



July 2026 — Returning to the Work

This month we purchased our plane tickets to return to Taiwan on July

27. While we are eager to continue the work God has given us in Kaohsiung, we are deeply thankful for the unexpected months He allowed us to spend in Ohio before my father's passing. Those final weeks with Dad were a gift we will always treasure.

Although we have been away, the ministry in Taiwan has not stood still. Pastor Sam and Brother Zero faithfully continued the services at our newest church plant while we were gone. Pastor Sam recently shared that several visitors have attended during these months, many of whom do not yet know Christ. We look forward to returning, following up with these new contacts, and seeing what the Lord will do through the faithful preaching of His Word.

One of the greatest joys of church planting is watching men God has raised up continue the work. Pastor Sam of Second Mile Baptist Church began training with us early in our ministry and has served faithfully since being ordained. Today he pastors, trains others, and leads with a heart for Christ. Their church also provides a monthly ministry update in English for those who would like to follow what God is doing. You may contact him by email: snkbook2011@gmail.com

For more than two years, Second Mile Baptist Church has been saving toward the purchase of its own permanent meeting place. By God's grace they have now saved approximately **\$100,000** toward a property expected to cost around **\$300,000**. While that amount will purchase only a modest building in Kaohsiung, we have already seen the Lord provide once before. He supplied the property for Cross Baptist Church in just over a year, and we are confident He will provide again in His perfect time.

As we return, our burden extends beyond planting churches. We are also planning a marriage retreat for the families and gospel workers serving alongside us. Ministry is joyful, but it can also be demanding. Our prayer is that these families would find refreshment, encouragement, and renewed strength as they continue serving Christ together.

Before leaving Ohio, I will have the privilege of preaching one final Sunday at our home church in Logan. During our months here, the Lord opened doors to develop friendships with several young men who did not know Christ. One of them has already made a profession of faith. We have invited these men and their families to church, praying that many more will hear the gospel, trust Christ, and continue faithfully as His disciples. Thank you for praying for our family during this unusual season. As we board the plane and return to Taiwan, our prayer remains the same as when we first arrived years ago: that Christ would be exalted, churches would be planted, and lives would be transformed by the gospel.

John & Alisha Walz, Taiwan