



## Mission Possible #1

I've launched my new film series with the faith that "All things are possible with God!" This truth is repeated over and over again in God's Word in many different ways. For example, "And they were astonished beyond measure, saying among themselves, 'Who then can be saved?' But looking at them, Jesus said, 'With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.'" (Mark 10:26-27). In fact, it seems that the more impossible it is to us, the more God is delighted to reveal His great "impossible" saving works!

These videos will be 3 to 6 minute snippets to remind you to pray for us. Here is the link to *Mission Possible #1*:

<https://youtu.be/TOVHSNkpUdU>

## Nebraska Outreach

Gary Thies of Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa linked me with St. John's Lutheran Church in Cordova, Nebraska to help do some short video devotions for their worldwide Facebook outreach. Talk about the impossible! The second devotion reached over one million people in the Middle East and other places! Here is what was reported:

"Facebook marketing experts have said that these numbers are impossible to achieve, and they have not seen results like this before. God is definitely at work here.... There is no other way to explain these results.... We are reaching large numbers of persecuted Christians to encourage them to keep up the good fight as well as huge numbers of people that do not know Jesus." (Click here and scroll down: [\(9\) Facebook.](#))

And I was amazed to see over one thousand "likes" from Middle Eastern names.

**On Facebook, look up (and then scroll down to October 6):**

**St. John's Lutheran Church - Cordova**

# Writing Chinese Textbooks



After moving into my new office in the Luther Building (our Asia Mission Headquarters), I began my ambitious work of writing Chinese theological textbooks based on 22 years of teaching. I've already finished the Introduction and Chapter 1 for the first book. My hope is to write these four textbooks:

1. Solid Ground! Entering Theological Studies with Healthy Thought and Research Methods.
2. Conviction! Will You Too Die in the Wilderness with Moses? Luther's *Bondage of the Will* as Hermeneutical Framework for Reading the Bible.
3. New Testament Insights.
4. Basic New Testament Greek.

## 18 Years Ago & Today



Take a look at these pictures! Brother Missionaries for over 20 years!  
Carl Hanson, Michael Wu and Stephen Oliver in 2005 and 2023.

# Meetings



Pray for our mission as we move forward, here pictured in our recent yearly workgroup meeting at the Luther Building with Asia coworkers. Many of you will recognize some of these other coworkers, right?



Dr. Henry Rowold made an historic visit to the Luther Building to edify the missionaries here. He lived at this exact location 60 years ago, when he worked with our very second missionary to China (Erhardt Riedel, who arrived in China in 1915).



Taiwan Olivers were at Mission Central with some of our most mature supporters: Lowell Lines and Evelyn Ruhnke. We also spent a day of reconnect at the LCMS International Center with the Hanson family and took this photo at the Walther statue.

## Children



Gary with cello at school orchestra concert, Isaac at Chiayi park by our new home, and Ginny also at the park by our home. Gary and Isaac are at Morrison Academy in Taichung, and Ginny is at Morrison Academy Chiayi Branch (in the Concordia Middle School grounds).



On a hike in Taroko Gorge and Gary & Isaac winning silver medals in their soccer tournament.

Pray For:  
1. Isaac & Gary at boarding school, and Ginny at Chiayi Morrison.  
2. Missionaries and families at the Luther Building in Chiayi.  
3. Family & relatives health and protection.  
4. For faith, wisdom and diligence to write textbooks.



The Luther Building in Chiayi, Taiwan

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