



## Vacation Bible School

A total of 42 children attended our mission station's five-morning VBS a few weeks ago. The event was a great way to teach children about the Triune God who created, redeemed, and sanctifies them (the theme was the Apostles' Creed). Seven of the children were from our mission station, some were from other churches, and 13 were unchurched neighbors. We were grateful that we were able to get to know our unchurched neighbors' families better, so that we can have more opportunities to share God's Word with them in the future. Please pray that we would indeed be able to have good Gospel outreach to them in the days to come.



### Pastor Paul's Call

Pastor Paul is a theological educator in Taiwan, serving with the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) and China Lutheran Seminary (CLS). He is called to teach, write, and help plant and pastor Lutheran churches.

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**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God and the fellow-  
ship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**  
2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV





### What can you pray for?

#### Thanks for:

- a good VBS program, through which many children learned God's Word
- easing of some COVID-19 restrictions, so we can meet people more easily now

#### Petitions for:

- good Gospel follow-up with VBS families
- God's Word & Spirit to save people from fear & damnation
- our renewed efforts to reach out to our neighbors with God's Word

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## Trying to Keep the Ghosts Away

This month on the lunar calendar is "ghost month," during which most Taiwanese try to pacify and scare away ghosts and evil spirits from their neighborhoods. A few days ago was the high point of the month, when nearly all homes and businesses set out incense and food sacrifices in front of their buildings for the ghosts. In large apartment complexes like ours, residents bring down boxes or bags of food, and the apartment staff takes care of adding incense sticks to each bag and placing them all on tables in front of the complex. At the end of the day the residents pick their food up again and eat it at home. While many participate in this ritual without much thought, as more of a cultural, society event, we continue to find that lots of Taiwanese are quite superstitious and very concerned about the spirit world and their own fate after death. Please pray for the work of the Church here



*the sacrifices in front of our apartment*

that God through His Word and Spirit would bring people from fear and superstition to the assurance and comfort that comes only through Christ's atoning death and resurrection.

## Brief Updates

- Please pray for renewed plans to reach out to our neighbors through a men's English (with Bible) class, a women's Bible study, and a children's handbell class. The pandemic has hindered our efforts over the past half year, and we hope to get more organized again soon.
- I recently gave several presentations to the new group of students at China Lutheran Seminary, including on "the central role of God's Word in the Lutheran Church" and also "how to study."
- The China Evangelical Lutheran Church recently began a new effort to strengthen the teaching and practice of the churches and pastors of the seven Lutheran synods in Taiwan. The "Lutheran Forum" plans to hold seminars, classes, informal pastors' gatherings (Winkels), and produce and promote new teaching resources.

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