

Subject: sponsor letter, Oct. 2017- Taiwan

Proverbs 2:9-11 Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul, discretion Will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

Dear Friends,

We want you to know you are not forgotten, we just did not get to the keyboard. Thanks for your love and patience with us. We are in a bit of a different stage in our lives. The orphanage

Does not have very many kids in it right now. We have made the decision to start taking in kids again who are not sent by the government but independently. That will put more responsibility On our shoulders but we did it for 35 years and God has not changed. We will have to be very discerning if we get ourselves into a situation that we know we are unable to deal with, we have

To make decisions in relation to the good of the Home and the best interest of the children presently living in the Home as well as the situation with that individual child. We are also

Hopeful of taking in Ray of Hope infants again. We only have a domestic adoption license but God is sending us great Chinese Christians who are open to adopting and working with

The system. Please pray for all of us. At this point, all but one of our children are coming through social services. Most of the folks working here have only known taking in children allocated through the government so this is new to them. Our goal is to help children in need. We want show them the love of Christ, and help them to heal and to be responsible, loving,

Individuals. Our goals have not changed through the years.

A couple of weeks ago our kids were invited to go to the Tou Cheng Farm. It was outdoors and the kids had a tour guide. They caught bugs with nets and talked about everything they saw.

We had a wonderful day. It was good exercise for all. All but the infants went. They invited us to a wonderful lunch.

The renovation on the structure where Ted and I live which is the old building and the one where almost all of you got your infants from is nearly complete. Anna and A Syang have done a great Job. We have had heavy rains the last couple of weeks and there was serious leaking problems. We think that has been remedied now. We are grateful the rains seemed to have slowed down.

California needed the rains so much. We wanted to share but it did not work out that way. In the future the infants are scheduled to be moved back to this building since the new building is not coded for infants.

Ted still exercises everyday. He is quite the guy. He has been knocked down the last few days with something like a bad cold or the flu. He has been in bed for a few days. We pray he will be

Up and about soon. Please keep him in your prayers. He does not like to go to the doctor.

Last week we added one little boy is two. He is doing very well.

Possibly he will be in an adoptable position. His mom was involved with a married man so many complications. He is pretty

Cute.

Ilan County is hosting the All Island Athletic Meets this year in late October. Our kids started school a week early so they could be out to help in the meets during that time. I don't think

Our kids are helping directly but the school planned in that way. It will be a pretty exciting time. We are watching as the city is trying to get everything ready for this.

One of our older kids, Lin Tsz Wen left us a few months ago. He had one semester of high school left but he refused to go by the rules. He is living with a sister and brother in law at this point. Still struggling but we pray he will make some better decisions. We had him as a little guy so that made us sad.

We have had four kids adopted domestically. We bask in these little folks going to lovely Christian homes. There has to be quite a lot of follow up work so we see them occasionally.

We and staff have been taking lots of government required classes.

Ug. Went to one a couple of weeks ago concerning adoption and the pressure to adopt to homosexual couples. We

Cannot directly refuse but we can redirect them and can state our position. We have not had this happen at this point. We are a very rural organization and so most would go to organizations in the larger cities.

Seems our social services staff is often on the move. We did just hire two new social workers. We hired a young man and he decided to leave within the first month due to needing to do

His mandatory military training. We also hired our own, Gau Chyan Hwei, as a social worker. She just graduated from college in June and her degree is in social work. She had planned to go Taipei to work in a restaurant. We are glad to have her on board and we pray it will work out well. Please pray for her. Cindy is her English name.

Micheal Lyou, our local pastor has been on the Mainland to share in the last month. God directed and they saw a great harvest. Ted was able to preach here at the church in town while he was away.

We are excited about John and Cheryl Dunn and family moving to Lo-Tung. We also have the Sanford family here in Lo-Tung. We are blessed. John and Cheryl just jump in. They cut grass, help empty boxes, have devotions, eat with the kids. Cheryl is a piano player and Ted really loves having her at the piano. We are glad to have them on board. We traditionally have all of the Formosa Christian Mission and Team Expansion Folks join us here for Thanksgiving. With the two other families here I think we can bed them all down. That will be fun. Could be as many as 50 some.

We have four kids in high school. They leave very early and get home pretty late at night. Some are back by suppertime. We have two in Middle School, three in Primary School and four in kindergarten and the five infants. Oh, I forgot the two to six year olds, we only have one that does not go to kindergarten.

We will be having a big inspection for the whole island for this type of organization in June or July of 2018. It puts a lot of pressure on you. It is the entire orphanage, children, finances, health, staff, fire, facilities. Ug. We would appreciate your prayers.

Anna went to the USA to spend a month with her mom who is in her 90's. That went well.

We no longer have the English services on Sunday afternoons since we have no interns and everyone speaks Chinese. With such few kids we really don't have need for interns at this time.

Recently Ted and I received Taiwanese citizenship. We were very honored. We had talked of this at one time several years ago but it meant surrendering our American passports. We were not comfortable with that. This time that was not an issue. We tell people we are citizens of three countries, no. 1 is the USA, no. 2 is Taiwan, but the most important one is in the Kingdom of God.

We have had several opportunities to share. Thank you God.

Once every semester Ted is invited to speak at the University here in Ilan. It is a class on religion and we can say or talk about anything we chose and are led to. We tell about why we came here.

We get to give our testimonies. We get to talk about marriage, children, family, abortion, sex before marriage. It is a great opportunity. The teacher is a Christian and we are so grateful for this opportunity.

The land situation seems to be going ok at this time. We have signed a lease for two years. That is not very long. We pray for a long term solution.

Again we want to thank you for sticking with us. God is good all the time.

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We still highly recommend All Blessings International if you are looking to adopt. They do a great job of serving others and helping children in need find great homes.

There is also a Chinese website which is the name of the home in Chinese.

God's blessings to each of you. I see many of you on Facebook. In Christ, Ted and Bev. Skiles Shr Baba and Shr Mama