Missions Update

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MISSIONS FOCUS: Brian & Faith Janssen (Abby, Nathan), Taiwan, OMF

Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid 19

Brian and Faith Janssen continue their ministry to university students in the northern Kaohsiung area. In the last semester, they were allowed back on three different university campuses. On two campuses they run English clubs. On another campus they have a weekly Chinese Bible study. A core group of young people from the community and the universities attend the weekly Sunday fellowship at their gospel center. They have seen young people grow in their understanding of Jesus and have a genuine curiosity to learn more about Christianity. They meet individually with students to disciple those who are Christians and to share God's love and truth to those who do not yet know Him. The gospel center is also used to host outreach events

Read updates including how they shared the Christmas story with university students and see a scan of the Chinese New Year card they sent the church, please check the update posted on our website.

Pray for them as they decide whether to return to the US in July for their home assignment or stay in Taiwan for another year; also pray for full support of their ministry.

Continue for update and card in the following pages.

Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries locally and globally!

Prayer Letter December 22, 2020



### **Praises**

- A feeling of community is developing among students from various universities at Life Community Center.
- We have about 12 consistent young people who attend the weekly Sunday Fellowship.
- Taiwan's handling of Covid-19 has given us the opportunity to continue to meet with students.
- The leak in the basement of the center has been repaired.

## **Prayer Requests**

- Please pray for our support to be at 100% by the end of the year.
- Pray for our decision regarding returning to the US for our one year home assignment and what to do with our dog, Muffin.
- Pray for the planning and preparation for the spring semester.

## **Support Information**

https://partnerhub.omf.org/ BFJ1



# **Merry Christmas!**

#### Dear Friends:

In our ministry to university students, Christmas brings an opportunity to share the truth about how God our Father sent his son to earth. Young people have an openness to listen and to learn about the true meaning of Christmas. During the Christmas season, we have a variety of activities that we hold to share about the real meaning of Christmas.

One activity that we did this year was to use Jesse tree ornaments to go through the major Bible stories from creation to the birth of Christ. Faith had previously made these felt ornaments with a group of young people last year and sharing the Bible stories has Prayer Letter December 22, 2020



Explaining the creation story using the Jesse tree ornaments



Former, recent, and new students at the Christmas outreach



Crochet nights



now become a tradition. We had the students read a Bible passage connected to their ornament and briefly share a summary of the Bible story before placing the ornament on the tree. While the students have heard about Jesus, this was the first time for many of them to hear the stories that lead up to Jesus' birth and the reasons for his coming to earth.

We were also able to share about Christmas at the weekly English clubs and Bible studies on campuses. Our Christmas outreach at the center was on December 18th and we had over 30 students attend. This was an opportunity for students to bring their friends to the center and hear about the importance of Christ's birth.

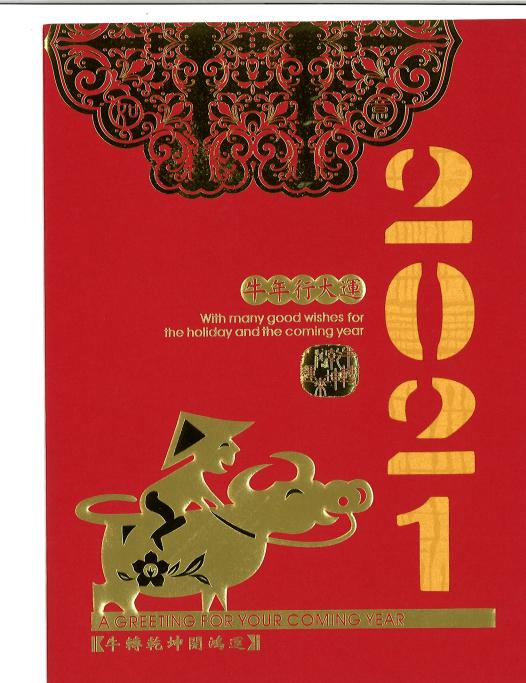
It is during this Christmas season that we especially miss our family and friends that we haven't seen for a long time. May God's joy and peace be with you this season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings,

Brian and Faith Jansssen



We are grateful for your prayer and support!



Dear Bay Area Chinese Bible Church:

This is the year of the Ox. Over Chinese New Year, we have several special activities with students and young people such as dumpling making.

We are still deciding if we will return in July for our one-year home assignment or delay it for another year.

Thank you for partnering with us in missions to reach the young people in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Happy Chinese New Year!

**Brian & Faith** 



Season's greetings and best wishes for the new year.

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