

# Andy & Lisa Simpson - Independent Baptist Missionaries



March 2019

Dear Pastor Ingram and church,

### The Year of the Pig

The Chinese New Year came in early February this year, and once again we prepared and passed out more than 5,000 of these special gospel tracts through our gospel blitzes and park activities. It was more challenging to come up with an attention-catching but clear gospel presentation for "The Year of the Pig" than say "The Year of the Lamb" but the Lord blessed, and our people did a great job of getting out the good news that "pigs" (unclean sinners) are made clean by the blood of Jesus Christ!

Since not much Bible material is available in Chinese and much of what can be found is not doctrinally sound, we write a lot of it ourselves. This process can be painfully slow at times with the writing, translating, editing, and printing process; but it is essential to maintain good Biblical teaching. Please pray for the Lord to bring good materials to our attention and for those who help us translate and prepare the things we need for the ministry.



## "Fervent in Spirit; Serving the Lord"



More than seventy teens and workers from six churches attended winter youth camp to hear messages on salvation and service from our two speakers. There was one salvation decision and several other teens surrendered to more fervently serve the Lord including Alex Lio from Dali Faith Baptist Church. It was also a good time to see our fellow missionaries and catch up on their families and ministries.

## Ministering in the Churches

Overseeing two churches at times reminds us of parents rearing children. Although they have similarities, they are distinctly different in several ways and comparison must be avoided. To be honest we (ok, mostly Andy!) sometimes gets mixed up in scheduling and other small things and just have to laugh it off as "old age."

At Lighthouse Baptist Church, **Ria Dzeng** continues to attend with her children. She is asking more questions about spiritual things that reveal the Lord is working in her heart, but at the same time she has a devout Buddhist family member who is trying to discourage her from believing. Please continue to pray for her salvation.

Recently, a college-aged girl **Chen Jing-yi (Gina)** started attending after receiving a church flier. She has been an answer to prayer because she has invited several others to attend with her including her father. The Lord seems to be working in her heart, and we ask you to pray that she will continue to come with her friends and be saved.

We praise the Lord that the landlord for Dali Faith Baptist Church renewed the contract for another five years at the same price! However, the situation at Lighthouse is the opposite. The landlord wants to sell one of the two one-room buildings we use for about US\$300,000. This is way beyond the church's means and what has been saved in the building fund. Additionally, that area of Taichung city is one of the most expensive and finding a suitable place for church and ministry use is extremely very difficult. Please pray for wisdom and the Lord's blessing in this.

Finally, as April approaches in Taiwan it means that the Tomb Sweeping Holiday is coming. This is a time when people clean their ancestors' graves and worship their spirits. Many Taiwanese Christians will be pressured by their families to participate and will be accused of disrespect if they don't. It is an extremely hard time for them. Please pray that they will have wisdom in dealing with the pressure and maintain a good testimony for the Lord.

For souls

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#### **More Prayer Requests:**

- 1. More souls to be saved
- 2. Leaders in training
- 3. Easter outreaches and services
- 4. Good health

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