



Vania and I relocated to Taipei three months ago to begin the second phase of our Taiwan Mission Program. In addition to good corroboration with the local churches, we also gained a deeper understanding of the Taiwanese society.

In general, Taiwanese people have a strong sense of public responsibility. They are cordial, and their lifestyle tends not to be extravagant. These are the things that I admire.

Wealth disparity is a problem in Taiwan. With the soaring property prices in recent years, the situation has worsened, making life difficult for ordinary people. Taiwanese people attach great importance to ancestor worship and folk beliefs. Temples can be seen everywhere. If a person accepts Christ but his parents are not Christians, he is likely to face heavy pressure, because the parents believe that Christians do not worship their ancestors, hence there will be no one to worship the parents after their death. Several church leaders have mentioned to me that only 2 percent of Taiwan's population are true followers of Jesus Christ, and that the church has lost a lot of young people in recent years. As Vania and I learned more about Taiwan, our compassion for her people increased. I love them and hope that more Taiwanese people will believe in the Lord, and that they will be freed from the bondage of Satan.



I asked church leaders in Taiwan how we could work with them effectively. Their answers were similar: "Please help us start an English ministry, because it will help attract Taiwanese families to the church." This is in fact the purpose of our missionary program. We aim to cooperate with Taiwanese churches to plant bilingual (English and Mandarin) churches. We also plan to plant bilingual churches for our own denomination (Evangelical Free Church - EFC). We are working hard to recruit missionaries in English-speaking countries. Several missionaries are expected to arrive this year.

From February to early April, Vania and I will be in Hong Kong. We welcome invitations from churches or individuals for fellowship and discussion about our ministry.

As for the funds needed for this mission program, in addition to each missionary raising his or her own living and ministry expenses, EFC's from several regions have pledged to share the costs of church planting (including registration, rent, renovations, and equipment purchases). The total budget for Hong Kong stays unchanged at \$1.8 million HKD for 2025 (January to December).

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the preparatory work (including fundraising) undertaken by several USA missionaries who plan to come to Taiwan in 2025.
2. There are great opportunities and needs for mission work in Taiwan. Please pray that the Lord will raise up more workers.
3. Pray for the revival of the Church in Taiwan.
4. Pray for Vania and myself, for our health and ministry (particularly during our stay in Hong Kong from February 1st to early April).
5. Pray that the Lord will provide the fund needed for this mission program.

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