## ASIA Sam Borgwardt



## Sam Borgwardt-Serving the Lord in Asia

The work of the Church continued throughout Asia in the month of October. Our region was blessed here in Taiwan to host theological intensive courses presented by <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/journal.org/">Dr. Tom Park</a> and <a href="https://doi.org/>Dr. Michael Paul">Dr. Michael Paul</a> on the authority of Scripture and the Reformation.



In October, the Asia region of the LCMS International Mission was blessed to welcome Rev. Dr. James Baneck to the field. Dr. Baneck serves as the LCMS Director of Pastoral Education and oversees the Synod's Set Apart to Serve initiative. Set Apart to Serve seeks to help form pastors, and other church workers, for continued Gospel proclamation in the U.S. and globally. Dr. Baneck brought his expertise to Taiwan and presented to several of our partners in the region on how they can form church workers as well as care for their current ones. It was a humbling experience to see Dr. Baneck present to our partners in the region on the success God has blessed the LCMS with through our Set Apart to Serve initiative. Please pray for Dr. Baneck, Set Apart to Serve, and our partners in Asia. That the Lord would continue to provide pastors and other church workers for the harvest.



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## SERVING THE LORD IN ASIA



I was blessed to translate for Dr. Baneck at his presentation in Taiwan. It was a blessing to stretch my Mandarin skills a bit on the important topic of pastoral recruitment and how the Church cares for pastors. Dr. Baneck spoke on Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio: Prayer, Meditation and Temptation, i.e., the cycle of the Christian life. Dr. Baneck emphasized the great need for all Christians, but especially pastors, to be daily in the Word of God and meditating on Scripture. It was a great joy to see not only the pastors of the CELC, but also the leadership of the church begin to experience "lightbulb" moments during Dr. Baneck's presentation. Please keep the pastors in Asia in your prayers. Please also keep **your** pastor in your prayers as he daily engages in Oratio and Meditatio.



CELC V.P. Rev. Dr. Lu, his wife and I discuss Dr. Baneck's presentation.



Dr. Baneck and I presenting.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- For the LCMS Set Apart to Serve initiative. That the Lord would raise up the next generation of church workers to continue proclaiming His Gospel.
- For faithful preparation of pastors and other church workers in Asia. That the Holy Spirit would call many to faith by working through pastors throughout Asia.