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Home and Abroad in Asia

The year ended as busily as it began. We had some wonderful opportunities to be present in various places, while also continuing the work at home in Taiwan.

As Advent turns toward Christmas, Epiphany, and the new year, we continue to be grateful for your trust, partnership, and love. God bless you as we prepare for His coming, now and at the end of time.



THE FERRY FAMILY

Rev. Charles Ferry serves the LCMS as the Regional Director for Asia. He is responsible for all the LCMS missionaries and mission work in this part of the world.

He often represents the congregations and people of the LCMS before our partner churches as we work together toward the planting of Lutheran Churches.

Charles and Cheryl are the parents of seven children, three of whom were born overseas during Asia missionary service.

- Caleb (18)
- Caitlin (14)
- Carissa (11)
- Cassandra (9)
- Chloe (7)
- Charlotte (5)
- Caylee (2)

Before moving to Taiwan in 2018, the Ferry Family was based in Indonesia for over four years.



LCMS Asia joins LCMS Church Relations for some long-overdue conversations with GKLI in Medan, Indonesia toward full church fellowship.



Left: Standing in downtown Tokyo, Japan with the dear Jastram family during a visit to their mission field in late November. They continue to do excellent work bringing together disparate Lutheran partners toward a new and faithful Lutheran body for Japan.



Above Center: Rev. Dr. Jim Banek makes a visit to a congregation of our Taiwan partner church in Hsinchu. Jim is the head of Set Apart to Serve, the LCMS effort to recruit more church workers. He shared from his experience in pastoral ministry with about 20 Taiwanese participants.



Right: Charlotte helps Daddy present to the assembled Asia team in Chiayi during the annual workgroup gathering.



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Ferry Family Update



Left: Cheryl and the Ferry girls assist with learning music for Advent and Christmas with LCMS Asia missionary Becky Bartelt at our local Chiayi congregation. Can you find Caylee helping out in this picture?

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Caleb as he endures his Air Force Basic Training, and for him and his fiancée Katrina Kautz as they plan for their life together.
- Lutheran Churches throughout Asia, that they may use this holy time of the year to proclaim the saving Word of forgiveness in Jesus
- Peace in our time, so that the church may proclaim the Word in its truth and purity.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

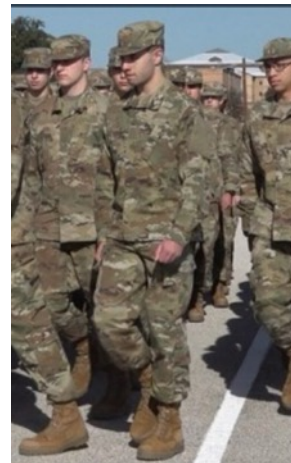
- Encouraging conversations with our church partners in Indonesia as we work together in the Word of God
- Continued safety and health for the Ferry Family
- Leadership in our St. Louis LCMS headquarters as they seek the right man to lead your LCMS International Mission in the years to come

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Churches, partners, and friends who open to us their congregations, homes, and lives.



Above: Caitlin and Carissa order from a local food stand at the Chiayi night market, enjoying the benefits of hard work learning the local language!



Left: Just a glimpse into Caleb's world these days as he learns to wear the USAF uniform and to march in formation. This is one of a handful of pictures which have become precious to us in these days of very little communication with our boy.

Even as our family grows and changes, we are so grateful for your enduring partnership.

Thank you for your trust, care, prayers and continued support.

– The Ferry Family



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