

Missions Update

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MISSIONS FOCUS: Brian & Faith Janssen, OMF, Taiwan

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

Each month, we highlight one of the missions organizations supported by our church's Great Commission Fund.

- Brian and Faith Janssen have been serving in Taiwan for over 8 years, Faith was a former CCS teacher, Brian taught at Redwood Christian Schools
- Their mission is to reach university students through English Clubs, Bible Studies, and outreach events at their community Gospel Life Center
- Faith also serves as OMF's Taiwan coordinator for short term mission workers

The Janssens have the following prayer requests.

- Closure for their family in Taiwan as they transition back to US next month (July 1)
- suitable car and other details for one-year home assignment (Vancouver, WA)
- smooth transition for new OMF team leader, Ben, in Taiwan.

Attached is a pdf of their latest newsletter.

*Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries,
countries and people locally and globally!*



Praises

- We've had a great start to the second semester with the different universities.
- A family from Hong Kong will be joining our team.
- Our colleagues will be able to take care of our dog, Muffin, while we are on home assignment.
- A colleague will live at our apartment in Taiwan while we are gone so we don't need to move again!

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the many transitions for our ministry team. Our colleague, Ben, who has been with us since we started the ministry, will be leading the team while we are gone.
- Pray that we'll be able to get a suitable car and other details for our home assignment.
- Pray for our family to have good closure here and transition back to the US.

Support Information

<https://partnerhub.omf.org/BFJ1>



Second Term

Dear Friends:

Almost 4 years ago, our family returned to Taiwan to begin our second term. We stepped into new ministry roles that challenged us and allowed us to use our God given gifts and abilities. As OMF Taiwan's Serve Asia Coordinator, Faith oversaw almost 200 short term workers serve in Taiwan before travel stopped due to Covid. However, her work didn't stop when short termers couldn't come. She and another OMF colleague wrote a Bible study and leader's guide for short term workers, which will be published in a few months. Faith also led many zoom sessions to keep people engaged and had opportunities to lead training sessions for Serve Asia coordinators in other fields. Brian lead a team that pioneered a new ministry to university students in the northern Kaohsiung area as well as served as the southern care coordinator providing pastoral care for



Teaching about Easter at Shu-te University



Dumpling making night - delicious!



Easter Celebration



the OMF missionaries in the southern region of Taiwan. We also have seen our children grow into teenagers- Nathan is now 13 and Abby is 14! As you have journeyed with us, you have seen that this term has not been easy but it has been exciting to see how God has worked in our lives and ministry.

This summer, we will be stepping out of these roles for one year as we return to Vancouver, WA for our home assignment. After pouring ourselves into these roles it is hard to step back but we recognize the time is right. OMF recommends its missionaries to go on home assignment for 1 year after spending 4 years on the field. We are in the process of preparing our colleagues to lead the ministry this coming year.

Leaving and returning is a part of the missionary life. Transition, even when it is the right time, comes with its challenges and many mixed emotions. 'As we leave Taiwan for a year, we will miss the relationships that we have developed through our ministry. Abby and Nathan will miss their school friends. We will all miss our dog, Muffin. We are relieved that she will be staying with another family that loves her.

As we prepare to return to North America we are looking forward to seeing family and friends. We are returning to a place, but most importantly we are returning to people that have prayed for us, given financially and loved us from a distance. Apart from people, we look forward to other things: Brian looks forward to clean air, Faith looks forward to a kitchen that she can actually move around in, Abby looks forward to having a backyard and Nathan looks forward to going to Target!

We will be arriving back in North America at the beginning of July. There is still much for us to be doing in ministry before that time. We are actively involved on 3 university campuses with different activities and at our gospel center. We value your prayers as we begin the transition process.

We look forward to seeing many of you either in person or through zoom in the coming year.

Blessings,
Brian and Faith Jansssen