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## SAM AND SHAN-SHAN CHRISP

with Jasmine (9) and Elijah (6)

Serving the Lord in Taichung, Taiwan

Working with Campus Evangelical Fellowship (CEF)

### Dear friends,

Our kids have had a good start at school these past few weeks and have adjusted much better than we thought (so far). In a funny twist, we've discovered that Elijah's new school teacher is related to some friends of Shan-Shan's parents. Thank you for your prayers!

This semester Shan-Shan and I are trying to get involved in the local school community as volunteers. Shan-Shan is helping maintain the school gardens, and I'll be involved in the 'story telling' team who read books to some of the kids one morning a week. Shan-Shan has also joined the Taiwan equivalent of the parent-teachers association to see what opportunities there are to serve. We hope through all of this we can connect with more local people.

### Planning with CMS for the future

This month we had our annual CMS pastoral visit. It was a refreshing time to chat with someone familiar and debrief and reflect on how life and ministry is going. We also spent some time thinking long-term about our next 10 years in Taiwan, when we'll do home assignments, and how that will impact kids schooling etc. It might sound boring but it was really helpful. Overall we were left feeling encouraged and supported to keep serving the Lord here. **Thank you once again for your financial support which enables us to have the benefit of these pastoral visits from CMS!**

### Studying Revelation to know Jesus better

This semester the small group I'm leading at China Medical University is studying the book of Revelation together (their choice). It's definitely stretching my Chinese language, I still struggle with using terms like 'symbolic' and 'figurative' accurately! However, I'm convinced that Revelation is God's good word for us, even if there's part which we find strange. **Pray that the students will be committed to meeting and learning together from this part of God's word, and that we get a bigger view of Jesus as a result.**

### Teaching children about Jesus

In early October we'll be gathering with all of the other OMF missionaries around Taiwan for the annual field conference. This year Shan-Shan and I, along with a few others, are responsible for leading the kids program. We're using lots of Aussie resources for the teaching material and will be looking at Jesus in John's gospel, along with Colin songs! However, there's still quite a lot of work to prepare all the talks and activities. **Pray for energy as we lead, and pray for the many missionary kids to be challenged afresh about their own faith in Jesus.**

### Give thanks

- Thank God our kids have started well at school and are keeping up with classwork.
- Thank God for connections with many new students at China Medical and Chung Hsing Uni's, pray these new students will be welcomed well and keep gathering with God's people.

### Please pray

- Pray for the bible study group working through Revelation to grow in their hope and love for Jesus.
- Pray for Shan-Shan and I to prepare and lead well the kids program.