

NOTE FROM TAIWAN TEAM.

Merry Christmas, everyone! It's exciting that we're approaching Christmas 2022! - The commemoration of the birth of our dear Lord! Even in Taiwan, many shops and buildings have put up Christmas trees and decorations. We wish you and your family a wonderful time with each other! This Christmas is very special,

as it's the first year we can celebrate with others-- attending parties and church gatherings after a few years of Covid-19 restrictions. Taiwan is like the UK, it has opened it's border to visitors once again.

Thank you for praying for our protection during the five day China military drills in August. Once again Taiwan is

peaceful. We'll appreciate your continued prayers towards us and His children on this Island during this unusual time. Please pray for peace in China, protection of His children in that country as well.

BRIAN AND CRISTINA

MINISTERING TO A YOUNG PERSON



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S. HAPPILY EMBRACING BRIAN AND CHRISTINA.

We've known S. since he was 11 years old. At the time his family and us lived in the same building. He loves basketball and practicing English with foreigners, so off and on whenever we saw each other, we'd chat. His mother and grandmother are devoted Christians. His grand-aunt is even a pastor's wife in one of the main denominations in Taiwan, and has written several devotional books. He dreams of being another

Jeremy Lin, therefore he's pursued his dream of studying high school in US, while playing basketball with their teams. It turns out his basketball skill is quite good, at one point he played with the 5th-top team in the US. He starts to see a lot of his peers are only Christians on the surface, and he doesn't like it. He continues his communications with Brian online. At times when he comes back to Taiwan, he'll visit us and shares some of his deep

longings, thoughts and heartbreaks with us. We've encouraged him and prayed for him.

After he graduated from high school, he received invitations from at least two universities in the US, and an invitation to play professional basketball with the B League of Japan. He's invited us to his announcement party, and proudly said it meant a lot to him. He explained he's only invited people who have helped him along his journey of life.

We're flattered to say the least, as we didn't think we've done that much to minister to him; at the same time we're moved to find it's meant a lot to him!

During the announcement party,

besides announcing the fact that he'd join the Japanese B League for a year, he also shared that during the last few years he's gone through a lot of ups and downs, at one point he felt very low, and wanted to give up his faith in the Lord. He thanked his family and friends for everyone's encouragement, and said he'd keep going for the Lord and for his future. His youth pastor and we all prayed for God's blessing to be with him. This event was reported by a few newspapers and TV broadcasting stations, as it turns out he is the first Taiwanese high school graduate to be recruited to play professional basketball in Japan!

We thank the Lord for giving us this opportunity to minister to this

special soul. However, we also realize there are hundreds around us daily, who may need the same encouragement, and may blossom as S. did with the love of God. So Lord helps us to continue to seek out those who need Him and do our best!

PRAYER REQUEST

- *For S. to continue to grow in the Lord, and protection from any injury.
- *Strength for us to keep ministering to others

PANDEMIC AND ECONOMY

The Omicron and the B variant of Covid-19 have been quite widespread since the end of 2021. At one point Taiwan had over 54,000 cases a day! This time many young children were affected. Thank God--He's never given us too much to bear, the symptoms have been a lot lighter as well. Many folk around us have come down with it, even those who have taken 2-4 vaccines, and have recovered in a few days.

The Lord is still fulfilling His promise to Brian and Christina, "A thousand shall fall by thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it [pestilence] shall not come nigh thee." (Psa 91:7)

Due to closing the border for a few years, and not being able to export goods to some of Taiwan's biggest customers, nor receiving the necessary goods from other countries, prices have hiked 30% more. Many have suffered different degrees of a financial downturn, including us!

We can imagine this is a worldwide situation at the moment. Let's pray for the Lord's abundant supply for each of us and our loved ones, as He's promised, "I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." (Isa 43:19)

LOVE NEVER FAILS

In previous newsletters, we've shared how H. was really down and out, as during the pandemic he couldn't teach for months! This meant no income and was facing eviction. We've shared the extra food we had with him, to which he's super thankful. At the time, he felt he still had some spiritual sins that he's hanging onto, and didn't feel he could receive Jesus as his Saviour.

Now with less restrictions, he's resumed teaching. We've invited him for a Thanksgiving celebration at a local church we help with. After the sermon and celebration, Brian explained to him more about Salvation. He gratefully prayed with Brian, and commented that he's experienced so much love at the celebration that warmed his heart to receive the Lord.



LIVING FOR ETERNITY

When we're paying our tax at the tax office this year, suddenly we heard a frustrating voice saying to one of the clerks behind us, "You've messed up our company's tax. I'm a 4th stage lung cancer patient, and you caused me to have to come here to sort things out with you!"

Turning around, we saw this frail looking lady with a typical hair band that a lot of cancer patients would wear while taking chemotherapy. We had compassion on her, and struck up a conversation with her. It turned out she's from Christina's home town. So we said we'd keep her in our prayers, and exchanged phone numbers with her.

During our first meeting, besides getting to know each other, Christina's also shared the salvation message with C. C. said she'd think about it.

We invited C. to come the Thanksgiving celebration, she did. V., our coworker, immediately prayed for her healing. Later when the class was finished and the speaker called all to say a prayer together to receive Jesus, to our joy, C. followed suit.

So no matter what will happen to C. in this life, we know we'll be with her together for eternity. Thank God!



PRAYER REQUESTS

**Healing of C. from lung cancer.*

**Spiritual feeding for C. & H. and many precious folks the Lord has laid across our path.*

We pray this will be a special Christmas for your loved one and you! If you're ever coming our way, we hope to meet with you, and share with you all the wonderful deeds the Lord is doing in Taiwan. God bless you!

"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life."

— Corrie Ten Boom



Christina (far left) and Brian (far right) with three young people H, I. and A., we've known H and I. since birth, and we personally prayed with them to receive the Lord. These precious young people are seeking directions in life, and are displaying a booklet that Brian has laid out to share with others about Jesus' love!

Brian and Hendrick (left 1 & 2, before Hendrick received Jesus), with some young people.



Christina (left) with Y., a Christian who is seeking a loving church to attend. She says she's found that place in the local church we're helping with.

TRUE PEACE COMES FROM
KNOWING THAT
GOD
IS IN CONTORL



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