

# TAIWAN TOPICS

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Dear Friends,

Like many of you, we are suffering from the intense heat of this summer. A tropical storm passed by recently and gave us a short-lived reprieve from the heat, but now it is back to normal. We are grateful the storm changed course and went out to sea, mostly bypassing Taiwan instead of directly hitting us.

Storms or not, the Gospel continues to spread. "Linda", born and raised in Taiwan, immigrated to Japan and lived there for about 25 years. From her youth, she had a deep desire to know truth and searched for it in various ways and places. Someone in Japan gave her a Bible but she never really looked at it. When "Linda" made the decision to return to Taiwan, she got rid of all her books, hundreds of them, but put the Bible in her luggage. Upon her return to Taiwan, she began to read the Bible and was attracted to what she discovered there. She visited her father and told him that she was becoming interested in Christianity. He discouraged her and told her that no ancestor or relative in their family had ever become a Christian. As time went on, her interest in Christianity caused her to look for a church to attend. She found our church online and the name of our church, Bible Holiness Church, intrigued her. She wanted to know and understand the Bible, so this sounded like a good place to begin. She began attending Sunday morning worship and a Bible study regularly. What she heard made sense and satisfied the longing in her heart for truth. On another visit to her father, he told her that he had recently discovered that she had a relative that was a Christian. This was music to her ears. It was like another barrier to faith in Christ had crumbled before her. "Linda" made her choice to believe in Jesus and was baptized recently.

"Linda" needs prayer. She became quite sick and attributes it to poor ventilation in our church building. She is continuing on in the faith, but for her health's sake she is reluctant to attend church. Pray that she will see the need for Christian fellowship and will have a strong desire to be together with God's people in worship.

Many years ago, Daniel and Dorothy Hsu began a ministry in their home for factory workers. One of the people reached through this ministry was a young lady named Jenny. She believed in Jesus and was baptized and became one of the early members of the Chungli church. Jenny never married and for many years has lived with her mother, an unbeliever. Through the years, Jenny would invite her mother to come to church. Every week she would ask her mother, "Will you come to church with me this week?" The answer was always the same. Week after week, year after year, her mother would say, "You go." And then recently on a Wednesday, Jenny asked her mother the usual question, "Mother, will you go to church with me this week?" Her mother said, "Yes." Jenny didn't know what to say! She thought her mother might change her mind before Sunday, so for the next three days she asked her, "Mother, will you go to church with me this week?" Each time her mother said she wanted to go to church. Sunday morning found Jenny pushing her 86-year-old mother in her wheelchair to church, about a 20-minute walk. The next week she came again. The week after that I heard the good news: a lady from our church who lives in the same building visited Jenny's mother and led her to pray and believe in Jesus as her Savior. About two weeks later she was baptized and each week now she takes a wheelchair ride to church.

We are grateful that God's grace continues to reach people, regardless of background or age, and bring them into God's great family.

Love in Christ,  
Bradley & Anita