

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ, Greetings from Asia!

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Mat11:28,30)

We have experienced one of the hottest May in Taiwan with temp soaring into the 90's every day. We kind of missed the cooler weather and May flowers in America. However, seeing students' life changed and their relationship with Christ renewed. Wen and I felt totally worthwhile. We had one of the smallest class in Spring with only 10 students. We found out behind every young face, there were some sad past. Three girls diagnosed with depression when they enrolled into SYME. One pastor's son was involved in gangsters' fight during his rebellious teenage-years. He came into senses and realized the sin against God before he came to SYME in order to live a clean life. Another 18-year-old high school drop-off, who was addicted to online gaming, costed his parents 500,000NTD to settle a lawsuit he caused. Finally, a 29-year-old man autism man, who spent most of his life being excluded from his peers. He found a safe harbor at SYME where he could be treated as normal. Praise the Lord, He also found the truth in Jesus. From now on, he can face the world without fear and find rest in the bosom of the Lord.



“If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[\[a\]](#) The old has gone, the new is here!”

I Corinthians 5:17

Last Wed (5/30) after my sermon at SYME, We baptized Kyle Xu. He died, buried and resurrected with the Lord. Since Simon was not a ordained pastor, we invited a friend Marc to do the baptism. Since very young, Kyle was closed to others and couldn't come out of the bondage of sin. At SYME, he was touched by the love of Jesus and found truth in Christ. He is proud to say that he is free now because Jesus said: “You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” (John8:32)



1. Our spring term at SYME is now happily over on June 2nd. Through the worship, testimony and skit performed in the closing ceremony/Friend Day, we witnessed the amazing work of Christ in each one of the student's life. We pray that God would continue to lead their road ahead. So they can live a life of trusting Jesus and glorifying God.

2. The most touching moment in Friend Day was the message preached by missionary Karl Hensler. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Karl was actively involved in mountain bike racing and trusting his own ability more than God. It all changed when his bike was struck by a car which paralyzed him from chest down. Karl thank God that he can survived from the tragic accident and has experienced God's saving grace first hand. He realized he will never be able to get out of the wheelchair. But he can find rest in Christ. he has since learned to give his heavy burden to God. Because Jesus said: "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

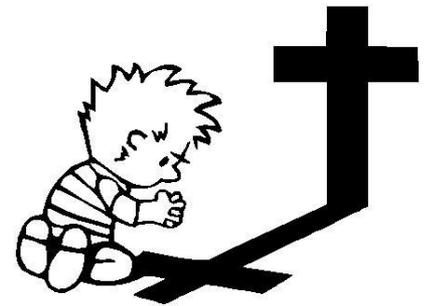
3. I want to give thanks for my wife Wen. She has enrolled into Faith Bible Seminary/NY and has been attending classes every Saturday in its Taichung branch classroom since last August. She also needs to attend whole-week intensive courses from time to time. Wen expected to finish her master of Christian study within our 5-year mission plan in Asia. One thing we though very cool was that from our little studio apartment, Wen could take free bus directly to the seminary. How convenient it is!

4. Please continue to pray for our busy summer with full-house of students. Please pray that we can be a blessing to all who comes to syme. On top of that, we will help 5 local churches to do English summer camps in July and August. Please pray that all those middle/high schoolers who come to our camps can have a open heart to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

5. We will have 4 new American Short-term-mission teachers joining us this summer. Pray that God would grant unity and love among us so we can be the witness to the power of the gospel in Christ.

Wishing you all have a great "Dragon boat festival" eating zongzi.

Prayers and thanksgivings





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