



Our family

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Pastor Paul's Call

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Outreach to Men

We recently tried a completely new way to reach out to our neighbors...a men's English Class with a "Bible time" at the end of each session. We've lived in our "Dream City" apartment complex for almost four years now, and have met and shared the Gospel with many, many women and children, but very few men. In addition, most Churches in Taiwan are composed of twice as many women as men, and pastors and other male Church leaders are in huge demand here. Trying this method to reach out to men is one small way to try to meet these great needs. It's also simply a way to show neighborly care for those around us, and a way to get to know better how they think and live.

Twenty years ago, when we were missionaries in Macau, I developed a series of 24 topical English studies that included a second half all based on Bible passages. I'm using these now for this new class. For our first session on April 24th, self-introductions of the seven students took up most of the hour, but we still had time to quickly run through one of the topics – friendship. One of the two Bible verses I chose to read and explain was, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13, NIV). To our surprise, after class one of the students texted us saying, "At the end of class, the Bible verse about "someone lay down his life" was very meaningful to me. I hope next time Mike can share more English Bible verses with us." The class is definitely off to a great start!

Since we're about to leave Taiwan for a few months of network support work this summer, we've only scheduled four sessions before we leave in June. We'll see how the class progresses and hopefully plan for more of the same when we return at the beginning of September. Please pray that the Word of God that's



shared in these studies would work in the hearts of our male neighbors to grant them Christian faith.

Iron sharpens iron, and
one man sharpens another.
(Proverbs 27:17 ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- the new men's class and the chance to share God's Word with them
- the opportunity to share the Easter Gospel message with our neighbors

Petitions for:

- God's Word to work in the hearts of all we share it with, that the Gospel would be the power of God for their salvation through faith in Christ
- the arranging of our summer visitation schedule

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Easter Outreach

Every year we have three great opportunities to invite our neighbors to our home to learn about a "western holiday," and, more importantly, learn about Jesus. The three holidays are American Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. At first we thought very few would come to

our Easter celebration this year. But, due in part to bad weather that canceled a big camping trip, we actually had 29 people come – 15 adults and 14 children. We shared the message of Christ's death and resurrection in many different ways, and it seemed clear that everyone had an enjoyable visit. Irene continues her follow-up with our guests, including inviting the mothers to our mission station for worship on Mother's Day, when I happen to be preaching. Please join us in thanking our Heavenly Father for these wonderful opportunities to witness, and also pray that the Gospel seeds sown would be able to receive Gospel water and nourishment and then sprout into Christian faith.

Home Service Fast Approaching

Every two years we return to the US for a summer of "network building." Our schedule of visiting congregations, small groups, and individuals to report on the mission work here in Taiwan is slowly filling up for this summer. Below is what our schedule looks like as of today. We welcome you to attend any of our presentations, and also welcome you to contact us to try to arrange a presentation where you are. As always, thank you for your support in so many ways!

June

16 AM - Holy Cross, Anita IA
19 PM - Good Shepherd, Lincoln NE
20 PM - St. John, Cordova NE
21 AM - Messiah, Lincoln NE
22 PM - Mission Central, Mapleton IA
22 PM - St. John, Beemer NE
23 AM - Zion, Bancroft NE
23 PM - Trinity, Marcus IA
24 PM - Hope, Hastings MN

July

7 AM - St. John, Hubbard IA
8 - Iowa East District Office

July

12 PM - Faith, Mt Pleasant IA
13 PM - Trinity, Ottumwa IA
14 AM - St. John, Oskaloosa IA
14 PM - Immanuel, Iowa Falls IA
28 AM - Trinity, Darmstadt IN

August

4 AM - St Peter, Vincennes IN
11 AM - Our Saviour, Evansville IN
18 AM - St. Paul, Evansville IN
20 PM - Zion, Naperville IL
25 AM - Blessed Savior, Milwaukee WI

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