



聖誕節快樂! (Merry Christmas!)

As I reflect on the birth of our Savior Jesus, I increasingly realize that He is our only hope. He is the true light that lights this dark world. There are so many bad news. Therefore, It is very easy to be discouraged and cynical. In times like these, we need to focus on the most important person in the world.



Salvation Lutheran Church in Chiayi is decorated to proclaim the Christ-child born in Bethlehem.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11).

The Christ-child, Jesus, came for the people in this broken and hate-filled place. He came to this world for you and me. He is Our Savior.

Christmas is not a national holiday in Taiwan. Thus, I will be attending my Mandarin class on that day. Going to school on Christmas will be an excellent opportunity to share the good news of the Savior born for all of us!



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Because of your continual prayers and support, I am getting acclimated to life in Taiwan. As I continued to attend my Mandarin classes, I remembered why I wanted to be a pastor in the first place. I wanted to help others. Many classmates and teachers are discouraged by what is happening around them – constant rumors of war, economic downturn, upcoming presidential election, natural disasters, etc. I believe I am in this place at this time to share my hope in Christ, just like the shepherds in Bethlehem did long ago. Many here in Taiwan are not aware that there is a God who loves them so much that He chose to die on the cross for them. Sharing this loving and merciful God is the reason why I am here. Christ has forgiven my sins, and now, I want to tell others that Christ came also for them. We see the commercialized version of Christmas, but many are unaware of the true meaning of Christmas. May our Savior Jesus grant us opportunities to tell others about Him.

I wish you a blessed Christmas and a Christ-filled 2024!



“因今天在大衛的城裡，為你們生了**救主**，就是**主基督**”路加福音 2:11 (Luke 2:11).



A local Catholic Church uses its wall space to tell others about Christ.

A Christmas tree at a mall near my school.

Pray Request:

- Please pray for my mother as she deals with her chronic health issues.
- Please pray for my fellow missionary, Barb, and her family as they grieve her son's death.
- Please pray for my fellow missionary, David, and his wife as they tend to their family's needs.
- Please pray for my friend, Sam, as he faces health challenges.
- Please pray for my health and the health of my missionary friend, Michael.
- Please pray for me as I continue to learn Mandarin.

Thank you!