

# ULLSTROM TAIWAN UPDATE

## Church Planting in Semi-Rural Taiwan

### OMF Taiwan Vision:

Through God's grace we long to see reproducing communities of disciples among the working class peoples of Taiwan.

### Cute video of the bike trip:

<https://www.facebook.com/applemani.wu/videos/3957078537658220>

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Dear Friends,

We are just at the tail end of the Chinese New Year holiday in Taiwan. Adults returned to work today (Wednesday), and the children's winter break ends on Monday the 22nd.

Winter break for us started off with our church bike trip riding 200km from Hualien to Taitung on Taiwan's east coast. Originally planned as a youth activity, we ended up with more adults riding that youth (8 adults and 6 youth), with an additional 10 adults and children following in cars. Apart from enjoying the beauty of this largely unindustrialized part of Taiwan, it was a good time of forging deeper relationships within the church.

REST STOP DISCUSSION



LAST MORNING BEFORE WE HIT THE ROAD

The week after the bike trip we spent most of the week moving shelves, books, Sunday School and summer camp materials, etc. between our first and second floor. We did it then because with the winter school vacation a number of the youth were available to help :) It also gave us a new start to the new year! We have been having our services on the 2F,

## Prayer & Praise

1. Thank you for praying for the bike trip. We had good weather and everything went smoothly. 5 of the 6 youth are from non-Christian homes, but come to church every week.
2. Please pray with us for 2 young mothers who are starting to meet with our coworker to go over 6 lessons covering the basics of what it means to be a Christian. David is talking to one of these moms in the picture on page 1.
3. Praise God that following a Taiwan127 meeting 10 couples from the Tainan Holiness Church have signed up with a foster care agency to take foster parent training beginning in April.
4. Pray for us planning a simple service to celebrate Amy's life.
5. Pray for spiritual refreshment and stamina for us. We have a very full calendar over the next 2 months.
6. Thank God that funds received by OMF earmarked for us came to almost exactly 100% of our budgeted Total Support Figure for 2020.



but because some people are having trouble going up and down the stairs (our oldest member is 85 years old), we decided to start having Sunday services on the 1F with the children's program on the 2F. We still need to get a curtain put up on the 1F to cover the back of some shelving, but the general reaction to the change on Sunday was positive.

Now that Chinese New Year is behind us life is starting to get very busy again. We need wisdom (as always) to know what to say no to, but we cannot say no to required ongoing foster parent courses and reading (coming up soon). Fortunately we can do our reading in English :). The most valuable part of the trainings are the connections made with other foster parents.

On a sadder note, our former foster baby, Amy, died 2 days ago. She had been in the ICU a month ago on a ventilator with pneumonia. Ruth visited her in the ICU several times. She recovered and went home, but then a few days ago took a turn for the worst and died in the ICU. She turned 4 years old just last month. We cared for her for over a year before our last home assignment in Canada. God, in his mercy, brought people to love her and has now taken her to be with himself and has ended her suffering in this world.



RUTH READING TO AMY ON A VISIT (AMY WAS BLIND, BUT COULD HEAR)

DAVID HOLDING AMY WHEN SHE WAS LIVING WITH US

Thank you for your prayers,

David and Ruth  
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