



December 2017

Dear Pastor and church,

A Bigger and Better Christmas

One of the most anticipated times of the year in our churches is Christmas. However, it isn't because of the gifts or vacation time from school or work because it isn't customary to give presents and Christmas is a normal work and school day in Taiwan. The anticipation comes as our folks look forward to the outreach opportunities where they can invite unsaved friends and family to hear the gospel. As always, our folks prayed diligently and worked hard in passing out invitations, preparing plays (*A Bigger and Better Christmas*), special songs, decorations and, of course, delicious food. The Lord blessed with excellent attendance at all the services (85 at Dali Faith BC and 110 at Lighthouse BC) and with many first-time visitors including most of the children's unsaved parents. We were encouraged by the growth that several workers showed in taking responsibility and leadership. Please pray for those who heard the gospel but haven't made a salvation decision.



Another advantage of Christmas in Taiwan is the opportunity to go into schools and present the gospel through the Christmas story. This year we went to five schools including an outdoor presentation at a kindergarten on Christmas morning. When we started, it was a bit cold and windy by Taiwan

standards; but we were glad for the opportunity to help about 200 children plus teachers and parents know the real meaning of Christmas.

We continually encourage our folks to pray and look for outreach opportunities and then to help us take advantage of those doors the Lord opens to us. Recently, I asked Bro. Sean Shr to check into the possibility of having a nursing home ministry. Praise the Lord he quickly got to work, and we have been able to make this another regular outreach ministry. Please pray for the Lord to use this and for our people to be encouraged to look for more opportunities to share the gospel.

As we look back on 2017, we thank the Lord for souls saved and for the spiritual growth of Christians in our churches. We also thank the Lord for your faithfulness so that we are not only able to continue the gospel ministry but do more for the sake of the gospel. Please pray for wisdom, good health, and more souls to be saved in the 2018!

For souls,

Andy & Lisa Simpson

Additional Prayer Requests:

1. More souls to be saved
2. More laborers – especially preachers
3. Leaders in training (growth and faithfulness)
4. Winter Camp - February

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