

Clemente Newsletter

October 2017

David's Discussions

We were talking about the Chinese people from the Mainland. Wendy mentioned stories that her parents told her. Jane recounted some movies describing the beautiful northwest regions of the country. Jenny quoted one of her missionary friends who recently visited this place. I just listened and marveled at the vibrant appreciation these Taiwanese students have for their culture. And out of the blue, Wendy asked me a question: "Teacher why did you come to Taiwan?"

A few months back, I was dining with three ladies, all third year students of Holy Light Theological Seminary. It was not a special meal nor was it an extra ordinary occasion. We were just eating supper at the school cafeteria, enjoying an informal time at the dinner table. That is when Wendy asked me the question. As I was giving my answer, I could not help but think of the many times I have shared to students about God's calling in my life as a missionary. In many of these instances, they happened both inside the classroom and outside, in informal settings or during a lecture. Maybe, Wendy was not present at those instances. At any rate, I freely shared God's calling in my life.

God called me to be a missionary. I prayed that He would send me to a frontier missionary work. I prayed for the northwest region of the Mainland, the places and cities populated by various Muslim tribal groups. (This is what I shared to the three ladies at the dinner table.) I prayed for about five years or so, but God closed the doors. When an opportunity came for me to come to Taiwan and teach in a seminary, I thought maybe I can be in Taiwan for a few years and then later move to the northwest regions of the Mainland. But, again, God closed all the doors.

Now, I am realizing that I am here in Taiwan because God wants me to train leaders for missions work and help them to take on missionary work. This is already my eighth year of teaching, and a few of our graduates have already moved on to missionary work in Indonesia, Korea, in the eastern parts of China, Papua New Guinea, Turkey, and here in Taiwan doing local missions. However, I am still waiting for God to show me a seminary student who has a heart and passion for the Muslim people of the northwest regions of the Mainland. (I told the three ladies about this quest.) I still have not found this student. Someday, God will call a Taiwanese person to come to seminary to prepare for a work among the Chinese Muslims of that country. Meanwhile, I will wait by teaching missions here at Holy Light Theological Seminary.

Carmen and Jacob

The school year is in full swing at Morrison Academy, and Carmen and Jacob are busy with their studies. Aside from traditional coursework, Carmen is enjoying creative classes such as Audiovisual Production and Drama/Speech. Jacob also gets to flex his creative muscles through Language of Music (music theory class) and Broadcasting, as well as playing bass clarinet in Band this year. We are always grateful for our dedicated teachers at MAK as they instruct and mentor our children day in and day out.

Financial Facts

We are thankful to God for you, our Partners in Ministry, who uphold us in prayer and in faithful financial support. It is true that we would not be serving God here in Asia without your active participation.

As we look ahead to the year 2018, we estimate that we will need an additional **\$650 per month in new commitments** to cover our expenses. Please pray with us regarding this need.

Prayer Requests

***** Pray for David's time of teaching at Holy Light Theological Seminary. This semester he has 13 students in his Theological English class. Please pray for all of the professors as they lead the students to be future pastors and missionaries in Asia.

***** Pray for David as he conducts the pastors' training October 2-6 in Cambodia. This is a workshop on Biblical interpretation with 30+ participants.

***** Pray for teachers and students at Morrison Academy. Pray for Sarah as she serves as a part-time teacher's assistant for the Kindergarten class this school year.

***** Pray for peace, strength, and healing for Sarah's father, John, as he begins cancer treatment this week. Pray for Sarah as she flies back to the U.S. to visit her parents October 14-25.

***** Pray for David's teaching trip to Nepal November 1-16. He will be teaching a 5-day class on Wesleyan Theology and the Bible.

***** Pray for David's brother, Tito, as he continues to live with cancer. Pray also for his wife, Norma, who serves as his caretaker.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership!

Love in Christ,
David, Sarah, Carmen and Jacob

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