

On Our Way

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... By Faith Taylor

Singers, dancers, musicians, the list goes on!

We have so many talented people in this group! Everyone can bring something to share with people and bring joy to people's lives.

Our last official day couldn't have ended any better than to have a music night. The lights were on, the cameras ready..... Action!

Now, because this experience has already passed, and unfortunately you have missed out on a great night, to give you a flavour of what people thought and felt, here are some things our team has said:

"Before there was excitement, and reality was out of my expectations"

"Unforgettable night, so awesome! Everyone was so enthusiastic to present their song and it was so nice that everyone joined"

"An interactive experience"

"We are expressing ourselves on stage, and because of the audience our show is complete."

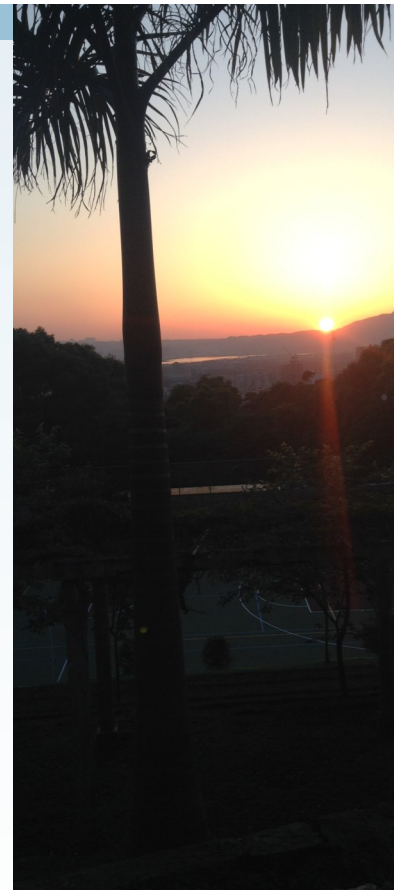
"I'm loving it!"

"That's how God shows his work through us."

"I was nervous having everyone look at me, but it was still a lot of fun."

In our time here on TIM, the team have learnt new songs, sang songs they already know, and sang songs in different languages. We have grown and bonded together, and sometimes we fail. But that hasn't stopped us from carrying on or let it dampen our confidence.

I am blessed to be in a group like this one, and I thank God every day for their care, talents, and most of all their friendship.



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Special points of interest

- Food, Food and MORE FOOD
- The talent and love we can express
- God is with us through every times good and bad
- Be grateful for your Mothers.

Student activist Chen Wei-ting



Purpose in the Wilderness

The world around us seems abandoned, love and compassion seems lost. As the hand of time keeps ticking away, it seems that our world, the place we call our home is hurting, growing deeper in spite, growing deeper in tension and growing deeper in pain and suffering. We have seen the ghastly attacks, the terrorism against the innocent. We have seen how this foreboding sense of fear, a fight for power and mistrust has encapsulated the nations of the world to seek after this arbitrary notion of a sphere of global influence, trans-

lating into a concerted assault on people, animals and nature. The lands misused, the people abused and animals confused, as greed, aggression and violent tendencies seep into all manner of relationships, whether individual or diplomatic. Political decisions made in the thick of night, pursuing an alternative motive against the interest of people, that of service and representation.

“...we are not abandoned, because we have a saviour who will not allow this world of ours to deteriorate, because he loves us enough to allow himself defiantly on our behalves.”

But let us remember that it was in the thick of the night that the Jewish authorities came and took Jesus away. He was sold out for thirty pieces of silver. He was brutalised, taunted, insulted, humiliated, made to wear a crown of thorns and crucified. And God never left his side. In fact Jesus needed to fulfil the prophecy from scripture - Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. And Jesus died on that fateful Friday. But the story does not end there because three days later on the Sunday Jesus rose again. And there is something remarkable about this resurrection. You see, it is in spite of the violent way that Jesus died that he rose again and not only did he just rise, he presented himself defiantly bringing a message of peace - ‘Peace be with you’. He showed his wounds, invited his disciples to see, to feel and to share a meal with him. What a remarkable thing for someone who had been through such a violent and horrific ordeal as Jesus did, to rise up and say - ‘Peace be with you’. I am overwhelmed by such a display of beautiful defiance.

So in fact we are not abandoned, because we have a saviour who will not allow this world of ours to deteriorate, because he loves us enough to allow himself to present himself defiantly on our behalves. He makes bold moves for us - he walks through walls for us. And when we allow ourselves to understand the power of what God empowered Jesus to do, we are ready to be transformed and become ready to hear and interpret that blessing of peace in such a way as to stir-up our justice seeking selves. When the disciples were down, were afraid that they had lost Jesus forever, he showed up for them. He offered them examples of how to live life more fully and to cast away their fear.

After all, the very thing they feared they had lost was standing right there in front of them - offering them food, so that they would be strengthened to go out and feed his people and each other.

And so, brothers and sisters of Taiwan, family, in your quest for self-determination and freedom from the state of national bondage, remember that you are not alone. Though you may seem to be in a constant struggle and you may face the baton, you may be beaten, remember God. When the students and young people struggled to be heard by the powers that be and entered the legislative yuan to make a stand for democracy. God was there in that struggle. When you shed a tear for the pain inflicted upon you and continued amid the challenge God was there in that challenge. I was moved, inspired and encouraged when I met Student activist leader Chen Wei-ting (陳為廷) yesterday as they continued the struggle against the KMT and its unfair referendum stipulations, they are calling for reforms on the current referendum system. It is remarkable that you continue peacefully despite the violence and intimidation by the authorities, that you do not let the fear of those government boots deter you from your resolve in seeking justice, peace and self-determination. God is there and when you call upon him, he will be ever more present.

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Short Stories of TIM



Helping to Clean the Environment

It was a great experience to help in caring for the environment. Even though in my context during my high school days I was the Secretary of the environmental protection group this experience was different because I was working along side a pastor of the church in the area and she was not telling us what to do but she was working as well and asking for our assistance.

My First Time Riding in a Park

This was one the nature seeing moment that I was able to enjoy juring my church placement at on of the churches.it was a good exercise for me as well because in the city we would always use either bus, car and or train.

Learning a New Language in Taiwan

I can't say that learning a new language is easy but if you are between the ages of 3-12 I think it would but in my case, been a twenty years of age an trying to learn a new language can some-time be so hard when I have never heard the language before. I try to learn a simple greeting in Taiwanese but it first it was as if I went back to nursery school trying to pronounce letter of the alphabet. It took me two week before I could say 'to-sia' which means thank you and 'Bian Khe-KI' which means you are welcome. I am still try to learn some more but its taken so much time for me to remember .

My First Time Cooking in Taiwan



I wanted to share one of my Guyanese food with my brothers and sisters in the Training In Mission program. There was only one problem and that was getting the right ingredients because most of the ingredients used to prepare Guyanese foods are local produce that I could not get in Taiwan so I decided to use the ingredients that was give too the best of my ability. I had decided to cook chicken and beans. The outcome of the meal was not as I expected but it was delicious.



... by Ominell Boyce.

Tribute to Mother for Mothers Day

by Itele Sua

"My mom is a never ending song in my heart of comfort, happiness and being. I may sometimes forget the words but I always remember the tune."

"You're the music of my heart and the melody with my song, the symphony that claims my fear, and the lyrics that I long to hear, Music of my heart." By Nicole C Mullen

On this Sunday 10th May 2015, we celebrate all mothers who given everything for us. A special thanks for all of them for sharing us life, giving us love, for being forgiving, for being the best, and most of all for showing us God, being the greatest. A mother is a greatest unconditional and infinite love, we ever experience in our existence. We all have been blessed with a beautiful and challenging women, who have carried us for nine months in her womb, helped us shaped our lives for a better future.

Mother is the biggest gift of God to all human being, believe it or not, she is the real queen. To my mom "Mom, from the time I was young, I realized I had someone. You always cared, you always protected me, and you were always there for me no matter what. You taught me right from wrong, and pushed me to do the right thing, even when it was hard to do. You took care of me when I was sick, and your love helped make me well. You had rules, and I learned that when I obeyed them. My life was simple, better and richer.

From what I learned from mothers love, they were and are the guiding light of our lives. My heart is filled with love for you my teacher, my friend and my mother. Mother's arms are always open when we need a hug, her heart understands when we

need a friend, Also her gentle eyes were stern when we need a lesson.

2015 is my first mother's day away from home and spend it with some of the most amazing mothers in Taiwan. Mothers like Rev Li Hau Tiong's wife (Khai-Pi Church) and all the mothers of Khai-Pi Church. Our group sings a special Portuguese mother's day song to the mothers, and we also helped the children performing a dance and a song for all the mothers of Khai-Pi Church. I think some of us this is our first mother's day away from our moms. And another group was place in Hu-Kiong Church. Some of them said that they were so grateful to be part of mother's day service giving out flowers to all the mothers that attended the mother's day service on that Sunday, they also helped the timothy youth group preparing breakfast for all the mothers of Hu-Kiong Church.

It's all great experience for all of us even though we are not celebrating mother's day with our mothers. But we all get to learn more about mothers mother's work according to Taiwan's context.

Mothers are everything for us, when we were small our lives revolve around her. For everything that we need we call mother. To protect us from all perceivable dangers, we want her around us. To kiss away our wounds, we run to her. And for a warm hug and love, we look for her. She is the focal point of our lives, the greatest human being in the world or should we say divinity on earth. On all mothers day, we should all pay tribute to our mothers.

The greatest blessing of God on Us- Our Mothers.

"You are the music of My Heart"



FOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Before we went to Taipei and stayed in Taiwan Theological College and Seminary, Rev. Chris already told us about the kitchen hand there cook delicious food! He was once working as kitchen hand in the hotel, but then because of the need of seminary and the consideration that he can have Sunday worship in the weekend, he and his wife came and helped the kitchen in Taiwan Theological College and Seminary .

Let's see what we have in the breakfast!

We had porridge and different side dishes, sometimes we had spring onion pancake with egg, and we also tried the potatoes salad, and even sushi! Woohoo!

Lunch and Dinner!

The agriculture products are fresh in Taiwan, we can have two dishes of fried meat and two dishes of fresh vegetables! I like the cabbage the most! They would also provide fruits or desserts after meal.



DO YOU KNOW?

Our breakfast time starts at 7:30 am everyday from Monday to Friday, for me that is really early even I just live in the dormitory. So for the cook, what time does he wake up to prepare us the food?

I would like to express my thankful to them for TIM. In our group, there are people cannot have pork, meat, seafood, or gluten. Sometimes when they noticed that, they would reserve other food that they can have instead of the dishes provided. And I believed that they treated everyone with the same consideration. They looked like one of the family members among the students and teachers there, sharing their thoughts about God together and I saw God's love is there everywhere.

At first, I wanted to share this topic because I thought that it is a sacrifice story about the cook, giving up the high salaries of working in a hotel but staying in a small theology college to serve us. But

then what I heard from the cook was about the shocks of working under the world. He might falls into the trap of pursuing of fame and money, keeping away from God since no holiday allowed in weekend. However, God provides him this opportunity to work in a Christian environment.

Sometimes we thought we are giving up something for God, but actually, that is God's hand, stretching to us and saving us from this world. What is more, it is not the patent to glorify God of being a pastor or evangelist, God precious every heart that is willing to work for him! So! Lets try our best to give ourselves to our God!

...by Cherry Tang



Biblical Quote of this Publication

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

“Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. ⁸ The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

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