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TWO weeks until departure!



We spent four weeks in Colorado for missionary training from October 27 through November 22, 2025. Surprisingly, since then we have already been back in Rapid



Our time in Colorado was rich. It was SO good. The first two weeks were focused on language acquisition and the last two weeks were more internal work - stress, fear, assumptions, judging, conflict, and lamenting and/or grief. The kids learned the same things in age-appropriate ways.



We shared candidly in the large group settings and also in our growth groups of four. It was a healing balm to my (Eva's) soul in particular. Never before had I been so built-up and encouraged. People saw me, valued me, and spoke life-giving words over me. In the last two years I've had my world rocked by a personal rejection, so to be told in all earnestness that I do have value, that I benefit others, that there's nothing wrong with me, was a gift money can't buy.



The second weekend in Colorado we road-tripped over the mountains to visit my high school youth pastor, Mike and Leigh Wetzig, his family, and his church. We were blessed to catch up and spend time with them.

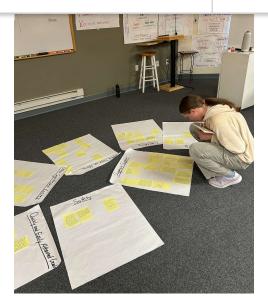












One particular thing we are trying to implement since we've been back is how to say good good-byes. Terry has always preferred saying "See you later," because even if we die we'll see each other in heaven. However they really convinced us that it is important to value the person or experience, be brave, and tell them how much they mean to you by honoring them with a true goodbye. Watch out for that because we're coming for you! Or come for us at our commissioning service at Parkview January 4th. This month has been full of us saying many good-byes.

Another thing that stuck with us is the concept of Paradox, the good going along with the bad. Paradox sounds like "pair of ducks." These ducks always swim together. We call our them our Yay Duck (happy experiences) and our Yuck Duck (negative experiences). In our culture we are not good at comforting people through sad times. We tend to hurry people through them because they make us uncomfortable and we don't know what to say. We learned to not "Yay someone's Yuck duck." Yuck ducks are legitimate experiences and feelings. Jesus did not rush people out of grief. He himself grieved, "Jesus wept," and He was "a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3). We should not try to force people out of the grief they are in. Proverbs 25:2 warns against this: "Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on a wound, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart." Don't Yay a Yuck Duck. The sweetest words I heard at MTI were people validating what I had been through and saying how my sharing about it encouraged them. If you have time, you can read Evie's story she wrote about the concept. Grab your tissues because it made us cry.





The day after our return to Rapid my sister surprised us with a visit! It had been since Noah's graduation in May of 2023 that we'd seen her. We had a lovely time.



We celebrated a Kveene Thanksgiving altogether (minus her husband Steve who unfortunately couldn't come). I am thankful we got to spent time with her before we leave for Taiwan.









One of the things we treasure most in our family is our Christmas tree hunting tradition. We've been doing to the same place since 2014 and I've taken the same picture of the kids every year since. We did our best to say a good good-bye to this tradition.





hard despite being away from home twice, each for a month, and a demanding senior tennis season (she won second in singles and doubles!). Our MTI friends will fondly remember her practicing nightly in our gathering room. She memorized and fine-tuned seven lengthly songs. Her piano teacher, Kathy, counted and she only made twelve mistakes. We're so proud of our girl.

After her recital we invited friends for an early celebration of Evie's high school graduation. She still has work to finish even in Taiwan so she's not done, but we wanted to commemorate her at home with all of her friends and family. Thank you to all who came and honored Evie. You blessed her and us.

Below is the full recording of her recital. It begins 44 minutes in at the 43:55 mark.







Another thing that has kept us busy is getting our house ready to rent for three or four young men. We started by painting over Evie's pink and yellow room to ordinary gray. When I took the picture on the left of Evie removing things from her wall I was forcedly reminded of when we first put that loft up in 2015. How has the time gone so fast?! It's saying goodbye to things like these that sure make us feel our coming transition.

Painting was one thing, a one day easy project. But since then we have been living in a construction zone...because we put in a fifth bedroom! When we bought our house it had three bedrooms until we added a fourth when I got pregnant with Ezra. The kids are sitting at their school table in the photos below. We divided the schoolroom in half and added a bedroom. The wall is right about where Ezra is sitting in the top two photos.



















plus more. That wall was finished and painted in six days if you can believe it. Terry finished the closet and trim the week after and we put new-to-us furniture in as well.

You may rightly be asking yourselves, "Why did they add a bedroom when they already have so much going on?" That's a legitimate question. It was for these guys.



We have prayed for these young men for months and months!! Let me introduce you to the answer to your prayers, left to right, Tim, (Noah), Jonah, and Nick. They are Noah's roommates and our house renters. We had them over this week to get acquainted with each other and familiar with our house.

We added a fifth bedroom because we have a fourth renter interested in staying with us, but not for some month's time. Also Samuel and Ezra have been sharing a room forever and could use a little space, even if it's only for a few weeks. But even in Taiwan we'd like them to be able to have their own spaces - and that should be possible.







We have started saying our good goodbyes. We love our friends and family and we're going to miss them so much, but at the same time we really are ready for change, for a reset, for a new ministry. It's hard but it's good.



The coming transition really hit me hard last week at the boys' last piano lesson. We've been going every week for eleven years! I had a lump in my throat nearly the entire lesson. Kathy and I were both spared tears only by the arrival of the next students. But when I went outside and said goodbye to her husband and heard his kind and thoughtful words and saw his tears, I choked up. Two nights later the floodgates opened and I cried and cried. God has been good to us. We are going to miss all of our loved ones. Thank you for loving and supporting us.

Taiwan update







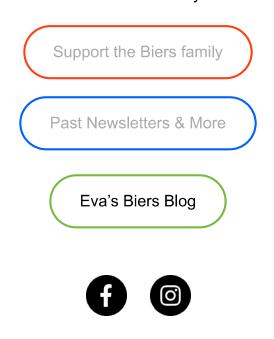
We know where we're living when we first arrive! One of the members of our team has a friend with an adequate three-bedroom apartment that we can rent for the first month upon arrival. This is a relief! We are very thankful for friends and teammates in Linkou who have been diligently and gracefully helping us figure things out. Once we're settled we can begin looking at longer term four-bedroom apartments.

Prayer Requests

- 1. Praise: We have our renters/Noah's roommates! Praise God for His provision!
- 2. Praise: Noah passed his first semester of Computer Engineering at Mines!
- 3. Praise: We have a place to live when we first arrive in Taiwan!
- 4. Pray for God to lead us to the right long-term apartment in Linkou.
- Pray for our transition. From our training we know that culture shock will be hitting us all and it will be difficult. Pray also for our families who will be grieving our absence.
- 6. Pray for a blessed Christmas and good goodbyes. Parkview Church will be doing a commissioning service for us on January 4th, the day before we depart.

Financial Update

We are still welcoming a few more monthly supporters, so if you'd or someone you know would like to join us, select the "support" button and indicate "US 106 Terry Biers" or connect with Terry and Eva.





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