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It is way past time for another newsletter. But when it was supposed to be written, we both came down with Covid for the first time. Then Missy was in the hospital for five days with a sinus infection. Thus a late newsletter. So much has happened since we last wrote that I can only touch on some of the highlights.

The Saturday before Easter, we had a lady come and teach how to make Turkish lamps. Missy had a short devotional, sharing the Easter story. We used this as an evangelistic outreach. Almost fifty participated, around half not from our church.



The last Sunday of April we celebrated the church's thirtieth anniversary. Pastor Halter was supposed to preach that morning but came down with Covid at the last minute. The Lord helped me to find an appropriate message to review the past and look forward to the future. A special PowerPoint of pictures from the last thirty years was shown, and a men's quartet sang.

Kaohsiung Church asked Missy to come the Saturday before Mother's Day and help them with an outreach activity. Since we are from Ohio, they called it "Ohio Baking." One lady and her two children who live in that building came. They said they would be back for church sometime. I have challenged my congregation and the other pastors to do activities like these in order to make contact with people who will probably not come to a church service. English used to be a drawing point, but it is available everywhere now and is not as effective. With some of the churches having national pastors, we are trying to teach them to use activities to make friends with people before inviting them to church.



In May Bradley Halter and I were at our church in Qi-Jin for a baptism. It was the first time either of us had attended a service at this church. I was originally going to install the new pastor during our visit, but he and his wife feel they should not be there as long-term pastors. As this letter goes out, we are in the process of talking to another family about moving there to pastor the church. Please pray that God will guide in finding someone to pastor this church.



The first Sunday of June my church had a baptism service for Bruce. He was born in Burma but came to Taiwan for university. One man in our church reached out him when he was having trouble a couple of years ago. He gave a really good testimony. The worship leader that morning found out that evening she had Covid, and at least thirteen in the church got sick that week. It was a very discouraging time for me because I had questions about my long-term health. Then Missy had heart palpitations and a sinus infection and had to be hospitalized.

Daryl and Laura Hausman from HIM came the end of June. They are responsible for the spiritual care of HIM's missionaries. Nathaniel Bundy has been here six months, and headquarters thought it would be a good time for a visit. We were not sure we were going to have the strength to entertain them, but God touched us enough to be able to spend time together. He preached at three of our churches while here. This is the first time since Covid started that we have had any visitors from the States. For us it was just what we needed. We both have still not regained our full strength from having Covid and would appreciate your prayers for a total recovery.

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