Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus.

I just came back from Taiwan this past Saturday, and I hope my return will not surprise you. It was my original plan; due to my kids' schooling and their visa status, I had to be there in order to register for their legal status. We have started our new life there, and it's quite different. Kids missed very much their old schools and friends in the States.

Let me update what happened in the month of August:

- ❖ August 1- Morning- Packing our luggage
- ❖ August 1, Evening Grace Church gave us a farewell party; as you can imagine, it was a very emotional party. Many pictures, testimonies, songs, and prayers have touched our lives. Then the church presented a beautiful and meaningful crystal trophy to us with a verse of encouragement from the Bible "The Lord God is my Strength, and He has made my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high places" (Habakkuk 3:19). Also, they dedicated to us a big, thick book with many sweet and beautiful words and pictures. Well, what can I gav? Wo den't decays those. However, may the name of



say? We don't deserve those. However, may the name of our Lord be praised!

- ❖ August 2- Sunday Worship; it was the last Sunday that we worship together with my family in this church. Many tears and hugs. For our kids, they were quite emotional when they knew that they had to leave their good friends who they have grown up together. Well, farewell is always difficult.
- August 3. The Day of Departure. Morning, it was our final packing time. Gradually, brothers and sisters came to visit us; some bought lunch for us, some came to greet for the last time, some came to pick up our luggage, and some came to pick us up to the airport. About 3PM, we waved to say "goodbye"! Goodbye, friends! Goodbye, Washington DC.
- August 5. Morning, we arrived at Taipei International Airport. Pam's father drove from Kaohsiung (4 hours from Taipei) to the airport to pick us up. Pam's uncle also came to help. We needed two SUV because we had ten big boxes and ten small ones. Well, 10 plus 10 is not too many if we are overseas moving.
- ❖ August 5-6. Shopping and settling down. We did a lot of shopping because the house is quite empty, and we needed to buy grocery in order to cook. In addition, we went to Morrison Academy (Anna and Praisye's school), and the school told us that they needed to take the enrollment test. Here was their response "What, we need to take the test in order to enroll? What are they going to do with us if we fail the test?" Praise the Lord, they did a very good job in their test.
- ❖ August 7-8. Typhoon Morakot hit badly the Island. Due to the typhoon, many offices were closed, and our plan was delayed. The bad news was that the typhoon has damaged many houses and killed many lives. Please remember this matter is your prayer.
- ❖ August 9. We went to the immigration department to register ourselves to be LEGAL residents of Taiwan. Late evening, we received a call from an internet company that they would come immediately to install the cable. Yeah, we finally had internet access! Therefore, we can communicate with friends again. Yet, we had only one computer connected. We had to take

turn in order to use it. Guess what? In order to spend more time chatting with friends, Zephy chose to go to bed early and wake up early. It's a very unordinary thing for him!

- ❖ August 10. Toon went to CRTS (Seminary) to visit his future coworkers. It's a short visit, yet he has felt tremendous burden in the future. Please pray for him and his job at CRTS. He will spend about 3 months (about 4 visits) annually in China.
- August 11. We went to Taichung (the largest city in the middle of Taiwan). Our visit was to see Zephy's school, Morrison High School. Not only did we visit the school, but we also negotiate the payment for the kids' tuition. They wanted us to pay 6 months tuition for 3 kids before the first day of class. After the meeting, they agreed to divide the payment into 5 sections for the first semester. Thanks to the Lord.
- ❖ August 13. We celebrated Pam's birthday. At least we could have some fun.
- ❖ August 14. Toon got ready to come back to the States, and he tried to list a "to do" items for Pam while he is not around. Poor Pam ⊗
- ❖ August 15. Toon left Taiwan for one month, and he will wrap up his work at Grace Christian Church on September 15. Please pray for Pam and the three kids, especially their adjustments in this new environment.
- ❖ August 16. After Sunday worship, Pam brought Zephy to Taichung, and Zephy would live there for two years. He loved his dorm, and met some new friends. However, Pam had to depart by herself to Taipei. Toon arrived at DC around mid-night, and he chose to preach on Sunday though he was quite exhausted. However, he was refreshed when he came back to GCC, especially when he saw brothers and sisters. Many people were asking Toon about our settlement, adjustments, the effects of typhoon, and others, and we experienced love and care of our brothers and sisters.
- ❖ August 17. The first day of school- Zephy (at Taichung), Anna and Praisye (at Taipei) had their first day of school. They seemed to love their school in Fairfax more. Well, they need time to learn how to love this new environment. Please remember them in your prayer, especially their adjustment and their spiritual growth.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray for our adjustment. Although Pam has lived in Taipei for some years, yet she left the city 22 years ago; for Toon and kids, the life in this big city is totally new for them. Things here are quite different; maybe we have lived in the States for too long! We need God's grace to adapt to the lifestyle here.
- 2. Pray for Pam, especially when Toon is not around. She has to handle many responsibilities. Also, pray for her internship plan. She needs it as a part of her PhD program.
- 3. Pray for Toon, especially for his many responsibilities at the church and his house. He has to do a lot of cleaning before he goes back to Taiwan. Praise the Lord, someone has agreed to rent our house starting November. In addition, Toon will do some travels to New Jersey to share his mission to East Asia. He will return to Taiwan on September 16. Pray for his work at CRTS.
- 4. Pray for Grace Christian Church (PCA). May God send His servant to replace Toon.
- 5. Update on our fundraising project: we are now about 80% of our total budget. Personally, we are so grateful for your financial support and your prayers. We believe that God will provide all our needs.

Sincerely, Toon and Pam Yeo