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Andrew and Noel Schaff Missionary Newsletter from ChiaYi, Taiwan

"As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

## **Provision in Pain**

God's richest peace in our Lord Jesus! One thing that the mission field and much of life has taught me is that so much is beyond my control, though I am comforted to know that nothing is beyond God's control and faithful plan for our lives.

The goal was to have a more formal newsletter for July and August about all the events in Taiwan. Andrew continues to teach summer school. This year Taiwan continues school through July 14. Thanks to God's providence and grace in providing foresight and wisdom to the Taiwanese government in handling the COVID crisis, much of life was able to continue with few cases. Praise God! The reason I write that things have not gone as planned, is that I continue to experience chronic health problems. For this reason I needed to return to the States for July to see some specialist doctors. As one might imagine, it has been no easy feat getting a returning flight, scheduling appointments and quarantining. The Lord is good though and has provided all as it is needed.

Next semester I will be returning to join Andrew in Taiwan and tutor privately while he teaches at CMS. I continue to be amazed at how the Lord provides me with opportunities to share His Gospel through tutoring and relationship building. I have shared before about my friend and student May.

I would like to share about how the Lord has provided witnessing opportunities for us with a family with two girls that Andrew tutors. Melody and Sarah are junior high students. Their family is not particularly religious, but practice traditional worship associated with Buddhism and Taoism for holidays and life events.

Andrew has shared with the girls why Christians believe what they do and celebrate holidays such as Christmas and Easter. They have read and discussed stories from the Bible together. The girls have come to our home on several occasions including one time with their mother where we celebrated All Saints Day and told them about why we celebrate. The family has invited us to join them for dinners on several occasions, including before I returned to my doctors this July.

The more time we spend with the family, the more they open up and want to spend time together. We know that when we share God's Word with them that the Gospel is power to bring people to faith. We are confident that God and His Word are faithful!



Sarah, Melody and their father enjoying a meal and celebrating Sarah and Andrews birthdays.



Andrew's 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced English classes.

# Prayer Requests



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- Please continue to pray all people suffering from Coronavirus in various ways worldwide. Pray that God would bring Himself glory and grant swift relief.
- Praise and thank God for the continued ability to proclaim his Word face to face at CMS and Salvation Church in Taiwan at this time!
- Please continue to pray for Melody and Sarah and their family, that they would come to believe in Christ as their Savior.
- Please pray for Andrew's new summer tutoring student, Eric, that the Lord would provide an opportunity for discussion and witnessing.
- Please pray for CMS and CELA as they currently have a shortage of teachers and it is difficult for potential new teachers to enter Taiwan and get a visa because of COVID. Please pray that the Lord would open doors for everything to work out.
- Please pray for Noel as she sees medical specialist and undergoes some tests. Pray that the Lord would restore her health and provide patience and endurance in the meantime.

## 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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"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

***Pray for Us  
Andrew and Noel Schaff***

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