



Dear Pastor and church,

Look on the Fields

October was Missions Month at our two churches and our theme was “Look on the Fields” (John 4:35). We challenged our people to be more involved in giving, praying and serving. This year we were privileged to have the Elupres, a missionary couple from the Philippines serving in Vietnam, as our special guests. Both churches have supported them for about twelve years, but most of our people had never met them. A ladies’ tea and a men’s biking activity provided a question and answer time. It was a blessing to hear our people ask questions about the spiritual condition of Vietnam and the difficulties missionaries face in ministering there. The last Sunday of October was “Family and Friend Sunday” with the focus being on reaching our community as we reach the world. We had more than 80 in attendance with several first-time visitors. Praise the Lord that the Faith Promise commitment exceeded the goal!



“Teaching Them to Observe All Things”

Praise the Lord for the children’s ministry at both churches! The Lord has blessed us with faithful and dedicated workers and as a result we have seen several children make salvation decisions. However, our folks know that the Great Commission doesn’t end there and so we have a discipleship course for the children. Recently, these four students



completed the basic discipleship course. Several of them are the only Christians in their families so they really need your prayers for their parents’ salvation and their continued spiritual growth.

Opposition from Within and Without

Satan has also been opposing us recently, and we have had to deal with those trying to bring false doctrine and disunity into our churches. Sadly, there are “believers” that drift from church to church trying to influence our people and draw them away. Although dealing with this isn’t pleasant at times, it helps maintain spiritual health in the churches and challenges our people to know what the Bible teaches and what they believe. Pray for our folks to continue to grow stronger spiritually and for them to stand against the devil and false doctrine with a Christ-like spirit. Please, also pray for those who have been drawn away to see their error.

We also want you to be aware of some attacks and potential dangers that we face from the outside. Although in a recent referendum most Taiwanese voters opposed legalizing same-sex marriage, a 2017 Constitutional Court had already ruled to legalize it. This now sets up an even bigger battle as we see Christian groups and churches compromising to avoid strife.

Additionally, we have received reports from pastors and missionaries serving in Mainland China about recent crackdowns and arrests. With China’s goal of bringing Taiwan back under their control, we have been encouraging our people to be vigilant and diligent because the freedom we now enjoy could suddenly be gone.

With Christmas approaching we know that you must be as busy as we are planning and preparing special activities and services to share the good news of Christ’s birth. May the Lord bless and give you a wonderful and fruitful Christmas!

For souls,
Andy & Lisa

Andy & Lisa Simpson

More Prayer Requests:

1. More souls to be saved
2. Leaders in training and discipleship
3. Christmas service and activities
4. Health

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