



## MISSIONS FOCUS

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

# Chinese Bible Mission (CBM, US & Asia)

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

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More than 65 students in Asia completed online courses on Grief Counseling and Marriage & Family. Pray for our brothers and sisters in a closed creative access area who have been subject to persecution by their local authorities including one student who was placed under house arrest. All family communications, social media, and physical locations are closely monitored. But the encouraging news is that their faith remains rooted in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

For our Summer Short term Mission ministries in Taiwan, we have 100 elementary school children registered for summer camp. Some of the children attending are from a local orphanage. Several young adults from the US are serving as STMs. We are using the Bible to teach English to the children and at the same time reaching out to the parents who are dropping off and picking up their kids by inviting them to our parents' discussion groups. Religious belief in Taiwan is Buddhism (35.1%), Taoism (33.0%), No religion (18.7%), and Christianity (3.9%). Please pray that this summer outreach ministry will reach many families and that hearts will be open to spiritual truths and have a desire to know Jesus as their own personal Lord and Savior.

For the latest information from CBM, email update August 28, 2023, please see next page.

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

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From Albert Yip,

While the equipping of pastors continues, CBM launched its first Post Covid 19 in-person Vacation Bible School (VBS) for elementary school kids in Taiwan, in July 2023. My role was to help lead the team from America. We had a 40-member team coming from the East Coast, Midwest and the West Coast. Only a handful of the team members were able to speak Chinese - the majority of the elementary students could only speak Chinese. They found ways to communicate! 100 elementary students plus disciple 40 local high school assistants, kept the team busy! The beauty I witnessed was the unity of the members from all across the US and the locals in Taiwan. Though CBM had ensured that ever detail was taken care of, there were some circumstances out of our control. On one occasion, our chartered bus did not show up for our pick up. We had to pivot to public transportation and walked about half a mile. Our spirits were not diminished as we trotted onward for Christ in extremely hot and humid conditions!

This VBS project had two objectives: work with the local Linkou Church and to train future missionaries. Although condensed, all team members underwent the same training as full-time missionaries – pre-field, on site, post-field. This allows each team member to seek after God’s guidance in their personal relationship with God and their future calling to the mission field.

Thanks again for your continued support of CBM. The work of CBM Foreign Mission is more than training pastors in the “Big C” but also to encourage short-term missionaries to consider foreign mission fields as their calling. Please let me know if you or your church are interested in 2024 Short Term Mission to Taiwan!

Prayer:

1. CBM and Linkou Personnel resource for Post-Camp follow-up on all 112 students and their families.
2. My classes starting in September: Pastoral Counseling; Marriage and Family Counseling, Students’ Supervision
3. Wisdom in ongoing Counseling needs.

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Testimony from an East Coast Team member:

*"Thank you for your prayers and support during my time in Taiwan. This was my first mission trip and I am forever grateful for that. God is amazing and the trip was a blessing. I met and learned so much from our STM team, the CBM organization and the locals of Taiwan.*

*God provides a way. I do not speak Chinese, yet I was still able to connect and form bonds and relationships with many of the campers. With the help of somebody translating, Google translate, simple gestures or single words/phrases, the Lord made it possible for me to help and teach campers. I was even able to share the gospel with some of them. It was very funny and a blessing to see the surprise of people asking how I was able to form friendships with some of the kids. This was entirely all thanks to God.*

*God gives us strength. We were all very busy during this trip. We had to wake up at 6 AM every day during the camp. When we were not at the camp, we were sightseeing almost all day and night. Without God's strength and provisions, we would not have the stamina, energy, and enthusiasm we had for the campers. The same applies to cleaning and painting the counseling center in Tamsui, Taiwan. The first time we arrived, we saw the need for cleaning and painting. We were able to clean all the rooms and bathrooms, as well as paint the office, hallways, the living room area, the stairwell, and some doors.*

*God created unity and love within our group. We were a group of around 40 people from different churches across the US. I absolutely loved our group. We were able to love and respect each other while growing together in Christ during this trip. During camp, we also worked with around 40 students who were part of a Youth Leadership Program (YoLP). Imagine a group of around 80 or so people operating together after one day of meeting and training together. Many of us were amazed at how quickly we all synergized and worked together in harmony. All with the common goal of glorifying God and doing His work.*

*Lastly, I would like to list out some things I learned and write about some personal experiences that stood out to me:*

- *There is just as great a need for Christ in a developed country as anywhere else.*
- *Sometimes you only get one chance to share the gospel with somebody.*
- *Taiwanese mosquitoes are relentless (mosquito repellent is helpful).*
- *Taiwan is a beautiful place filled with friendly and caring people.*
- *Taiwanese tea is delicious everywhere.*

*Once again, thank you all for your prayers and support for this trip! Thank you CBM, LKIC, Pastor Albert, and God for making this all possible. Sincerely, "CJ"*

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