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Pastor Paul's Call

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Sexuality Morality Lectures

This past week, Rev. Dr. Matthew Rueger, an LCMS pastor from Hubbard, Iowa, visited Taiwan to lecture in four cities about sexual morality. I was one of two translators for his lectures. His lectures were very well attended and very well received. Dr. Rueger specifically spoke about the Biblical understanding of sexual morality and how it relates to societal and political issues such as same-sex "marriage." He also gave good advice on how the Church can care for those who are same-sex attracted. On November 24th, Taiwan citizens will vote on a referendum regarding whether or not to legalize same-sex "marriage," and also regarding the nature of sex education instruction in public schools. If same-sex "marriage" is legalized in Taiwan, it will be the first Asian country to do so. Dr. Rueger's lectures were thus very timely and the Christians from all denominations that attended the lectures were very grateful for his clear Biblical instruction. Translating his lectures was quite challenging for me, particularly since my Chinese vocabulary on this topic was rather weak. By God's grace, however, it seemed that the audiences were able to understand the material...and my Chinese improved a lot! We hope that a Chinese translation that we're working on of Dr. Rueger's English book, "Sexual Morality in a Christless World," will be published in Chinese by the middle of next year.



"that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life."
(Philippian 2:15-16a ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- Dr. Rueger’s lectures in Taiwan, which were such a blessing to the Church here
- more contact with Rose and her willingness to study God’s Word

Petitions for:

- the Church in Taiwan, that she could teach God’s Word clearly to both those within and those outside of His Church
- Rose, that she would continue attending Bible Study and that God’s Word would work Christian faith in her heart

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Meet Rose

Irene continues to meet more young mothers in our apartment complex, share the Gospel with them, and invite them to our twice-monthly home Bible Study. Although we’ve known Rose already for quite awhile, we’ve recently had a lot more contact with her. A few months ago, Irene took her, her young son, and her mother on a sightseeing trip. A few weeks ago, Rose, her husband and her son joined us on an apartment complex outing to a nearby



Rose, her husband & son during our trip to a reservoir

reservoir that we led. Most importantly, Rose has attended our Bible Study several times now and always listens eagerly and asks great questions. When teaching about the impossibility of people earning their salvation, Rose responded, “Then no one has any hope at all!” “That’s right...apart from Christ,” we responded. Recently when discussing Matthew 24 about the end of the world, Rose was dumbfounded that Christians could actually *look forward* to the end of the world. We don’t know whether or not the Holy Spirit has already created faith in Rose’s heart through God’s Word, but we certainly pray that she would continue coming to Bible Study, so that the Holy Spirit can continue to work in her heart.

Brief Updates

- I’m often asked to teach about the meaning of worship and also the traditional liturgy. A few weeks ago, I presented to a Lutheran congregation’s young adult group about worship. On October 25th I also gave the annual “Reformation lecture” at China Lutheran Seminary, the topic being “Luther’s Understanding of Worship: God Serves Us Through His Word.”
- As mentioned above, on October 10th (Taiwan’s National Day) we led a group of our apartment complex neighbors on an outing to a nearby reservoir. Altogether, 17 people attended. It was a great time to get to know one another better, and to help our neighbors feel more comfortable with us...and hopefully be more likely to attend our home Bible Study.

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