

Clemente Newsletter

May 2009

Carmen's Corner

I am practicing a song to sing in church when we are in the United States. I also want to play a song on the piano. I will try not to be shy when I meet all of the new people. I hope I have fun and make lots of new friends! ** **



January 2010. We are thankful for God's call on our lives and for the opportunity to serve Him in Taiwan and Southeast Asia. We hope to see YOU soon to visit and share our experiences with you. ** **

Sarah's Sentiments

We are slowly checking off items on our "to do" list as we count down the days until our departure for the U.S. on June 9th. Pay bills. Forward mail. Pack boxes for storage. Lots of details and time is ticking away.

There are other items on my list that are a bit more personal, such as how can I encourage and assist Emily as she moves on from the Gospel of Mark to the Acts of the Apostles? Who will text Hylie every now and then and meet her when she is able to take a short break from her work as a domestic helper? Seven months seems like a long time to be away from our church family and friends here in Taiwan.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with family, friends, and supporters back in the States. But even during this time of Partnership Building, we know we will also be forward-looking as we think about and plan for our return to Taiwan in

Jacob's Journey

Mama says we are going to ride on an airplane soon and go to Grandma and Grandpa's house. Mama says that I can play in their "yard", which is like a little park with trees, grass, and flowers. I am so happy, because I love to go walking, walking, walking as I explore in the park! She also says there are things called "boundaries." I don't know what those are, but she told me she will show them to me when we get there. ** **

David's Discussion

While I was at M-country for a short-term mission trip last month, I made some entry on my journal. I wrote: "The Chinese church here in 'M' has a lot of young people. They are the backbone of the church. Pastor Esther is doing an excellent job of getting every youth involved. Another lay pastor from Taipei is helping her out. This pastor, also named Esther, is a citizen of both Taiwan and M-country. She is able to come in

and out of the country. She belongs to another denomination. It is wonderful to witness the working together of many people in the Lord's work. I saw a few adults. But they seem to be relegated to the background. I wonder how much change must be done in order to incorporate the adults to the total ministry of this local church, more than what is already here."

I am looking forward to going again to M-country for another ministry opportunity and to encourage our Taiwanese brothers and sisters to be deeply involved in cross-cultural work. I will have to wait until January 2010. ** **

To read David's Blog, please visit this link : <http://davidclemente.typepad.com/>

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Clemente Calendar

June 9. Depart Taiwan; Arrive Avon, IL
June 16-18. Debriefing (Indianapolis)
June 19-25. Durley Camp (IL)
June 26-28. Aldersgate FMC (Indianapolis)
June 29-July 5. Nicholasville, KY

July 9. Mowery Family Reunion (Avon)
July 10-12. Cowden Camp (IL)
July 13-19. Manton Family Camp (MI)
July 20-26. Rushville Camp (IL)

August. Gateway Conference churches

Sept. to Nov. 13. North Michigan Conference churches

Nov. 13 to mid-Dec. Gateway Conference churches

Dec. to Jan 2010. Vacation/Holiday at Avon, IL

Jan 12, 2010. Depart for Taiwan

(For a more detailed calendar, please visit the link below and click on CALENDAR.)

<http://sarahclemente.webs.com/>

Fun Figures and Financial Facts

Our financial support for 2009 is currently 76% committed. Actual giving to date is 40%. You can become a partner in giving by visiting

<http://www.fmwm.org/missionary/index/clemente.php>

We just received word that there is a mini-van available for our use in the USA. Praise the Lord for God's provisions.