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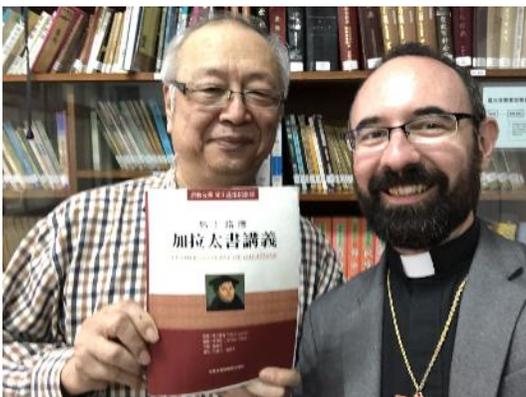
Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

What a joy to proclaim this loudly, even here in places where Easter is simply unknown. Just this morning, grabbing my coffee before our Easter Divine Service at the local congregation, we wished the workers “Happy Easter” and “Blessed Easter.” They looked back, confused, and said, “Oh, is that today?” Truly, there is so much work yet to be done.



But just when you least expect it, there can come encouragement. We were recently engaged in visits with several other Lutheran bodies here in Taiwan, continuing our opportunities to build connections with them, although there are still no formal relationships between our church bodies. One church based in Taipei is the Lutheran Church of the Republic of Taiwan (LCROC), headed by their Bishop (President) Rev. Ray Chen. Bishop Chen had discovered we were going to have a delegation of LCMS visitors on the island, and was eager to have a time to chat.

Before taking our leave, President Harrison asked for a tour of the LCROC facility, which included a church and a study/conference room. In that room was a most joyful sight for our eyes: four men, diligently studying the Scriptures, using Martin Luther’s *Commentary on Galatians* as their guide! This book had been translated into Chinese just recently, and the men were keen to share their insights with us and their love for what Luther writes. They were so excited because they had a shared passion for Lutheran Theology, and we instantly enjoyed an incredible connection as Lutheran brothers.



Many thanks to you for your continued faithfulness, so we can serve here as your hands and feet, and as the voice which brings our Lord’s Word into these far-flung places. The joy on these men’s faces is due in large part to you, and to the work we are doing in our partnership. Because of your support, we are able to give them encouragement, education, and incredible resources.

God grant you all His joy this Easter Season, and throughout the year. *Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!* ✠

Ferry Family Update



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Those effected by the terrorist bombings in Sri Lanka on Easter
- Peace in the world, so that the Word of God might go out unhindered
- The Joy of Easter to be with the Church throughout the whole year

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The protection of our missionaries and church partners in Sri Lanka during the recent blasts
- The concern of the LCMS, displayed in the large number of questions about our personnel and their safety

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Cheryl and the kids continue to focus much of their time and energy into their Chinese classes. These classes have not only been helpful in learning words, tones, and phrases, but also in learning aspects of the culture.

It's been fun to benefit from this instruction as we head out into the community together and interact with our Chinese-speaking neighbors. We'll be riding on a bus or walking down the street and the kids begin singing a song in Chinese. Invariably, people start to not only *stare*, but to *smile*. Our neighbors love the fact that we are not only learning their language, but learning their songs and appreciating our community.

Once we've established that respect for what we see and hear around us, then people are much more willing to listen to us: to the songs that we sing and the words we share about why we would leave the US and establish our home over here. What a joy! ***Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!***



See the chocolate cake above? That was the "before" picture. This is "after!"

God bless all of you for your continued friendship, support, and love.

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