



John & Alisha Walz — Taiwan

Ian, Eli, Liam, & Emily ❤️

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“Make His deeds known among his people”

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for praying for our family over the past several weeks after the passing of my dad. His funeral service was completely full, and during the service the question was asked, “Who here was personally led to Christ by Brother Walz?” Around five-sixths of the room raised their hand. Dad was an ardent soul winner because he truly loved Jesus Christ. May our own love for Christ and joy in pursuing Him move us toward urgent and zealous Gospel witness. We are currently in Ohio helping settle Dad’s estate and are planning, Lord willing, to return to Taiwan by August.

Taiwan, like Japan and several other Far Eastern countries where ancestral worship is deeply rooted, is difficult soil for the Gospel. Over the past 12 years of ministry, we have observed that genuine conversions often come through long periods of faithful investment. Many who have truly come to Christ first spent months attending church weekly, participating in Bible studies, and becoming part of the church community. Conversions without this foundation have often proved superficial. In 2018, Compass Baptist Church experienced its largest harvest of conversions, with 14 people coming to Christ. Since then, four additional churches have been started, and each church has seen several souls saved yearly. While the numbers may seem small by some standards, every conversion in Taiwan represents much prayer, labor, discipleship, and perseverance. Here are several specific people our men and I are praying for regularly:

Chen Youchen (20-year-old university student), Xiao Weien, Wu Mingqi, The family of Pan Xingyou, The family of Huang Meihui, Uncle Chen, Liu Chengmei, Li Meili, Andrew

These are people we have spent time with personally through witnessing, Bible studies, meals, and church fellowship. Please pray for their salvation and for our soul winners to have wisdom, boldness, and endurance.

The weekly schedule for the men in training remains full of ministry and discipleship opportunities. As students reach their fourth year of training, we begin preparing them to help lead or start new church plants. At present, there are five pastoral students in various stages of training. Please pray that the Lord would continue to raise up laborers as He sees fit.

We are also praying about both short-term and long-term missions opportunities in Taiwan. Taiwan is not the typical short-term missions destination many churches consider. We are 12 hours ahead of the United States, and it usually takes several days before visitors begin adjusting physically to the time difference. Because of this, we believe a two-week trip is far more effective than a brief visit.

The first week would focus on helping us host a marriage and prayer retreat for our churches. Teams would have opportunities to teach breakout sessions, encourage believers, and spend time with Taiwanese families who have been saved, discipled, and are now helping lead churches themselves. The second week would focus on outreach through evangelistic dinners hosted across our six church locations. Visiting teams could help prepare and serve meals, give testimonies through translators, and personally interact with visitors and church members. We are also interested in long-term missions internships lasting six months or more for those willing to learn Chinese and dedicate a season of their life to serving on the Gospel frontier. Candidates for long-term service would need to raise their own support.

On a personal note, our son Eli made a profession of faith and was baptized last Sunday. He is the first of our four children to be saved, and we are very thankful for the Lord’s work in his life. We are also praying about a young lady who may be interested in returning to Taiwan with us during our children’s school year. This ministry opportunity would involve assisting with approximately three hours of Abeka homeschooling each weekday afternoon. We would provide housing and a salary. Thank you again for your prayers, encouragement, and faithful support. Please continue praying for wisdom as we prepare to return to Taiwan and continue the work the Lord has called us to do.

In Christ,

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