

Greetings to Pastor Jon and the Bethel Assembly.

It is good to be back in the land of our calling. It has been our privilege to invest our lives here for the past 48 years.

We enjoyed sharing the blessed Christmas message in a number of our churches this season. However it is not even a holiday for the public here. Pray that many will respond to the message they heard to make Christ their Savior.

January 14th are the presidential elections here in Taiwan. Pray that it will be a calm and orderly process. We are thankful for the freedom we have here to share the message of Christ. May it continue to be so.

The big holiday season here will be on January 23rd - Chinese New Year. There are special services planned for that time when there are four or five days of holidays.. We have often handed out Gideon Bibles in the park that is swarming with people.

We are always thankful for those that come to visit and strengthen our hand in the work. Tim and Sandra Osiowy are coming the end of January. We are looking forward to their time of ministry to our people and gaining a vision for the need here. Garth and Myrna Knapp have expressed an interest in coming in February or March and we anticipate a good time of ministry with them.

Some of our pressing prayers needs are:

For a mighty move of God's Spirit in all of the special services planned for the coming season.

For a just outcome to the lawsuit against the Mission, that is moving slowly through the courts. We have placed it in the Lord's hands.

. The proposed trip into Communist China, back to where my parents and I were so many years ago. I was planning that trip this past February when it was interrupted by my trip to the hospital and my open heart surgery (Quadruple bypass) .Thank you all for your prayers at that time.

So on behalf of our National Pastors, churches, Bible School Alumni and Prison ministry we are very thankful for your prayers and support of what God is doing here.

May you have a rewarding New Year.

Yours for Souls in Taiwan,
David and Dennice Matson.