

Dear brothers/sisters,

Greetings in the name our Lords from Taipei.

Wow, it's October already! It's time to write to share our progress here. My family have been here for two months, yet I only have been here for about one month. The good news is that we are getting better in adjusting to new way of life.

The container (cargo) that we had shipped since the beginning of July arrived one day after Toon returned from the States. Our apartment is not empty anymore. Those familiar furniture and many old stuffs help us to feel like home again.

Recently two typhoon were expected to hit the island again, and some CRTS's activities were cancelled. Due to the last unexpected typhoon's attack, the whole country was well prepared. The good news is that these two typhoons did not affect much.

Toon has just started his Pauline Epistles 2 weeks ago, and his schedule is quite tight. Although CRTS is gracious to him for his uncertain schedule due to the possibility of returning to the States for a citizenship interview. He is assigned to be responsible for being the chairman of mentorship program for the seminary, and he has to mentor at least nine students. At the same time, he needs to go to these students' churches to observe their involvement, and also he has to meet with the students regularly.

One of the plan of hiring Toon to CRTS is to start a Pastoral and Renewal Center. This is a brand new ministry, and Toon has to come out some ideas to recruit the local Reformed pastors and leaders for their supports. Toon is taking the step visiting local churches, and some have requested him to preach at their church. He needs a lot of wisdom and grace in arranging this ministry.

For the mission to China, Toon met with two coordinators of seminary extension at Southern China and Eastern China. They talked about how to expend their work in China, and they encouraged Toon to consider Chengdu's work as a future site for CRTS's mission. Toon will go to eastern China next month, and he will meet with the leaders at China for the development. Besides that he will go to southern China on February of 2010. It seems that Toon will be busier and busier later.

Pam

Recently Pam is busy for her internship ( as a requirement for her PhD program). It's quite encouraging to know Taiwan needs a lot of trained counselors. The most comforting is that she can use what she has equipped to help people to know the True God, the Healer of our soul. Now she involves in a small group (women), and she really enjoy meeting those sisters. Many are excited by her background. However, she misses a lot the fellowship that she had at Grace church.

Zephaniah, Anna, and Praisye

This week Zephaniah came back from Taichung, and we have family reunion. He has enjoyed his school at Taichung, and he told us that he has met some good friends there. Well, he often forgets his homework as usual, and he has to deal with it by himself. God is gracious to him by providing him some friends who are willing to remind and help him. The most comfort thing for the parents is that Zephaniah started regaining his some spiritual momentum that he lost.

Anna and Praisye go to the same school, and they also met some new friends. One big progress is that they have started going to their school by themselves. They often sing "we miss America, we miss our friends!" They both take Chinese class, and they have to learn "Bo, Po, Mo, Fo....." Certainly, their Chinese have improved, but not as we expected.

Prayer requests:

1. Toon- pray for his ministry at CRTS, especially his preparation for all his classes. He will teach a 3 weeks class in the middle of January. Also, pray for his citizenship interview. He has many tasks, and pray that he has a wisdom to balance his schedule.

2. Pam- for internship and dissertation. Pray that God will provide her a suitable place for her internship. Her prayer is that she can use her training and her belief in her counseling field; that's her calling. Besides that, her dissertation is kind slow. Pray that she has the motivation to write it and find the right resource at Taipei.
3. Children- their studies and spiritual growth. We are quite satisfied with their progress in the adjustment. However, our prayer is that we will not neglect their spiritual growth although they attend Christian school.
4. Finance and support. We want to thank God that God raise you up to support us, namely through prayers and through financial supports.

Your partner in Mission to East Asia,  
Toon and Pam