



## Funeral Evangelism

The single best opportunity to proclaim the Gospel to non-Christians in Taiwan is at a Christian funeral. What a blessing to have had that opportunity a few days ago at the funeral of our church member, Damin Wu. Damin was the only Christian in his entire family and extended family. However, all the family members knew very clearly that Damin was a Christian, and they didn't hesitate to work with our Church to arrange a Christian, rather than Taoist or Buddhist, funeral for him. There were over 40 people in attendance at the funeral, with the only Christians being the eleven from our Church that attended, and perhaps two that we think were from Damin's previous Church. We pray that our Lord's words of Law and Gospel that they heard that day will work in their hearts to grant repentance and faith. We especially pray for Damin's daughter, Shaojuan, who has had some contact with the Christian Church in the past, and expressed openness to future contact.



### 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.

### A New Catechism Class

The one thing I've perhaps spent more time doing than anything else during our seven years here thus far is teaching Martin Luther's Small Catechism. I had already been teaching the Catechism three different times during the week, but I just now began a fourth. Jeff Chin has been a Christian for over twenty years, but had ceased attending worship for several years. Through the connection of another former member of his former Church, Jeff is now regularly attending our mission congregation. The first time he came, I just happened to be teaching prior to worship about the importance of the Lord's Supper, and he shared afterwards that he had never been so struck and affected by the meaning and depth of what our Lord freely gives us in the Sacrament. To be sure, Baptism and the Lord's Supper have very little significance for the great majority of Taiwan Christians. I am now teaching Jeff the Catechism, so that he can Lord-willing soon join us at the altar to receive with us our Lord's great gifts of forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, coming to us in Christ's true body and blood.



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For to me to live is Christ,  
and to die is gain.  
(Philippians 1:21 ESV)





### What can you pray for?

#### Thanks for:

- our Lord keeping Damin in Christian faith until death
- the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel at Damin's funeral
- many moms & tots to hear God's Word

#### Petitions for:

- Damin's family, especially daughter Shaojuan, for repentance & faith
- moms & tots to believe the Word of God that they hear
- continued good progress on Church renovations, especially the stained glass and altar

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## More Moms & Tots



After a long summer break, extended due to COVID restrictions, Irene is back full-swing reaching out to lots of young mothers and their toddlers. Most of the moms in the group from last year have now sent their toddlers off to pre-school...but they still like meeting together, so now Irene does other

things with that group. Each time they meet, they sing a Scripture song together and go through a Bible story. For the Moms and Tots group, Irene has found new contacts, including one Mom who was amazed that such a program is free. "Programs like this usually cost at least \$20 per hour!" she exclaimed. Irene also continues helping with an additional group, which is led by a missionary from Germany.

### Brief Updates:

- Lutheranism 101 is published in Chinese! After nearly ten years, this project has finally reached completion! Copies are available in North America through the Lutheran Heritage Foundation: [www.lhfmissions.org](http://www.lhfmissions.org)
- I gave the annual Reformation lecture at China Lutheran Seminary this year, speaking on "Luther on the Unity of the Church."
- Renovations are progressing smoothly at our new Church location.
- The Zoom Winkel for October was on "eschatology," presented by Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller. The November edition will be on "apologetics" by Rev. Dr. Hans Trinklein.
- New missionary David Bush will Lord-willing arrive in Taiwan to begin service next week, and the Michael Lockwood family are scheduled to arrive in December. In January, David Bush's wife, Barbara, plans to join us, as well as Rebecca Bartelt.



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