

# TAIWAN NEWS

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**TAIWAN'S MOON FESTIVAL:** The festival is held on the 15th day of the eighth month of the Chinese lunar calendar, which usually falls around late September or early October. This year it fell on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Chinese culture is deeply imbedded in traditional festivals. Just like Christmas and Thanks- giving in the West, the Moon Festival is one of the most important traditional events for the Chinese. The Moon Festival is full of legendary stories. One legend says that Chang Er flew to the moon, where she has lived ever since, and you might see her dancing on the moon during the Moon Festival. The Moon Festival is an occasion for family reunions. When the full moon rises, families will gather together to watch the full moon and sing moon poems.

In the middle of the 1980's, Taiwan started a trend of barbecuing with friends and family on the evening of the Moon Festival. Even now, when Taiwanese people are asked what their plans are for Moon Festival, the most likely answer is "a barbecue." Some friendly Taiwanese people often invite passers-by to join in with celebrating their Moon Festival cookouts. Some of these celebrations can be quite boisterous.

Ours was not, even though we did have a few members of the Sung En Church join our barbeque at An Zhong Church. The food was great, the fellowship was even better and a good time was had by all. The pictures will tell the story!





**MY CELA SEVEN KINDERGARTEN BIBLE CLASSES:** I am actually starting to feel a lot more comfortable teaching these classes. I must admit that teaching Bible to students in English, I cannot use any Chinese, that don't completely know the English alphabet, that don't have any idea how to form an English word, that can't sit still for very long and that don't have a very long attention span has been somewhat challenging for me. Prayer has brought me along quite a ways. Reading the Bible has been a great influence. The Bible passage that influenced me the most was 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3: *31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. — Love Is Indispensable — And yet I will show you the most excellent way. — 1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

**THROUGH LOVE I KNOW I CAN DO THIS! PRAISE BE TO GOD!**

**† Join me in thanking God for the ministry at Concordia Middle School, Salvation Church, Sung-en Church, Anzhong Church and the other CELC churches throughout Taiwan.**

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