



## Taiwan Initiatives – A Collaborative Effort led by God’s Spirit

### Missionary Prayer Letter ~ January–February 2023

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As a young child I loved the Chinese New Year. I was delighted to see the adults busy decorating the house and making New Year’s Foods. Now that you and I have grown up, do we still feel the same excitement? Or are we burdened down with anxieties and problems that we have lost our childhood innocence?

The Chinese ancestors were wise. They established this New Year tradition to remind us that we can start everything anew. The practice of firecracker igniting was meant to drive away the past, and to welcome the future.

You may however wonder, is it so easy to start anew? Can sorrows be erased? Can sins be forgiven? Can the downcast heart be lifted? All these can be accomplished in Jesus Christ. He says:

**“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10)**

**“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)**

Jesus forgave the adulterous woman and gave her a fresh start. He raised Lazarus from the dead and gave him a new life. He can and will save all who come to Him.

In the coming year, let us seek opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ to our friends and neighbors, as well as reaching out to those in far-away lands who don’t yet know Him.

#### **Prayer Items :**

- 1. Planning Work for Bi-lingual Church Planting** - While our visa applications are still in progress, the Taiwan Initiatives Team (formed by several EFC’s in the Asia Pacific region) has begun planning work for bi-lingual church planting. This includes the recruitment of missionaries, development plan, fund raising, as well as contact with local churches in Taiwan. Pray that the Lord will give us the wisdom to find effective ways to reach out to the community, through bilingual gatherings, cultural activities, children programs, coffee house and other services.
- 2. Meetings and Trips in 2023** - I plan to visit churches in Taiwan next March. EFCA will visit Hong Kong in July. Asia Pacific EFC’s will visit Taiwan in October. Pray that the trips and meetings will be fruitful.
- 3. Recruitment of Missionaries** - Pray that the Lord will raise missionaries for this work, including those whose native language is English. In addition to pastors and evangelists, we need workers in the fields of administration, languages tutoring, coffee house management as well as family and children services.
- 4. Supporting churches** - Presently nine EFCC churches have agreed to be our “sending church” or “supporting church”. We praise for Lord for them, and hope that more local churches will join this worthwhile endeavor.
- 5. Fund Raising** - EFC from each country will be supporting the missionaries they send to Taiwan, as well as contributing towards a “common pool” fund to cover expenditures such as building rental, equipment purchases and local staff hiring. The total fund raising target for Hong Kong is \$1.8 million (HKD) every year. Please pray for God’s provision.

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