

## Missions Update

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### **MISSIONS FOCUS: Brian & Faith Janssen, OMF, Kaohsiung, Taiwan**

*Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid 19*

Recent Email from them: "Praise God for a core group of students who come out to Sunday fellowship. Please pray for various outreach activities in December such as craft nights, outdoor activities, and the Christmas Party. Pray also that the repairs for the water leak in the center's basement can be completed. Starting December 1st, Taiwan is putting in winter preventative measures which will require large groups to wear masks and social distance. Please pray for discernment how to adjust ministry."

In September, the Janssen's sent the church a postcard with a picture of their Life Community Gospel Center and a newsletter.

They share a story about a young Taiwanese man who without any previous Christian exposure, knew that he needed to search for his purpose, his meaning in life. The Gospel center is a place where young people of northern Kaohsiung feel comfortable to come and ask challenging questions about life. Major renovations have been completed in part because of generous gifts of others.

Praises include that they had a core group who attended their summer activities and Bible studies; Faith with a colleague, finished writing a Bible study and Leader's Guide for mentors to use to disciple short-term workers; both Brian and Faith able to share about missions at different locally run ministries.

Requests include: pray for the upcoming semester for the center as well as activities on campus (held as allowed); pray for young people searching for a purpose in their ministry; pray for their family, especially for Abby and Nathan.

***Thank you for reading about and praying for Brian & Faith's ministry in Taiwan!***



### Praises

- The major renovations are completed.
- We had a core group that attended summer activities and Bible studies.
- Faith worked with a colleague to finish writing a Bible study and Leader's Guide for mentors to use to disciple short term workers.
- Brian and Faith had opportunities to share about missions at different locally run ministries.

### Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our planning for the upcoming semester both at the center and on campuses (if not on campus, then to find alternatives).
- Pray for the young people, who are searching for purpose, in our ministry.
- Please pray for our kids, Abby (9th) and Nathan (7th).

### Project Fund

<https://partnerhub.omf.org/LoveTaiwanStudents>



## Searching for Purpose

Dear Friends:

Many of the young people that we interact with are searching. They may not be able to articulate what they are searching for but they are looking for more out of life.

Recently, a young Taiwanese man, who attends our ministry told me about a public talk that he attended here in Kaohsiung. A Taiwanese lady shared about how a couple years ago her work contract in Germany ended and she needed to return to Taiwan. She decided to take the opportunity to return to Taiwan by biking through much of Europe and Asia; her trip took over 200 days. I asked this young man if he enjoyed her talk. His response was simple and straight-forward, "No, she did not help me find what I



Our logo painted on the center's metal gate



Game Night



One renovated and one added bathroom (male & female)



am looking for. She just described her bike trip. I wanted to know her purpose.”

Like most traditional Taiwanese, he grew up with almost no Christian exposure. Yet, he is searching for purpose, not just for purpose about a bike ride but to understand the meaning of life. When he joins our Bible studies he listens, answers our questions and shares his thoughts. He genuinely desires to know more and he is slowly becoming more open to the gospel. We trust that God is at work in this young man's life but we realize it takes time.

We use our gospel center as a place where the young people of northern Kaohsiung feel comfortable to come and ask the challenging questions about life. At the gospel center, we have Bible studies in which we openly share and discuss the gospel as well as fun activities, such as movie nights or game nights, to develop relationships with the young people. We care for these young adults and share about how God is the meaning to life.

Recently, we put our center on Google maps so it's easier for people to find. You can look up Life Community 生命福音中心 (Kaohsiung, Taiwan). The major renovations (kitchen, bathrooms, logo) have been completed. The painting will be completed this week. We are grateful for those who have given to allow this work to occur and for the continual prayer for us to do God's work in northern Kaohsiung. Thank you for joining us in His work.

Blessings,

*Brian and Faith Jansssen*



Weekly Sunday meal and Bible study



Life Community Gospel Centre, DaShi, TAIWAN

September 2020

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