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Greetings from North Carolina and thank you for your prayers,

My family and I have just finished our longest survey trip to Taiwan yet. We found ourselves very busy the moment we arrived in June 2012, and that pretty much continued through March 2013. Our sending church was a tremendous blessing supporting my study of the Mandarin-Chinese language in the morning as I worked full-time in the afternoon as an English teacher to support the needs of my family. With their financial support of us I have successfully finished two semesters of language school, attending classes three hours a day, five days a week, and have laid a solid foundation for continued study here in The United States.

While in Taiwan, we were also privileged to attend an independent Baptist church in Kaohsiung pastored by veteran missionaries of 28 years. When we first arrived at their church the people were praying earnestly for a new meeting place which had run into problems with the city of Kaohsiung. One Sunday before we left, God opened the door for that process to continue and we thank Him for allowing us to witness that answered prayer. The church was a wonderful encouragement to us while staying in Taiwan and we thank The Lord for the opportunities we had for service. A few months into our stay, the Pastor asked me if I would be willing to preach during their Mission's month. God blessed us with a wonderful service, with one man making a profession of faith at its conclusion. I do not speak Chinese fluently, so I pray that the man who took him aside confirmed his understanding of The Gospel.

A couple of months later the Pastor approached me again about preaching on Sunday evenings during their two month furlough here in The United States. Of course, I was thrilled at the opportunity. Thank God for enabling me to be an encouragement to the same dear people He used to encourage me.

We have also seen how The Lord has blessed our sending church while we were away. They have finished the church parsonage, which is a beautiful housing arrangement by any missionary's standard. And, we have seen several more families join the work since we had left. How awesome it is to watch The Lord build His church!

On the way back into The United States, I had the privilege to go on visitation and preach at a church in California. Praise God, we knocked on one man's door on Saturday and then saw him again in church on Sunday! After all that, we made it back to our sending church just in time for our annual Mission's Conference. We had an awesome Mission's Conference. The guest preacher challenged us daily from The Word of God, and gave a beautiful Gospel presentation during our Lord's Resurrection Day service. We continue to pray for fruit and give God the glory!

Thank you once again for your prayers. Please pray for us as we begin scheduling meetings with like-minded churches for the purpose of raising support. We appreciate your continued faithfulness to our Lord's Great Commission, and we look forward to the possibility to visiting you in the coming months.

Yours to send to The Taiwanese people,

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