

SERVING THE LORD IN TAIWAN

NEWS FROM MINDY THEWS

THEREFORE ITS NAME WAS CALLED BABEL, BECAUSE THERE THE LORD CONFUSED THE LANGUAGE OF ALL THE EARTH. AND FROM THERE THE LORD DISPERSED THEM OVER THE FACE OF ALL THE EARTH. **GENESIS 11:9 (ESV)**

因為耶和華在那裡變亂天下人的言語，使眾人分散在全地上，所以那城名叫巴別（就是變亂的意思）。創世記 11:9 (CUV)



WHAT'S A PICTURE WORTH?

It's not a surprise, the Asia region contains hundreds of languages. Some of them are official national languages, while others are local dialects. Just as the variety of languages confused tower construction at Babel, language can be a barrier in sharing the Gospel. Fortunately, a picture is worth 1000 words, and images have been my starting point to create Sunday school resources for the Asia region.

The past few months, I've been working to construct practical, cost-effective, interactive Sunday school materials useful for ages 5-12. The lessons highlight Lectionary Series B, providing tools for lesson introductions, conclusions, and instruction methods for the weekly Gospel reading. Typically, 2-3 introduction and conclusion games, activities, or crafts are included. These choices allow each teacher to tailor their lesson, preparing the activities best suited for their student ages, space constraints, and time allotment.

What's the role of images? Pictures convey meaning efficiently. They're the foundation for lesson instruction, crafts, and occasionally, activities. Most weeks, I choose free images from online sources. From there, I design the lesson and resource materials using the pictures. Finally, I upload the lessons to a cloud platform for the Asia region. My fellow missionaries and church partners can download the lessons, choose activities, translate them from English into the local heart language, and teach their children about God's love and His plan for our salvation.

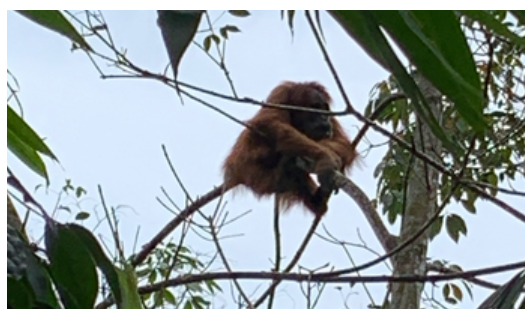
What's the impact of the pictures? The lesson images continue telling the Bible story long after Sunday school. Crafts and coloring pages are tools for discussion. Students can easily share the day's lesson with their families and neighbors. My prayer is for thousands of words, entire conversations, stemming from the Bible images and the Gospel lesson students learned that day. Yes, a picture is worth 1000 words and so much more!

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Asia missionaries and their families joined together for fellowship and fun at our regional retreat in Medan, Indonesia. We learned more about the Lutheran Church in Indonesia and enjoyed seeing one another again. Some of us hiked in the Sumatran jungle and even saw a Sumatran Orangutan! It was a beautiful time of reconnection and refreshment.

While in Medan, I had two opportunities to worship with the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI). A portion of their liturgy was new to me. It was so beautiful, I took an audio recording to share with you. Scan the QR code or use the link to hear the Evangelium, the song of good news.

Audio Link: <https://bit.ly/3vZGHZw>



FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the past few months, I've been working to create Sunday school resources for the Asia region using free online images. Yes, it's challenging, but it's also great fun! I've enjoyed the creative process tremendously while learning new skills. It's been exciting to share these resources with the Asia region.



Aimee Cima, LCMS missionary in Cambodia, shared pictures of the Asia region's Sunday school resources in action.



Scan the QR code or use the link to see a 3 minute video featuring additional resources I designed using free images.

Video Link: <https://bit.ly/49Kbm1R>

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



In March, I had the opportunity to host Taiwan's first "Shadow a Missionary" participant. Tabitha, a Lutheran school teacher, visited missionaries at Concordia Middle School and the regional headquarters in Chiayi City. She learned about our areas of ministry, community outreach, and the wide variety of jobs available in the mission field. During her visit, Tabitha discovered the food, transportation, and beauty of Taiwan. It was a delightful experience for everyone!

We enjoyed a day in Alishan National Park, just as the cherry blossoms started to bloom.

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Shadow a Missionary



Volunteer - Assist our Asia team in leading an English Bible Camp. We're still accepting volunteers for our July camp.

Please Pray For:

- Peaceful China/Taiwan relations
- Continued implementation of Sunday school materials for Asia region missionaries and church partners.
- Taiwan's English Bible Camp preparations and the U.S. volunteers joining us in July.

Give Thanks For:

- Safe travels for our missionaries and their families during our annual retreat.
- A successful "Shadow a Missionary" visit.
- Safety during Taiwan's recent 7.4 magnitude earthquake. All of our Taiwan-based missionaries and families avoided injury and significant harm to their homes. Thanks be to God!



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