

Merry Christmas from Taiwan

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

As we approach Christmas, you might ask the question of how Christmas is celebrated in Taiwan. It is quite different from the US or Europe. If you look at the department stores and other large stores they are quite decorated with Christmas lights and trees.

In front of a local department store.



However, if you went to the homes of the local Taiwanese you would see that most of them have no decorations at all and there is very little gift buying for their kids. (They are saving up for Chinese New Year.) Christmas is celebrated with public events. All the churches have special Christmas programs and it is a great opportunity to bring family and friends to introduce them to Jesus coming to this world. There may be some parties and many choirs give Christmas concerts, but most families would not have any celebration at home. Businesses and schools do not have a holiday on Christmas so in a sense it is a normal day for them.

With our Filipino migrant workers it is a little different. There is a tradition of Christmas celebrations in the Philippines because of their long Catholic influence, but here in Taiwan they live in dormitories so there is not much decorating there. Also, they are away from their families so our church celebration is very important for them because this is their family away from home.



Last Year's Christmas Celebration.

Our Christmas celebration this year will be on Sunday, December 26 because that is the day our workers have off. We are also trying to make this an event where members can invite their friends so they can see what it is like being part of the family of God.

Please pray that this celebration will be a wonderful opportunity for the visitors to become part of this family.

Last Sunday
we had 40
Worshippers



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Our church is operating normally now because Covid cases are low. Some of the bosses really held out a long time before they gave permission to their workers to come back to church. This week the last ones that we know of have finally been given permission to come.

As we come to the end of 2021 we are thankful for many things. We had an early Christmas gift this year when our grandson, Tristan Dwight, was born in August. We were able to take a short trip back to the US in October to visit him and the rest of the family.



Tristan Dwight, our first grandchild was born August 20 to our son Peter and his wife Anne Jeanette.

We are thankful for all of you for partnering with us in this work with the Filipino migrant workers. We really appreciate your prayers and support. If you would like to join us in this work you can give at this link.

<https://giving.covchurch.org/personnel-detail/DonandLillianDwight>

The Covenant Church has started a new giving platform. Some of you who are already pledged may need to insert a new password at this link.

<https://giving.covchurch.org/users/initiate-password>

Sorry for the inconvenience.

We pray that you have a wonderful Christmas time and a great New Year.

Blessings to you all,

Don and Lillian Dwight

