



Christmas Neighborhood Evangelism

Christmas is always the best time to share God’s Word with non-Christian neighbors in Taiwan. While we had to move to a new apartment complex last April, we had great opportunities to share the Christmas Gospel with neighbors in



our new complex this year, just as we did previously in our old one. Our new complex has an annual “community Christmas program” just like our old one did, and we were able to form a bell choir with children from our complex, ringing and singing *Silent Night* and *Away in a Manger* for the program.



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.



In addition, members of our mission congregation came to our complex the same day and sang Christmas carols with us at the temporary “street market” set up outside our complex. We especially caught peoples’ attention when I played my trumpet to begin *Joy to the World*, since the music echoed well off the high rise buildings. The activities of the day, paired with Irene’s continual meeting of new young mothers, have made us very visible now among our neighbors as a Christian couple who likes to share God’s Word with people. What a great beginning to life in our new surroundings!

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Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2:10-11 ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- the opportunities to share God’s Word during Christmas and for all who heard
- the publication of the first ten “What About…” topics
- Jonathan being able to be with us for a few weeks

Petitions for:

- God’s Word to create Christian faith in those who have been hearing His Word
- the many continuing translation projects, that progress would be smooth and quick
- a blessed time with Jonathan and a smooth trip back for him

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More Christmas Evangelism



The one time of year that Taiwanese are most willing to step inside of a Church building is for a Christmas program. We took advantage of that opportunity once again this year, with a program full of music and God’s Word, including a

skit highlighting Luke 1 and 2 with Mary’s *Magnificat*, Zechariah’s *Benedictus*, and Simeon’s *Nunc Dimittis*. While preparing the program took quite a bit of time and effort, many non-Christians did indeed come, including some from Irene’s Moms & Tots group, and from my men’s English class. The theme for the service was “Love in the Manger,” and those who came heard clearly about their problem of sin, and God’s solution of sending His Son in love to save us from our sin.



Brief Updates

- The first ten topics of the “What About…” pamphlet series have been published in Chinese translation. We are now awaiting the new Chinese translation of the Book of Concord to be available later this week.
- While our daughter Elizabeth wasn’t able to make it to Taiwan this time, our son Jonathan did, and will soon finish his three-week quarantine time and be “free” for over two weeks before returning to the U.S.

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