

Clemente Newsletter

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It's hard to believe we've been back in the United States for three months already for a time of listening, sharing, and reconnecting with our partners in ministry. We thank God for His presence and protection this summer as we navigated some health issues while traveling from Illinois to Florida to Michigan and back again. At every point of our journey, we were encouraged by big smiles, warm hugs, helping hands, and the words, "I pray for you regularly." We're so grateful, and we look forward to more of these encounters as we visit churches and individual supporters during our remaining four months in the States.

Carmen's Corner

Hello Everybody!

Well, so far our journey in the USA has been a blast! I am having so much fun here and it's nice to finally have our own house and we don't have to keep living in hotels. So many things have happened during this summer: GC15, Manton Camp, Disney World, and of course seeing all of you guys. But I have to admit, I miss Taiwan. I miss my friends, my school, the culture, and the awesome passion fruit green tea they have. Sometimes I wish I were back there with all of my friends. But then I remember why I'm here. I am here not just because my parents are dragging me along, but God has put me here for a reason.

I have enjoyed so much talking in front of people during the Manton Camp and church services, sharing about our lives back in Taiwan. Yes, I miss my friends. But I'm making lots of new ones here. Yes, I miss my school. But right now I am going to the Mulberry Grove school in Illinois, where all the students are so friendly and kind the past couple weeks. Yes, I miss the culture. But, hey, I went to a One Direction concert in Indianapolis! And that was one awesome experience! My point is, no matter how much I miss Taiwan, I am glad God has brought me here to speak to people and to have so many awesome experiences that lots of kids my age never get to experience.

In Jeremiah 29:11, the Lord declares that He knows the plans He has for you. And every day I remind myself that God has put me here for a reason and He has an amazing plan for me. Thanks for supporting us. It has been one heck of a ride! Never give up on Him, cause He never ever will give up on you.

With love, Carmen

Jacob's Journey

Hi guys! I'm in Greenville right now! So, I do not know if you will know any of these people but I think it'll be alright...

So, when we left Peoria in the past summer, we went to Wilmore, Kentucky to meet our friends: Lily Prochina, Lora Prochina, Leslie Prochina, and Carole Prochina. We did really fun things like Tomodachi Life or costume adventures. Then we went to Orlando, Florida. There was Caribe Royale Apartment and it had a VERY BIG POOL.

When we went to Michigan, we taught lots of people Mandarin Chinese words like "Jesus loves you" or "McDonalds" (LOL). Then we moved here to Greenville, where we went to Mulberry Grove Elementary School. I met alot of friends there like Conner, Ethan, Aiden, Hayden, Brody, Brady, Braden, Aleea, Riley, Patty, and Jacob M.

That's about it for my Journey Log page!

Prayer Requests

***** A new semester begins at Holy Light Theological Seminary on September 7. Pray for students, faculty, and staff as they return to campus and prepare for another year of study and service.

***** Carmen and Jacob are settling into a routine of school and church activities. Pray as God teaches them lessons in reading, writing, arithmetic, and so much more this semester.

***** David is doing most of the traveling to our supporting churches this Fall. Pray for him as he presents a report of the work in Asia as well as a challenge for us all to commit our lives to the Lord of the Harvest.

Looking ahead....

Recently we spent time with our support team at the FMWM home office, both reflecting on our time of service in Taiwan and looking forward to our next five year term. We are thankful for our faithful group of partners in ministry who pray for us and provide financial support so we can remain on the field.

Looking ahead, we will need an additional \$1000 a month in new commitments in order to continue serving in the area of leadership development in Taiwan and Asia. Please pray with us about this need. As you pray, if the Lord leads you to make a commitment, you may do so by calling Pam Sheads at 1-800-342-5531.