

Moms & Tots & the Gospel



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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Irene continues to befriend more and more young mothers with young children in our neighborhood. While she's often able to share God's Word with them individually when she meets them, she now has a weekly event at our mission station to invite them to where they'll always hear a little bit of God's Word and also get to meet other young mothers. Vicar Daniel Zhao's wife, Gardenia, leads the Friday morning gathering, with Irene serving as her helper and "inviter." All together, eight different moms have come the first three times they've met. Aside from a Bible story and related craft for the little ones, there's also always a special Bible verse for the moms that they discuss. We pray that a core group of moms & tots would be able to come regularly, and that from this group some would also begin coming to our Sunday worship.

[Jesus said,] "It is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

Matthew 18:14 ESV





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- the new Mom & Tots group
- increased efforts to identify and train new pastors
- Barb Rebentisch's joining of the Taiwan mission team
- the new men's English class

Petitions for:

- God's Word to work repentance & faith in moms & tots
- God to send more laborers into His harvest fields in Taiwan
- a smooth transition for Barb into her new role
- Tony & Bo-Tsun to come to worship

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Seeking More Harvest Laborers

The China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) here in Taiwan has a severe shortage of pastors. The Church body leaders continue to brainstorm for ways to try to identify and train men to serve in the many locations that need them. One new initiative focuses on offering seminars and classes for the laity of the synod's congregations and also other Lutheran synods, partly to hopefully create interest in studying full-time and eventually receiving a Call into the Office of the Public Ministry. The CELC held its first seminar for this purpose last week, introducing the Book of Concord. I gave three of the four presentations, and also prepared the Matins and Vespers services that began and ended the day. We filled our venue with over 30 people, and hope to build on our momentum in the future.



Brief Updates:

Welcome Barb! Barb Rebentisch just arrived in Taiwan as a new mission team member after finishing her initial fund-raising in the US. Barb has many years' experience living and serving in Taiwan, and speaks excellent Mandarin. Her primary role will be to assist in the translating and editing of new Chinese theological resources. The needs in this area are great and Barb will surely be a big boost to our efforts.



Men's English (w/ Bible) Class

Returns: After taking a break during the Spring term because of COVID-19, I just began a Fall term of more English (w/ Bible) Classes for the men in our apartment complex. Our first class not surprisingly found us getting sidetracked into American politics, but we still read and discussed a bit of God's Word. Please pray that students Tony and Bo-Tsun would be able to come our mission station worship service in the near future. They have both expressed sincere interest, but weekend trips to see parents or in-laws have prevented them from coming thus far.

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