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“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” Romans 15:4

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” Thessalonians 5:11

Fellowship of Believers

It now officially feels like Fall. The weather is beginning to change. School is in full swing. Regular school year activities at Salvation Church have begun. In ministry work there are numerous peaks and valleys. Sometimes the news we have to report reveals a testing of our faith by fire. Other times the Lord has surpassed everything we could have imagined in blessing us with witness to His work creating and growing faith in individuals, especially at times where we never would have imagined seeing it.

One thing not often shared in newsletters is that there are also periods of going through the plains. Sometimes we face the day to day routine of scattering the seeds of the Gospel in Bible class and ministry at church, but do not really see what the Lord has at work. Those times we must continue to press on in blind faith trusting the faithful Word of Christ that His Word will accomplish all that it sets out to do.

These times are what make times of fellowship among believers all the more important. The Lord knew our needs and instructed us to spend time in fellowship for this reason among others. Taiwan has only a few percent Christian population, which can make it feel lonely at times. This is why it was recently such a blessing for Andrew to be able to take part in a conference and meeting of the missionaries from throughout Asia and Taiwan. Just as many Lutheran educators in the States recently had the opportunity to meet at the LEA convention, missionaries in Asia were blessed

with the opportunity to meet for conferences, fellowship and worship together. The conference provided an opportunity for missionaries from all different countries to share stories of challenges faced in their particular mission fields, pray for one another with one another, worship together singing familiar hymns in English, as well as encourage one another to continue to hold faithfully to the truth and purity of Scripture in their Biblical teaching. Andrew was greatly strengthened and encouraged by the experience. We thank and praise God that He knows our needs enough to instruct us to continue to come to Him and His Word with other believers in order that our faith and teaching would be strengthened. We pray that we would continue to be faithful to do so.

Update

This month we will be hosting numerous student groups in our home for fun Fall festivities. It will be the first experience of some students for being in a Christian home. Please pray that the Lord would guide and bless conversations and activities that they would sow seeds of faith in the students' hearts and be a witness to the Gospel message.

Students enjoying time at our apartment and in class.



Fellowship meal with school and LCMS staff.



Prayer Requests



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- Please continue to pray for Friday Night Bible Study. Pray that all students we have not seen yet this semester would return and bring friends. Pray also that the Gospel may be faithfully and boldly taught and that hearts would be opened to faith.
- Pray for Noel's ongoing health problems with autoimmune disease.
- Please pray for Andrew's continued tutoring work and outreach with students Leonardo, Sarah, Melody and their families that the Lord would use the class as a chance to share the Gospel with them.
- Please pray for Andrew's classes at CMS that students' hearts and ears would be open to the message of the Gospel heard often for the first time in their Bible classes and chapel messages.

We Thank God for You!

Your prayers and encouragement are greatly appreciated! If you would like to financially support the ministry in Taiwan, please make checks payable to LCMS World Mission, clearly designating for Andrew and Noel Schaff, and send to:

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Or adopt us as missionaries through Mission Central in Mapleton, IA. You can contact our friends at Mission Central using the following address:

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"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints." Philemon 2:4



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