

Clemente Newsletter

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David's Discussions

"I want to join your team." Already, several people approached me to indicate their desire to participate in the seminary's mission trip to Cambodia next year, February 2012. There are medical doctors and nurses, a few are pastors, (American) English teachers and Chinese instructors, and some are guitar players, high school students, and mothers. What can we do to help the Free Methodist ministry in Cambodia? Right now, I am in the middle of making arrangements so that by the beginning of next year, we can have a team going to Cambodia. Maybe, some of you from North America or the Philippines can join us this 2012. What do you think?



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On Saturday, March 19th, I went to the Mathletics! The Mathletics was at a school called Kaohsiung American School. The Mathletic math questions were hard! It's not like a Spelling Bee; it's like having a test in different rooms. Then in the same room, we are split up into groups. Then we work on some problems together. There are trophies for the best three people in the rooms from the test. And there' s medals for the winning groups.

Two days before the day of the Mathletics was... St. Patrick's Day! Our whole class had to be green. The one who had the most green wins to be the lucky leprechaun. A friend of mine, Valerie, was it! Then we played a game.

Sports tournament is quite good. Our sport these few weeks is kickball. Our team is the Pandas! Do you want to know our cheer? Here's our cheer: "We are Pandas! We eat bamboo! If you're too slow, we'll eat you, too!" We all made that up. On March 22nd, it was 23 to 1. We won!!! That was the biggest score ever! (Except in baseball we scored 24.)

Well, I'm having fun here! Oh, I guess I have to go! Talk to you next month!

Signed, Forever and ever, Carmen C.



Sarah's Sentiments

Our family finally had the opportunity to visit Sandra's home and share a meal with her husband and son, Bwo Jhong (almost two years old). They are

vegetarians, and I had expressed interest in learning how to cook a vegetarian meal. They took Carmen and I to the afternoon market and showed us how to shop for the ingredients. Back at their home, the children played while David and I observed how to make a "lion's head" vegetarian meatball dish, a tofu dish, and various stir-fry vegetables. Everything was so delicious!

We enjoyed visiting with each other while the children continued to play. One of Bwo Jhong's favorite games was pretending to be a train. Sandra said that Bwo Jhong loves everything Thomas the Train. She shared that over Chinese New Year, they took Bwo Jhong to visit the memorial place for his grandparents. When his father instructed him to tell his ancestors his name, Bwo Jhong introduced himself and said that his name was Thomas the Tank Engine! I laughed about that. It reminded me of some of Jacob's antics when Pastor Pan prays for the children at the front of the church.

As we were ready to go home, Sandra told me that she will be moving to Taoyuan (near Taipei) in May. A part of me was happy to hear that, because it means she and her husband won't be separated during the weekdays while he works up north. But a part of me was disappointed that we won't be able to spend time together anymore. We do plan to keep in touch, and there is a standing invitation for us to visit their new home someday. I will continue to pray for Sandra and her family.



Jacob's Journey

It's me,
Jacob!
For this
time, I
work.
Work on
anything.

Love,
Jacob

Prayer Petitions

*** Please join us in prayer for the people of Japan as they recover from the devastating earthquake and tsunami. Pray for wisdom for our church leadership, including Bishop Oshima and Rev. Shigetomi, as they explore how the FMC can best help the local churches serve, minister, and love the people of Japan in Jesus' name. Donations to help our church in Japan with their relief efforts may be sent to: Bishop's Crisis Response Fund, P.O. Box 535002, Indianapolis, IN 46253-5002.

***** Pray for the Community Church Planting Consultation for our Southeast Asian FMC leaders this March 28 through April 1 in Bangkok, Thailand. The consultation is being held in partnership with the One Mission Society (OMS), which is providing the presentations as well as bringing some participants for the event. CCP is an effective church planting strategy first launched in Africa where, in five years, more than 3000 churches were planted and 200,000 new believers discipled. David will be joining this event. Please remember Sarah and the children as they will remain in Kaohsiung during this time.**

***** Pray for Holy Light Theological Seminary students and faculty as they enjoy Spring Break the week of April 4-8. David will join the Senior class on a three-day/two-night retreat. Pray for safe travel and the Lord's presence during this time of fellowship.**

***** David has been organizing a mission trip to Osaka, Japan for this coming August. The team will engage in music ministry and prayer. Please pray for the decisions and preparations that are being made and for the team members as they gather for music practice every week.**

***** Please continue to pray for Carmen and Jacob -- for their physical, developmental, emotional, and spiritual growth.**