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*serving the Lord in*  
**TAIWAN**

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**He is Risen! Alleluia!**



**Happy Easter!** Grace and peace to you from Christ our Lord! Hello from Taiwan. This month of spring has grown into quite the full month. The month began with an early celebration of Easter as kindergarten students and teachers alike sang tunes of our Risen Lord. As you can see in the picture to the left, kindergarteners dressed up in the colors of the resurrection. Red, for Jesus' love, shown in His blood when he died on the cross. White, to show that we are made clean and new in Jesus' death and resurrection. Yellow, as a reminder of the life and joy we have to come!

Elementary students celebrated with

Easter events and activities a few days later. Then, finally on April 21st we were all able to let loose our Alleluia's together in hymn and prayer. With the completion of Easter celebrations, we carried on in the joy of Jesus' resurrection into the remainder of our long spring semester. I sit here today with 7 weeks to go in the second semester and a mound of tasks to accomplish. As I look forward to a summer at home to see family and friends, I am also happy to announce that I will be returning to Taiwan for another full school-year as a teacher to these tiny Taiwanese cuties. Another year of spending my sunny afternoons and evenings telling about the greatest news of salvation. Another year to grow in friendship with some of the kindest people I have met. Another year to see the Lord's work in Taiwan as he brings His children to saving faith in Him. Praise be to Christ, the Lord of all!

# The Daily Grind



In previous newsletters I have spent a little bit of time explaining what my days are like here, but as I am here in Taiwan for longer, my days, although nearly the same, seem to have a different feel. As we approach the middle of May, my past college student self seems to only believe that school should go to the middle of May. However, as a teacher in Taiwan, I have learned that my responsibilities continue to the end of June, June 28th to be exact. Just as my responsibilities need to continue to the end of June, so does my energy. The energy to keep going in the midst of “the daily grind” is something that I struggle with on occasion. With five different age levels of English, reading, and writing to teach, I often feel run down and

constantly preparing a wide range of materials each week. However deep the tension in this preparation runs, I am in constant reminder of why it is that I am here to be a teacher of five levels of students. Alongside the English that I teach them, I also get to share with each of my nearly 200 students the love of Jesus. This week in my E2 class, we talked about why we pray and what we pray for. The answers from my 7 and 8 year old students were both eye opening and a very real picture of the life for many children in Taiwan. Whenever I mention prayer in class, the almost immediate thought for most students is



something called 拜拜 (bye-bye). 拜拜 is the way that

those who practice folk religions and Buddhism “worship” their gods or ask for certain blessings. This distinction of praying to one true God, our creator and sustainer, is sometimes a hard one to make. However, when the distinction is made, students stand in awe of the Lord’s mercy. Another day in my CE4 class, we talked about Saul’s conversion to Paul and how God can work faith in everyone, those who are evil, and even those (like so many in Taiwan) who do not know of Christ’s love. So even though when my day seems to feel so much like the daily grind, I remain assured and sustained in God’s work through His Word.

In Christ,  
*Hannah Shull*



My friend Jordan, and I after church on Easter Sunday.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Complete recovery from sickness and strength to stay healthy
- Peace and comfort amidst the struggles as a missionary sent alone to a foreign country
- Strength to stray away from anxiety and worry
- That the hearts of those in Taiwan are open to hear the Gospel

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The many student who attend our school in Taiwan
- Newly forming relationships
- The Word and Sacrament ministry here in Taiwan.

## PRAISE GOD FOR:

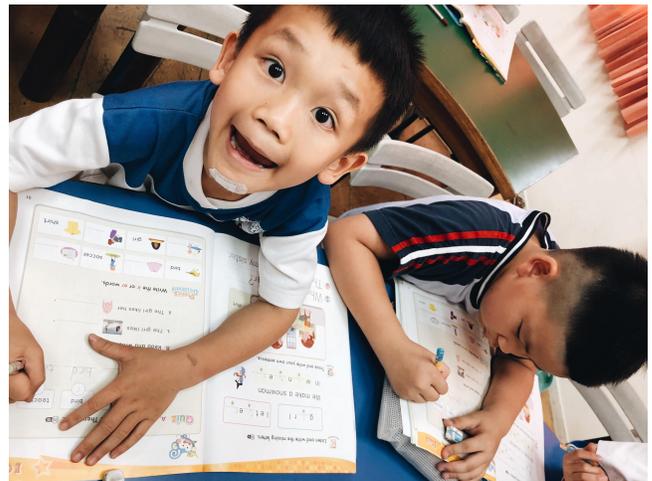
- Students who are excited to hear the Gospel
- The gracious support of my many supporters in America and around the world

*Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.*

*2 Corinthians 13:11*



Sunday school kids doing an Easter craft before the service.



CE1 students finishing their phonics work during class.

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*Friends and I on a weekend trip to Singapore.*



*I was so thankful to have my family visit, especially my brother. He helped to “wear out” my E2 students.*

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