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SERVING THE LORD IN TAIWAN & THROUGHOUT ASIA

Taiwan Quarantine



We just finished our 14 days of quarantine in Taiwan after being in the U.S. for one year. In this photo with Ginny in the foreground, we are waiting to take off from Chicago's O'Hare airport in our Covid-19 prevention gear. Thankfully, we've all had a good bill of health!



Isaac, Ginny and Stephen are on the left. Gary and Maggie are on the right. One of our main prayers traveling back to Taiwan through Chicago is that we wouldn't pick up the virus in transit. Thank the Lord for His protection!



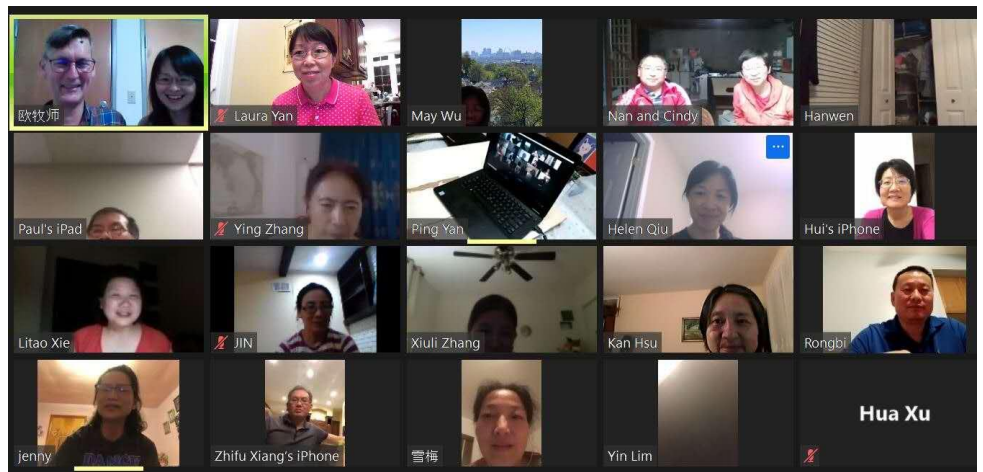


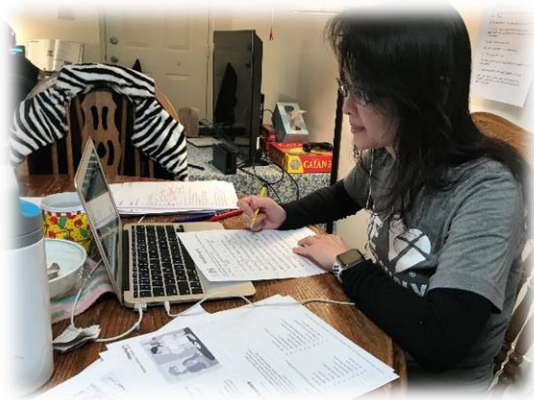
Here we are on June 12, packed to the gills in our rental car, ready to drive from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis to O'Hare airport in Chicago (one of the Covid-19 hotspots in the world).



We'll miss our good neighbors in the missionary apartments, Lucy and Mark Wolfram (in the background here), who joined us for our family devotions on June 11, the night before we left.

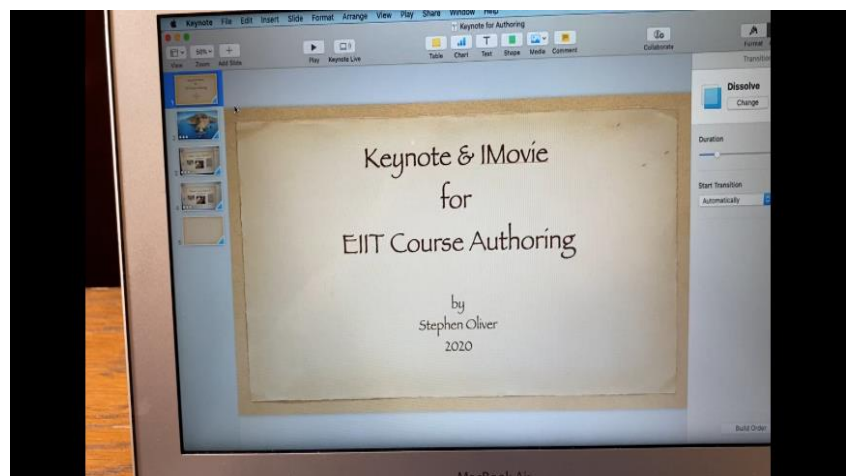
We also miss our Friday night Light of Christ fellowship, but are very happy to be able to participate by zoom in Taiwan. Congratulations to two here (Helen & Kan) who were recently accepted into Concordia Seminary's EIT deaconess program!





We are all at our work and study stations in the missionary apartment during lockdown in St. Louis. As I designed and taught Ethnic Immigrant Institute in Theology (EIIT) courses, it seemed just right since they are online courses with students in LCMS churches across the United States.

I learned so much about authoring courses for the internet, which include videos, quizzes and tests, assignments and projects, questions to ask mentors, fellow student chat topics, etc. that I was able to make a tutorial video on using the keynote application to make courses. Hopefully it will help other EIIT course authors.





This is a photo of Maggie's Immanuel Lutheran Church Bible Study, by zoom. Maggie took an ESL class, was a part of Bible studies, participated in fellowships, and even took an online China Lutheran Seminary course in *The Book of Concord*



We're ready for Gary's fifth grade graduation, which was done as a car parade!



In Taiwan, we received the Covid-19 quarantine care bags that you can see on the left. On the right, you can see our quarantine quarters.





On June 17, our third day of quarantine, a five-inch centipede (left) crawled up Ginny’s back and head without her knowing it, until it reached her forehead, when she swiped at it with her hand and it bit her. It swelled up in a few minutes (middle photo) and hurt a lot where the bite happened (though there were no other symptoms). Being in quarantine without a car and with no previous centipede bite experience, we didn’t know what to do. After a few phone calls and internet search, we found out that in the absence of allergy, a centipede of this size’s poison is about like a bee sting. An hour later, the bump and pain had receded (right photo). I even used a remedy I found on the internet, fresh cut onion on the wound, which she said made it feel better.

Prayer: Thank the Lord for our safe journey back and pray for our adjustments back here.



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