

Reflections & Goodbye

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ROLLING EMOTIONS
OF LEAVING FOR
TAIPEI



THE MARKET ADVENTURES

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OUR LAST PLACEMENTS IN TAINAN

Tina, Janice, Itele,
Khulumani



THE TAIWAN CHURCH PRESS

Cherry

" FINAL DAYS "



Guyana vs Taiwan

As I compare my country Guyana to Taiwan I notice a great deal of difference, whether it be in population, construction or even education. population wise I can say that the Guyana's population or the development sector is not even one third of the Taiwanese span of development. As I ride, walk or even sit in one or the other modes of transportation in Taiwan, I could see scooter in a wide variety and size out numbering the buses, cars and also the tracks, which I do usually see back in Guyana, I couldn't believe my eyes as they pass. As it relates to nature and foods in Guyana there is only two or three seasons which is sun and rain an although we are a nation with six (6) races we have a lot of different kind and types of food but in Taiwan you could fine four seasons and a larger variety and types of food. - by Ominell Boyce

A comparative insight
into the differences of
culture and living in
Taiwan in correlation
to Guyana

Shadows of the Night Market

There is something about walking through a dusty market that makes you feel alive. Sometimes so crowded you couldn't even move a finger, but the closeness, the overwhelming of the senses, gives you some sort of thrill. That is what the night market in Tainan can be like.

After a short walk through the streets of Tainan, dodging many a scooter, walking across some lucky stones and groaning about people walking slow, we arrived at the light filled, people packed area. There were people everywhere, people trying to sell, people trying to buy, groups and couples just stumbling around looking for something interesting to do on a boring night. Already excited we split into groups of about three to explore the market. Ice-cream, pastries and meat cooked right there and then are just a few of the foods available. After getting one of the biggest Ice-creams I've ever had for a ridiculously low price. Next we walked round looking at all the different stalls, these included but were not limited to clothes of every kind, belts, jewellery, books, electronics and also lots of games where you can win prizes, this reminded a lot of typical fair's that I have been to and heard of however what surprised me was how popular they were and that most of the participants were adults. There was also a fishing game very similar to one I have been used to organizing for the church fair, though this one was with real fish. The goal of the game was to catch the fish with a net they give you, if you can catch the fish, you can keep it. As we were walking around we quickly found some interesting styled clothing and many, many jewellery stands, realising that we should look at all the stalls before deciding to buy anything we pressed on which turned out to be a good decision as later we found a stall with some great buys.

Unfortunately we were running out of time, so we made some mental notes on which stalls we wanted to return to and quickly returned to the rendezvous for the walk back.

It was a great opportunity not just for gifts and the like, but to get out to see and mingle with the community a bit, its not just tourists that show up at the night market, everyone goes so to be able to see and possibly meet these people was a great experience.

The night market is a place to explore the random pieces and to seek out specific gifts or items for a cheap price. The smell may not be that good, but the content and things you can find certainly make up for it. Going to the night market at least once is must, even if you don't enjoy it, it will be a good and useful experience regardless. - **by Arthur Joel Llewellyn Key**

Adventuring in the Markets of Tainan



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-an excerpt

The Fish Market

Sea creatures decorate the outlook appearance of the **Shin Da Fish Market**. The beautifulness of different kind of sea creatures with nice tastes and along with the fragrance of fruits and vegetables that filled up the market and its surroundings is the reason that disturbs the people of the entire city of Tainan to visit and to spend their time in the **Shin Da Fish Market**. In fact, this is also the reason that attracts us to do fishing, diving, swimming and to explore sea creatures' ecosystem.

The word "Fish Market" comes from an economical term "Fish Marketing" though there is also an understanding of the word "Fish Market" itself as a place or a building that can only sell out fish and other sea creatures by classifying them as seafood. Nowadays, especially in Taiwan, Fish Market is a place where you can buy raw and cooked fish and other sea foods. In relation to "Shin Da" the Fish Market that we visited on Sunday the 22nd of March, I found out that it is not only selling out fish and seafood but it also provide vegetables and fruits either cooked or fresh, at least they are suitable for eating.

It is a big Fish Market that accommodates many shops and restaurants, even though there are many foreigners and native people usually visit this market every day. Actually we really want to thank Rev. Dr. Li Hau-tiong for showing us around and to visit the **Shin Da Fish Market** and to taste the most delicious dish in this fish market. I should say that I had fish but with very different taste, its ingredients and different recipes that made its taste outstanding.

Most of the Pacific main food consists of fish and seafood, such as fresh shellfish, crabs, and shrimps. In my country, Kiribati, we always have fish served every meal. It is not only the cheapest food throughout the country but also a free access food to Pacific Islanders and it is very easy for us to get fish compared with other meat. In my opinion fish and other sea foods are tasty and healthy. However, I prefer to eat Fish and Seafood that left uncooked in a vinaigrette matrix, grilled, and even stuffed with onions and wrapped in banana leaves.

The Beauty of Sea Creatures is the identity that shifted to the Shin Da Fish Market, it is also an identity that attracts us to see our neighbourhood relationship with sea creatures. I can say that this is the identity that God want us to know that we have a biodiversity living with all creatures of the world. God created us all as creations that we have to learn to respect each other. Creation is not an answer of our human greediness and the development of Selfish Marketing. The life of Creations is an interactive life that coexists with the concept of ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

- by Toantemam Ueanteiti



Hu-Kiong Sunday School (*Church Placement*)

As a Sunday school teacher back at home, Hu-Kiong Sunday school had gifted me with the knowledge that they have of teaching and also show me ways in which I can get the children's attention and they can learn at the same time. Doing our group three week placement at Hu-Kiong Church, We find it more interesting participating the Sunday school, interacting with the young ones, and observing. Ominell and I were assigned to interact with the 1-2 level class, while the other were assigned to interact with other classes. The teachers were so wonderful; they use every tool at their disposal to make their lesson meaningful to the children, inviting them to explore all the wonders that God has to offer.

The classroom and the whole environment, I think that's the other thing that inspires children to learn more about Jesus. The teachers were making it as a warm, enjoyable, inviting and fun place for the children to be. Because the kids has to feel like they belong. The children of Hu-Kiong Church are so quiet and they are very smart. They can manage to sit still and listen to their teachers and answer question at the same time, even though sitting still is not fun for them, and that tells me that these children were willing and interesting in learning about Jesus. The children get to do fun activities provided by the teachers and the principal. Playing games, drawings and painting. Teachers use their names, include them in every activities, get everyone involved and connecting kids to one another.... -Continued on page 5

I like the way in which the church organizes themselves by having children in different age range separating them from the appearance so that they could learn things that are associated with their age group, and not to be disturbing the parents. Because Children have their own Sunday school service conducted by the principal and the teachers at the same time while the church service is on in different rooms.

To conclude, I found that the Hu-Kiong Church gifted me with the knowledge of teaching, meaning “teaching can be fun.” Help the kids to see that Gods Word is “Active and Living” and help them specifically see how my lesson and what I’m teaching them can impact their lives. And I also wrote a poem dedicated to the Principal, Children and teachers of Hu-Kiong Church.

Hu-Kiong Sunday School *By Itale Sua*

Our friendship is like a rainbow
 Those if the perfect amount of happiness and love are mixed
 The result brings the color of two hearts
 Like a tree that can live without fruits
 But not without roots.

What a wonderful day
 When I sit in your classroom
 I knew I had found, What I had long searched
 The answer I had longed for, had come from your voice
 As you teach the children, God's word, I started to rejoice.

Your week is so busy with to dos
 Like everyone else not a minute to lose
 Your family, your business, works never ending
 But you make the time to prepare for Sunday
 When you know that someone will listen to the words that you say.

My prayer, God, please help the children, teachers of Hu-Kiong church.
 Care for the children as they grow, fill the teachers with your spirit.
 To teach the children all you know.

I am so blessed to have these teachers and children’s as my friends
 So this little poem I dedicated to them
 Because to me they are the Most

Timothy Youth Ministry *(Church Placement)*

Timothy Youth Ministry currently has average 70-80 people, age consist from junior high school (grade7) to University. They have 7 cell group, and each cell group divided by age and gender, reason being for individual able to share and express more freely. Every Saturday Timothy Youth Service will start on 7pm, apart from this during the weekday, they have study group and encouraging the youth have a balance life with study hard and play even harder. Furthermore, they also have music lesson (Guitar, Bass, Drum..etc) and choir and music worship practicing hours.

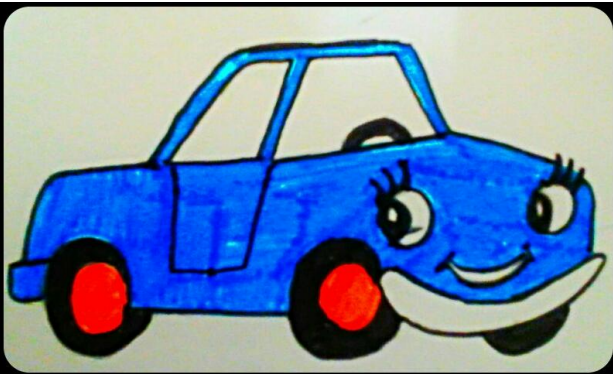
Every Saturday our group will gather at 5pm and waiting the van send us to Hu-Kiong Presbyterian Church to join the Youth Service. Before start the service, Timothy Youth will prepared the dinner for us. They have try to prepared the different Taiwan's food for us to taste. We are very thankful they always have put much effort in preparing an awesome dinner for us.

During the Youth service and cell group, we very enjoy the time with them. Every week we have chance to join the different cell group and try to know them more. Even some of them were don't know how to spoke English but them have try to use English to communicate with us, it make us so touched. They are so energetic, cute and kind, we pray that God will continue use them and through them to blessing more youth in their societies. - ***By Janice Chow***

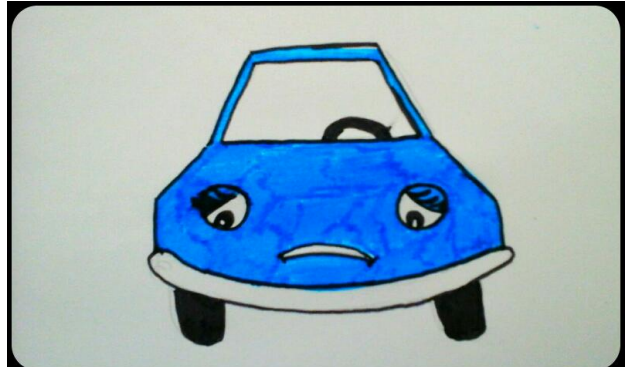




"Let me tell you a story. Are you sitting comfortably... Then I'll begin."



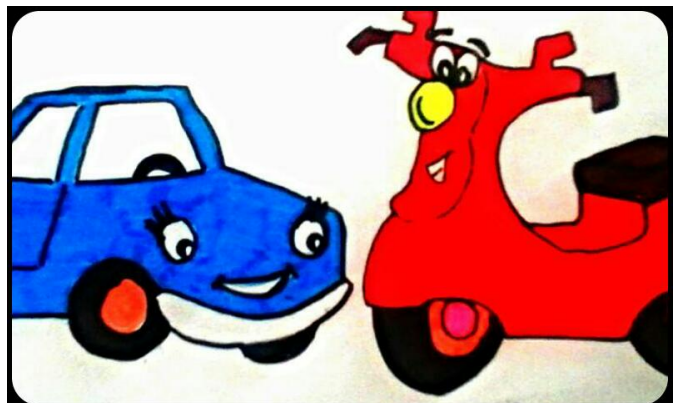
*There was once a car called Carrie.
Carrie wanted to experience something new.
So she travelled to the country of Taiwan.
She had no idea what to expect.*



*When Carrie arrived in Taiwan
she felt lonely. There were no other cars
for her to have adventures with,
but there were only scooters.
The rules were also different, the roads were opposite
and she didn't know what to do.*



*But then, Carrie met Scottie the scooter.
Scottie was kind, and helped
Carrie adjust to living in Taiwan.*



*They went on exciting adventures
together and lived happy and
full lives*

By Faith Taylor

"WHAT A SUNDAY AT KHAU-PI" - Khulumani Ngwenya (Church Placement)



What a Sunday at Khau-Pi church led by Rev. Li Hau-tiong everything went so well and after the service we participated in athletics at a local primary school Khau-Pi primary. The parents were also there and they were running too, everyone participated it was a combination of children and parents. We enjoyed every moment of it.



FUNNY TIME (top right picture to the left)

After the running we had lunch at Khau-Pi primary school, we had a lot of fun there and had a chance to walk around

Here we were tasting the Taiwanese sweetpotato everyone so amazed by its colour and its delicious taste!



Placement Report of Group B –Khau-Pi Church -*by Lopa Mistry*

As like last week this weekend we group B visited Khau-pi Church for our placement. We had a good time there. We reached there at afternoon. After reaching there we all went to the one of the member's house. There our task was to help them in cooking and make friendship with Sunday school children. We did hard job for cooking. It was a traditional way of cooking out in the open field and its need time for preparation. We tied up our shoes and started working out in field. We first collect the fire woods and while collecting we were trying to make friendship with children. It was a kind of family and Sunday school gathering and we were enjoying our work and also enjoying making friendship with children. Though it was a quite difficult task to make friendship with them because of communication problem but we successfully done.

After collecting woods we prepared our barbecue food stuffs and we put countryside traditional oven which was made by digging up the ground. After putting all these in oven we went inside the house and waiting for food to cook properly. On the midst we were learning an action song with the children. Our Sunday school teacher was teaching us song. We need to tap the table according the biting of song. After playing with children we had a good traditional barbecue and it was really good. At dinner Rev. Hau-tiong took us to hillside restaurant where we had a good meal. From there we went for buying gifts for the Church.

Our group leads the Sunday service. Ms Lopa Mudra Mistry preached the word of God on Mark 11: 1-10 on the topic of "Salvation" and Ms Cherry did the interpretation. And our whole group present the song. After the service we present gifts to the Pastor and Church as token of love. We had a good time there and we learned many things about church mission. This placement gives us the new implication in our outreach ministry exposers.



Taiwan Church Press

Taiwan Church Press is located on Ching Nian Road, after walk out of the STainan Theological College and Seminary and turn left, you can see a tall building with a cross on the top. Outside the window there is a picture of many different kinds of animal boarding on a big ship, showing the story of Noah and the Ark. It is really attractive!!!

Finally we got a chance to visit the Taiwan Church Press! During the 2nd week, we went there and experienced the first printing machine, which was brought to Taiwan by Rev. Barclay in 1884.

When you first see the machine, you will say” Wow! What a HUGE machine! And he brought the different parts of the machine separately by himself!?” However, since that is the first printing machine in Taiwan, no one knew the way to combine them together. As a result, Rev. Barclay went back and learnt to combine and use the machine. Therefore, the first newspaper was published in 1885 which was one year later.

Q: The first newspaper was printed as Taiwanese in Romanised Characters? Do you know why?

A: It is because at that time, education was not common among the society, so most of the people cannot recognize Chinese characters. Then, how can people read the newspaper? Rev. Barclay therefore used the Romanised Characters as the words of the newspaper, and when pronounced it, they can read them out and understand the news happened around them.

Till now, Taiwan Church Press still publishing newspaper, Taiwan Church News, once a week, they also publish different Christian brochures and books for churches and homes in Taiwan. Every week, there would be volunteers help folding and packing the newspapers and publications, so that the words could reach to people who need.

In the past two weeks, we also had the chance to work with other volunteers. Work of repetition did not make us feel bored, we even felt happy since we knew these little work could bring the words of God to people’s heart. Let’s value every little job that given by God, since our God is a special God, who values our hearts more than anything! :) - *By Cherry Tang*

MOZZY - *By Christopher Ngai*

The summer heat soaring in Taiwan.
It has already made us yawn.
While our bodies begin to thirst.
Our skin starts to burst.

With red pimple like lumps.
They make me scratch the bump.
Buzzing round my body
Thinking I'm sweet as lolly

These insects are a pest
They won't let me rest
It's these mozzies I'm yapping bout
I'm sure, without a doubt

I deliver a loud slap
To make sure it splat
I deliver a loud blow
But, where did it go?

It finally caught my attention
I feel it pierce like an injection
Drinking wine out its straw
Buzzing vampire lives no more.

Snake

Summer sun shining
Snake slithers shedding scale skin
Seeking some water

Biblical Quote of This Publication

The Gospel of John 13: 34-35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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