “central thought,” then to an outline, and then to the actual writing of a manuscript. We were honored to be the first group to make use of the new LCMS-Asia office in Chiayi for theological education.

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