

SERVING THE LORD IN

# Taiwan

NEWS FROM Rev. Dr. Tom Park



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*“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!” (Psalm 90:17).*

Friends, it is so good to be back in Taiwan. I resumed my Mandarin studies at Cheng Kung University Chinese Language Center. At first, the language center scheduled me for only two days of instruction. However, my Monday to Friday schedule quickly filled up as time passed.

I have had three teachers each semester since I began at this language center. Surprisingly, I have four Chinese language teachers this term! All of them are skilled instructors. I am learning tremendously from my time here. I had three of the four teachers in the past. My previous instructors all told me that my Chinese has improved. It is encouraging to hear positive news from my dear teachers. I need to remember that learning the most difficult language in the world takes time. According to numerous linguistic scholars, for students to be fluent in Chinese takes longer than learning other languages and is simply challenging. I also need to recall the following phrase: “美好的事物需要時間” – “It takes time to accomplish beautiful things.” I plan to use Chinese to share the Gospel with others. I want to speak to others in their heart language and tell them that Christ is their Savior and He loves them very much.

In addition to learning Chinese, I have resumed my Luther’s Small Catechism class. We are studying the Ten Commandments, and I enjoy teaching them. I had the privilege of preaching at Salvation Lutheran Church, where I worship. I preached, and Pastor Wu interpreted my sermon in Chinese.



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As we plan for the future, we often forget that without God’s blessings, our efforts are futile. It is crucial for us to constantly request the Lord to bless our efforts and do everything to God’s glory. I need to use Psalm 90:17 as my daily prayer.



Our language center sponsors trips to expose students to Taiwanese and Chinese cultures.



I enjoy meeting and talking to other students at the language center.



I had the privilege of preaching at the Asia Regional Work Group Meeting.



### Pray Request:

- Please pray for my friends, Gary Thies and Grant Scoles, who are grieving the loss of their wives so that Christ can continue to comfort them.
- Please pray for Dr. Cortright as he recovers from his recent health scare.
- Please pray for my friend and co-worker, Carol, as she recovers from her injury.
- Please pray for Rev. Dr. Lawrenz’s family as they grieve his death.