



**Dear Friends and Faithful Partners,**

Here is a summary of the past twelve months in Taiwan.

February 2026

*"Make known his deeds among the people"*

### **January to March 2025**

We began the year during a furlough and prepared a return to Taiwan

At Cross Baptist Church, a college student named Cartier trusted Christ. Second Mile Baptist Church also celebrated a baptism. Pastor Peyton began leading a second congregation as part of our model of training men to pastor multiple locations with the goal of turning churches over to interns. In March, a young man who had trusted Christ two years earlier tragically lost his life in a motorcycle accident. Several of his friends began attending church afterward. One of them trusted Christ and was baptized. In Shawnee, Ohio, our Bible study grew into a biweekly Dinner Church. Several professions of faith were made before our return to Taiwan.

### **April to June**

In April, we purchased return tickets to Taiwan for late July. Luke and Emily joined us for a six-month internship. They are scheduling meetings with churches and are praying for an open door to church planting in China. If you would like to schedule them, I can connect you.

In Qishan, outreach expanded to include preaching in local nursing homes. Five students completed theology coursework at Second Mile Baptist Church. In June, missionary visa paperwork was submitted. We concluded ministry in Shawnee and prepared for relocation.

### **July and August**

We returned to Taiwan at the end of July and preached in all of our church plants.

Compass Baptist Church, our first church plant, celebrated its 10th anniversary. We are working to help Compass secure permanent property.

We rented a location to begin services for church plant #6. We have begun building relationships with neighbors. None of the immediate neighbors is Christian. Our children resumed homeschooling while also attending a Taiwanese school part-time. Missionary kids are often academically behind as they adjust between two languages and education systems.

### **September to December**

In September, we formally organized a four-year training center. The first semester began with 10 students. We are now in the second semester.

Kaohsiung Bible Baptist Church began weekly Sunday morning services. Second Mile Baptist Church baptized another believer and continues working toward purchasing property. We hosted outreach events, including a monthly street BBQ and a Christmas dinner.

### **February 2026 Update**

We have had additional guests at the new church plant. I meet weekly with Andrew, who helps me translate my sermons. We are praying for his salvation. The next step for this church plant is to develop regular attenders into consistent helpers during the week. Our long-term goal is to see a full-time young man begin training, following the same pattern as our previous church plants.

### **Family**

Ian continues to face challenges related to autism. I am continuing behavioral training to better support him and to explore ways to serve other special needs families in Taiwan. We continue praying for the salvation of our children.

2025 to 2029 Goals: Plant two to three additional churches, Strengthen the training center. Help Second Mile and Compass secure permanent property. Raise additional preachers in Kaohsiung. Send a Taiwanese missionary overseas.

Thank you for your continued support and prayer.

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