

Clemente Newsletter

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Carmen's Corner

Dear Friends, Families, Uncles, Aunts, and Cousins,

Today September to October I'm learning how to ride the bicycle with my dad. My dad says I'm getting pretty good at riding the bicycle. He says I'm a fast learner. Sometimes when I'm older and I know very well how to ride my bike I might ride my bike wherever I want to go and whenever I want, too. It's a dream having my own bike.

Well, also in school I signed up for worship team. On Tuesday we practiced a lot. On Friday after school, the whole worship team goes on stage and sings in front of the audience. We even sometimes get to do skits, too.

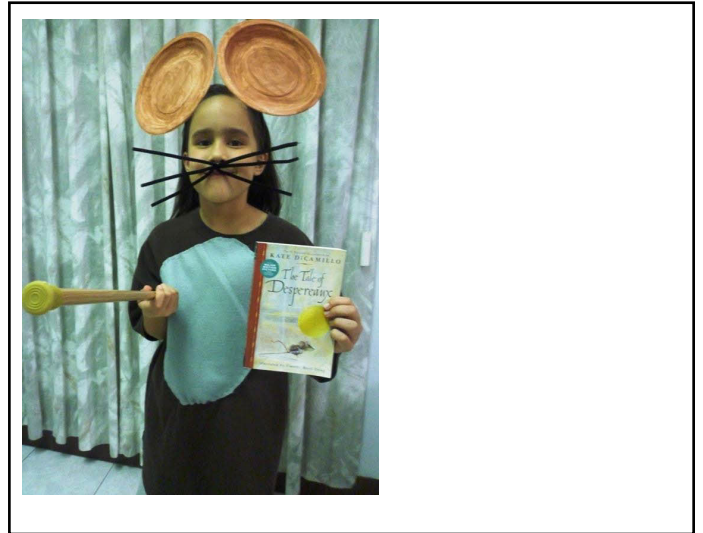
Have I mentioned about third grade? It's becoming great! On October 28th, we're having a party called 'Character Tea'. That's where we dress up like our favorite character in our favorite book. Do you know who I'm going to be? I'm going to be Despereaux (pronounced: Des-pur-oh) from the book *The Tale of Despereaux*. So, when it's time for the party (the class tea) to start, one by one we introduce ourselves. Oh, have I told you that we need to bring a snack to the class tea? This isn't the snack I will bring, but I'll share this recipe to you: gluten-free cheese crackers. Bye bye!! ** **

Jacob's Journey

My teachers tell my parents that I am a great student. They say I speak Chinese very clearly, and I follow directions nicely. I am also a good friend, and my classmates love to play with me. Mama and Papa are were very happy to hear that.

I still love to do my homework! Every Wednesday, after Mama and I walk Carmen to piano lessons, we walk to the corner restaurant and order dumplings. We stay there and do my homework while Carmen has her lesson. Today it was a little chilly and windy, so I wore my jacket.

Speaking of Carmen's piano lesson, did you know that I want to play the violin? The happy sailors in my reading book play the violin, and I think that would be really neat! Mama says, "We'll see." ** **



David's Discussions

Pray for missions work around the world. Make it a habit to intercede for people who are out in the front lines encountering God's grace and love. Find time to pray. Actually, it is better when you interrupt your day for the sake of a prayer for God's work.

Here in seminary, we do our little part to pray for global missions work. Every day, except for Wednesday when we have our SMF meeting, we pause for an hour and pray for different missionaries and for the many cross cultural concerns. From 2:30-3:30 PM, three to five students meet and do nothing but pray for missions work. We pray for FM missionaries scattered around the world. We pray for God's intervention in the problem of human trafficking in Europe and other countries. We pray for the Village Gospel Mission here in Taiwan. We pray for the miners in Chile. We pray and worship our God who is a missionary God.

Can you join us? Can you pause for a little prayer? Can you organize in groups of two or three and petition the Lord of the Harvest to break out into our world for the salvation of many? ** **

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
(Psalms 96:1-3, ESV)

Sarah's Sentiments

Recently, Sandra and I took her son and Carmen to the National Museum of Science and Technology. The kids enjoyed exploring the Children's Area -- lots of hands-on fun! Afterward, Sandra took us to lunch at a little vegetarian restaurant, and then to her cousin's tea shop to drink tea. After five years of living in Taiwan, I finally learned how to use the little clay teapots I see everywhere, and I understand a little more about the different types of tea. (There's a lot to learn.) I also got to experience a group of old high school buddies gathering at their friend's tea shop on their lunch break, chatting and laughing over shots of tea. They do this about every day. It seemed a little "small town" to me in the midst of the big city, so of course I enjoyed that. They invited me back, and I plan to go sometime. In the meantime, Sandra and I are trying to find a weekend when our families can get together and have a meal. She says her husband is a very good cook and makes some great French food.

I saw Imelda in the park the other day. I stopped to chat for a while, and she introduced me to another caretaker from the Philippines. (I have a feeling if I would just hang out with Imelda at the park, I would meet a great many people there.) We got to talking about Christmas, and how it's difficult to celebrate as a caretaker because they cannot take time off, and their employers do not celebrate Christmas. Very quiet compared to the lively festivities back home. I remembered one tradition from living in the Philippines, and I told Imelda, "Maybe my family should come caroling at your house on Christmas Eve!" Imelda shrieked with laughter and said, "Oh, my, that would be fun, wouldn't it!?" Hmmm. I'll have to mark that on my calendar.

I still see Hannah now and then, and she usually greets me with a signal to just smile and wave. One time I quickly asked her if she has a new job, and she told me that she will leave in November. She will be in Canada part of the time and the United States part of the time. I'm not sure what kind of arrangement she has, but I'm praying that it is a good working situation for her. I'm also praying that we'll get a chance to visit more before she leaves.

Our family took a day trip to Cijin Island last month, and we were able to meet our friend, Hulie, for a short visit at the 7-Eleven. It was the first time we have seen her since coming back from the States. We dropped her off at the house where she lives and takes care of an elderly grandmother. I've been thinking I should take another trip over to Cijin to see her soon. Perhaps if I drop by her house, we could visit a little longer than if I try to have her meet me somewhere.

As you pray for me, please continue to pray for Sandra, Imelda, Hannah, and Hulie. ** **

Prayer and Praise

*** Pray as David continues to organize the missions trip to Cambodia for January 24 - February 1, 2011. Participants are Holy Light Seminary students and youth from local Free Methodist churches. Please pray for the team members as they raise funds for this trip.

*** Pray for Sarah as she prepares to share during chapel at Holy Light Seminary on November 11.

*** We praise God for His goodness and faithfulness to our family! This November 1st will mark five years since we first came to Taiwan. Join us in prayer as we thank God and ask for the Holy Spirit to fill us and guide us as we continue in the work He has planned for us. We are so grateful for your participation and partnership.



Extra-Mile Project

As Holy Light Theological Seminary develops its Missions Center, a new extra-mile project has been created that will subsidize student missions trips, provide modest compensation for student interns, and help fund promotional materials. The goal is to raise \$2,000 for this purpose.

If you are interested in making a contribution, you may do so online or by sending a check to FMWM; PO Box 535002; Indianapolis, IN 46253-5002. When sending a check, be sure to write 'Project #: WE358135' in the memo line.

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