



Cellos and the Gospel

Jen-Yi is a natural evangelist. Not only does she have an outgoing personality, but she also knows first-hand the difference between life without Christ, and life within Him and because of Him. When we lived in Hsinchu, Jen-Yi had gotten to know dozens



of young mothers in our neighborhood, and regularly shared the Christian faith with them. There are very few young mothers around where we live now in Chiayi, so Jen-Yi has sought other channels to get to know women here and share the Gospel with them. One outlet she's enjoyed for a few months now is a government-sponsored cello class for older (50+) residents. The class meets just two blocks from our apartment, and Jen-Yi has been learning diligently with five other women, all in their 50s. Most classes are filled with almost as much chit-chat as cello practicing, and in the process Jen-Yi has gotten to know the other women rather well. They all know clearly that Jen-Yi is a Christian, and one classmate in particular, Amy, has repeatedly asked Jen-Yi questions about the Christian faith. The others don't seem all that interested, but are willing to listen a little bit, and are all excited about playing their cellos at future music events at our Church and at our planned Music Conservatory here in Chiayi. Amy has also invited Jen-Yi and me to her home to get to know her and her husband. We're looking forward to visiting them soon...certainly another opportunity to share God's Word with them both. Please pray with us that the Holy Spirit would work through God's Word that Jen-Yi shares with her classmates to grant them repentance and faith in Christ.



Pastor Paul's Call

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But you are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people
for His own possession, that you may
proclaim the excellencies of Him who called
you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- the opportunity for Jen-Yi to get to know her fellow cello students and share God's Word with them
- the chance to spend a lot of time with family these days

Petitions for:

- Jen-Yi's cello friends, that God's Word and Spirit would grant them repentance & faith
- safe travel and peaceful days with family
- two Chinese book translations, that they could soon be published: *The Story of Luther* and *Here We Stand*

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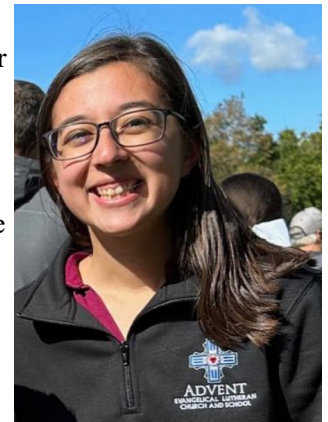
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Family Update

We usually don't give too many family updates in our missionary newsletter, but many of you ask us about our children and grandchildren. Well, this month is an especially good month to give a family update, as our daughter Rachel, husband Eli, and their two sons Enoch and Abel recently came to visit us here in Taiwan. I rarely take much time off from work, but I've certainly been using many of my allotted days off to spend with them, and we've surely enjoyed our time together. Eli traveled to Taiwan with Rachel and the boys, but then had to go back early to return to his work. Jen-Yi and I will accompany Rachel and the boys back to the US next week (help is needed on the plane!) and then we, and the rest of our family, will spend Christmas together in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the first time we've been together at Christmas in five years. At the end of the month we'll then all travel to Florida to attend the wedding of our niece/cousin, Emma Hanson.



Rachel and family continue living in Fort Wayne, on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, where Eli is the Assistant Registrar and Coordinator for International Studies. Our son, Jonathan, and daughter-in-law Nicole continue to live in the Milwaukee area, Jonathan working as an engineer at Milwaukee Tool, and Nicole working as an occupational therapist serving young children. Our daughter Elizabeth is teaching at the new classical education school of Advent Lutheran Church in Zionsville, Indiana. She teaches the 3rd and 4th graders, and Latin and music for the whole school. Jen-Yi and I are looking forward to Elizabeth and her boyfriend's visit to Taiwan next summer. Jonathan and Nicole are also hoping to visit.



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