

TAIWAN UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2011 ~ A MINISTRY UPDATE FROM CHUCK BURNETT ~

WHEN THE DECISIONS ARE MADE I WILL LET YOU KNOW

WHAT THEY ARE: This is how I ended the “newsletter” I sent out last month. But first an explanation, I put quotation marks on the word newsletter because I would like to apologize for any confusion concerning designating the difference between updates, newsletters and using wrong dates in the past. I have made changes that will hopefully prevent any confusion in the future; my updates are now marked as **A MINISTRY UPDATE** and my newsletters as **A MINISTRY NEWSLETTER**. The formats of the update and newsletter are different also. As for having the wrong date, I use a template and occasionally, because my memory is not as good as it was, I will forget to change the date. Sorry!

Now, back to letting you know the decisions on several issues in my newsletter last month.

THE FIRST ISSUE, THE SHORTAGE OF AMERICAN CELA

TEACHERS: LCMS World Mission recruits volunteer teachers for CMS and CELA. Their answer I am sure would be the same as Jesus’ answer to His disciples in Matthew 9:37-38: ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” And all of the American CMS & CELA teacher’s responses are also the same. Below is an example, from Mark’s September Newsletter, of their responses:

Teachers Needed:

We are in great need of more teachers to teach elementary students. If you or anyone you know is interested in coming out to Taiwan and serving as an English teacher, please contact me. We can have people come mid-year or for the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Right now we are greatly understaffed, so even if you can’t come please pray for God to raise up people to come over and serve.

MY RESPONSE FROM THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: I have already asked Mark and Callie to check with the CMS and Kindergarten principals to see if it would be possible for me to get a work visa through CMS so that they could hire me as a full-time teacher. Their response is still at the discussion table. I would like to reiterate one of the issues concerning this response: Because the school year does not end before the end of June or first of July I would only have time for one doctor’s appointment at the VA Hospital. Since I have started going there I have averaged about one appointment per month. Every year they do a complete physical. My carpal tunnel syndrome is getting a lot

worse. I have tried to have a colonoscopy the last two years. The first year there was not enough time for it and last year they finally scheduled the first appointment of a two appointment procedure just a few days before my Taiwan departure date. I also have to figure in time for the possibility of other issues. This means that I would not be able to teach the second semester of this school year.

THE SECOND ISSUE: Because of the shortage of American CELA teachers, some of the American CMS teachers have volunteered to help out. Their plates were already full and now they are overflowing.

MY RESPONSE FROM THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: After thinking and praying about this situation, I emailed Mark and asked him to check if I could help take some of the pressure off those teachers by teaching some of the classes they were volunteering for.

THEIR APPRECIATIVE RESPONSE WAS: Mark told me a few days later that they were very grateful, but they felt that because I would be going back to the US in early February and the first semester ended the latter part of January, it would be more of a hindrance for them and the students. I had to agree completely.

GOD IS GOOD, GOD IS GOOD ALL OF THE TIME: On Wednesday November 23rd I received this email from Matt Wasmund:

Hello team.

I have some great news to share, praise the Lord.

Emily Ringelberg is in the process of accepting the call to come serve at CELA for the spring semester. She is a graduate of Concordia New York (biology) and is applying to grad schools. In the meantime, she is available and seeking a challenge. I informed her that that is exactly what she will experience - a challenge, but a rewarding one. This is really an answered prayer, I believe, and I am anxious to see how the Lord will bless this. We will be shooting for a date perhaps prior to Western New Year (December 30th or so) so she can observe and adjust before the Chinese New Year break and be ready to take on E3 when the new semester starts.

Please pray fervently for her preparations physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Praise the Lord.

Matt

OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED AND TWO THINGS HAVE

HAPPENED: The first one is Emily will take the burden off the American CMS teachers for one semester. The second one is I have decided I should go back to the US at the end of this semester, unless something happens that changes that decision. I have not made a final decision on what day I will leave, but it will be sometime during the first part of February. I will let you know when I hear if they will or will not hire me as a full time teacher, and the exact date in February I will leave, or if that decision is changed.

† Join us in asking God to send more teachers to CELA.

† Join us in thanking God for sending Emily to serve at the CELA for one semester.

† Join us in asking God for Emily's preparations physically, mentally, and spiritually.

† Join me in asking God to make it clearly known to me if going to the US in February is what I should do.

† Join me in asking God to guide and direct me if the answer to hiring me as a full time teacher at CMS is no.

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