

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Merry Christmas! We deeply appreciate your prayers through which the Lord has kindly upheld us this past month!

We mentioned a Christian lady who got mad and left our church. She came back two weeks ago and sought our counsel regarding her broken marriage with an unbeliever. We are not entirely sure about whether she sincerely repented. Yet, it is still a good thing that she is willing to attend the church. **Please pray for her (You-Xing, or Christine) that she would humbly repent of her sins, submit to her husband, and attend the church faithfully.**

Three weeks ago we asked you to pray for Sophie's family of which seven family members came to our Thanksgiving Sunday. We plan to continue to reach out to them during Christmas. **Please pray that God would work in their hearts.**

Shepherding conversations can be challenging. No doubt we want to speak the truth in love. But we have often found ourselves in need of wisdom about not only what to say, but also how much to say, how to say, and when to say. It is also discouraging when people respond poorly. **Please pray for us that we would speak truth in love in ways that are edifying, and we would trust in the Lord for people's responses, and humbly change whenever it is needed.**

Mark continues to preach and teach Sunday schools every Sunday and teach other adult Bible studies during the week. It is a great delight and privilege. **Please pray for Mark to preach and teach faithfully and clearly with much pastoral wisdom.**

Jane and our children went to a talent show at a local elementary school for the purpose of evangelism. Both our girls played violin, and distributed packs of candy canes and gospel tracts with our church's information. As far as we know, there are no Christians at this school and most have not heard of the gospel. **Please pray that the Lord would use it to save some of these kids, and we would have more opportunities to reach out to these kids and their parents and teachers.**

Finally, **please pray for our Christmas event this coming Sunday.** Other than normal worship service, our church will go to a local park to do caroling and pass gospel tracts.

In Christ,



Mark & Jane

Alaina, Anna, Owen, Francis, and Esther

December 20th, 2023 in Yilan, Taiwan

