

Dear Friends and Faithful Partners,

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We are now just weeks away from returning to Taiwan! Our departure is scheduled for **July 30th**, and as you can imagine, much is happening as we prepare to leave.

This month, we are excited to welcome **Peyton and Carmen** to the United States. Peyton is the pastor of our first church plant, Compass Baptist Church. While here, Peyton will have the opportunity to preach at our home church, and the service will be broadcast live on Facebook. What a joy to see God using the men raised up from the ministry in Taiwan!

All of our **missionary visa paperwork** has now been submitted. As with most international work, there is a long list of documents required for approval. We are praying that the visa office will process and return our documents in time for our departure at the end of July. Please pray with us that nothing will delay the process.

Once we arrive in Taiwan, our children will begin their new school schedule—homeschooling alongside part-time enrollment in a local Taiwanese school. This will be a period of adjustment as they get back into speaking Chinese and reconnect with their friends. Since we've been away for over a year, the children will be behind their peers, so your prayers for their transition are greatly appreciated.

As with any international move, there are significant **up-front costs** as we resettle: housing set-up, vehicle purchases, and unexpected repairs. We are trusting God to meet these needs and appreciate your prayers as we prepare financially.

In the coming year, we are expecting **three or possibly four American interns** to join us. With plans to begin **church plant #6**, this will be a wonderful training ground for them. Please pray that God will lead us to the exact location where He wants this next work to begin, and that He would raise up a young Taiwanese man to help in this new church plant.

Elsewhere in **Shawnee, Ohio**, we are cherishing our final month with many new friends and recent converts. The Lord has blessed with several professions of faith and there is great potential for continued growth. Discipleship is ongoing, and much remains to be done before we leave. Please pray that we will use these final weeks wisely to strengthen the work here, and that God would provide someone to continue the ministry after we depart.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, support, and friendship. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in the work God is doing both here and in Taiwan.

For His Glory, John, Alisha, and Family

