

## Kittelson Mission Update

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Honor Christ and let him be the Lord of your life. Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope. 1Pe 3:15

Thank you for your prayers for the annual Victory Ancestor Memorial Service which was held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We were pleased to provide this opportunity for 85 individuals to express both their grief and their respect for their departed loved ones. There are two kinds of individuals that are especially benefit with this service. Those who are desiring to find and have a way to show their ongoing respect for their loved ones. Their earlier understanding is that Christians neglect or forget their ancestors. This service provides them with one way to continue to show respect and honor their ancestors. The second individual is one who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one. They are still grieving and seeking comfort for their heart. For them, the Ancestor Memorial Service provides them with one more way to process their grief and to know there is a God who understands sorrow and desires to help them. We truly have hope to share with grieving people.

This year we had a new family participate in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Wei have recently lost their daughter to cancer. Their daughter was a believer, a church worker and a missionary, they personally have not yet come to trust Jesus for eternal life. Their sorrow was recent, and deep. We were introduced to them by Su-Yui, a friend from Baushan Victory Church. Su-yui is a niece of the couple. We were able to visit the Mr. and Mrs. Wei both before and after the service and have had the opportunity to offer them consolation from a Christian perspective.

They were moved by the service and received comfort from what was said. Mr. and Mrs. Wei are open to understanding the Christian faith their daughter claimed as her own. Please pray for them as they seek to understand the Gospel of Jesus. Pray for them as they struggle with the conundrum they see which is traditional ancestor practices and the Christian faith clash. What Christians do to show respect for their departed loved ones is very different. Mr. Wei expressed his problem, "How can I cease to honor in the traditional way the 400 years of our ancestors."

Pray Mr. and Mrs. Wei will continue to welcome the friendship of Christians. Pray they will understand the Gospel. Pray the Lord will provide a solution to their conundrum.

Thank you for providing support in prayer and giving so we can be here in Taiwan sharing the comfort of the Heavenly Father in Jesus His Son.

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