



Our family

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Pastor Paul's Call

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Christmas Evangelism

When American Christians think of Christmas, I would guess that most think about family gatherings and traditions, and hopefully Church worship services as well. When Taiwan Christians think of Christmas, I think most of them think of evangelism. Christmas is by far the best time of the year to connect unbelievers to the Gospel, and the Taiwan Church does her best each year to make the most of the opportunity. This Christmas season, we participated in five different evangelistic events, one at our mission station, three at our apartment complex, and one combined with Elizabeth's high school graduation piano recital. For our apartment complex events in particular, the great majority of attendees do not yet profess Christian faith. Here's a run-down of the events:

Dec 15th – Seventeen of our neighbors gathered at our home and first heard the telling of the first Christmas events. They then acted out those events as we narrated them, and finally made Christmas cookies and a craft.

Dec 22nd – Our mission station held an evening Christmas Evangelistic Program. Our family played and sang lots of music, and Mike gave the final benediction. Over 70 people attended. After the program, a small group of Church members visited various un-churched homes singing Christmas carols.

Dec 23rd – Our apartment complex held its 2nd annual "Christmas" celebration, at which our family was again invited to perform and sing some Christmas carols. Mike also introduced the meaning of Christmas before we sang and played. Well over 100 of our neighbors were in attendance. (Our music was the only part of the event that had anything to do with Christmas.)

Dec 26th – For our fourth straight year, our family gave a Christmas music recital in our apartment complex lobby. We had many more people stop to listen this year, probably 40-50 total. We had programs with all the song lyrics printed, which our neighbors took home with them.

January 5th – To close Elizabeth's high school graduation piano recital, our family sang and played three of our Christmas recital songs, again with the words printed in the program. About 40-50 people, including many of our non-Christian neighbors, attended the recital.

For more pictures of these events, please see the back side of this newsletter. If you use facebook, the recital video is posted on my personal page (白霧德 Michael Paul)

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2:10-11 ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- our Savior’s birth...& death & resurrection for our salvation
- the wonderful opportunities to proclaim the Gospel at Christmas to so many without faith

Petitions for:

- the thousands of non-Christians in Taiwan who heard the Gospel at Christmas, that they would decide to regularly hear & study God’s Word, and that the Holy Spirit would grant them repentance & faith

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Lots of Christmas music proclaiming the Gospel of our Savior’s birth. Included are pictures from our Christmas caroling (upper right) and the audience at our apartment complex recital (left)

Family Update

First of all, 2019 is Mike & Irene’s 25th wedding anniversary year. God has richly blessed us and our family these 25 years. Next, Rachel will graduate from Concordia University, Wisconsin (music education) in May, and then get married to Eli James on June 29th in Milwaukee. No, we don’t know yet what they’ll do after they get married. Jonathan is in his second year of mechanical engineering studies at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. However, he’ll be busy with a full-time internship at Master Lock from January through August. Elizabeth will begin college in the Fall, likely at Concordia University, Wisconsin, probably studying in some type of education program.

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