

SERVING THE LORD IN

# Taiwan

NEWS FROM Rev. Dr. Tom Park



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“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:10-11).

As I continue to study and serve in Taiwan, I am amazed by God’s love and His ability to change the hearts of human beings. Whenever I witness Christian faith on this island, where only 6% profess to be Christian, I am humbled by the faithful missionaries, pastors, teachers, and other servants of the Lord who carried out the Lord’s work. These individuals probably never imagined how much the loving Savior would accomplish through them. Some left this world disappointed, without knowing how much difference their witness to Christ made here. Thankfully, God promises to use His mighty Word and Sacraments!



I am (left) here with my former schoolmate (right) from my language center, who is Japanese. Despite our backgrounds, I enjoy talking to him in Chinese. I wish to share with him that Christ loves him very soon!



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*“God’s Word works! We are sowing the seeds, now!” – Ms. Bizhen*

I continue to learn Chinese from my three excellent Mandarin teachers. My Christian Chinese instructor, Ms. Bizhen, taught me how to pray in Chinese and instructed me in my Mandarin textbook lessons. She continues to encourage me. We read the Bible and pray together (more like, I pray, and then she corrects my pronunciation later) in Chinese before we begin our lessons. Ms. Bizhen also helps me craft prayers, which I use to pray for my other teacher, who does not yet believe in Christ. My not-yet-Christ-believing teacher listens and thanks me for my prayers. God promises that His Word will accomplish His will.

Another exciting news is that I took over my dear friend Chaplain David Bush’s Small Catechism class. Mr. Bush and his dear wife, Barb, retired from their mission work in Taiwan and returned to the U.S. to serve their family in their vocation as parents and grandparents. Seeing how God’s Word impacts my students has been incredible, and it is fun to remind them that Christ loves them.

The following is my prayer: Lord, I ask you to keep your promise here at Cheng Kung University Chinese Language Center, in Chiayi, in Tainan, in Taiwan, and to the ends of the Earth. Please give us the heart of a lion to be brave and bold to fearlessly share Your life-giving Word. Revive us! Use us! Save your sheep that is not yet in your sheepfold! We are your instruments! Please use our words and actions! In Jesus’ holy name. I pray. Amen.



## Home Service June-August 2024 Schedule

July 7: Ascension Lutheran Church, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

July 11: Reconnect at the International Center, St. Louis, Missouri

July 14: Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri

July 21: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

July 28: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

August 3: Mission Central, Middleton, Iowa, 1:30 p.m.

August 4: Faith Lutheran Church, Deloit/ Kiron; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Schleswig, Iowa

August 11: Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

August 18: Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

August 20: [Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minnesota]

August 25: Trinity Lone Oak, Eagan, Minnesota

\* If you are unavailable on Sundays, we can also schedule some time during the week. I appreciate those friends who reached out and helped me set up some of the dates. Thank you! I am looking forward to seeing you!

### Pray Request:

- Please pray for my friend and "father" in Christ, Old Missionary Gary Thies, and his family as they grieve the death of his dear wife, Maxine.
- Please pray for my mother as she deals with her chronic health issues.
- Please pray for our LCMS Asian Region for strength and unity as we continue to share the love of Christ with the individuals in our field of labor.
- Please pray for me as I continue to learn Mandarin