

Clemente Update

February 2009

“A Slice of Mission Life”

Last month, a mission team from Illinois (USA) came to visit us and minister to different churches here in Kaohsiung. This team is from the Harvest Ministry Teams based in Troy, IL. Harvest has been in existence since 1996 with a mission to “equip young adults for ministry while providing a resource for the local church,” especially in the area of Praise and Worship Music Ministry. David assisted the Harvest team members in their Taiwan travel and visits to local churches. Below are some emails, notes, comments, and reflections on their ministry.

“Thank you very much! Last January Retreat was such a blessing to me, particularly during the second day when Harvest was around. Wish we had more time with the Harvest Band.” (Precy, from Tree of Life Church)

“They are so good in what they do. Thank you for bringing them here.” (Hannah Yin, Pastor’s wife of Jui Guang FMC)

“Many of us have learned so many things from the team members--not only about the skills of leading worship, but also about their great attitudes in serving God. They have demonstrated these to us. We see now the importance of opening our spiritual lives to God. One of my

group members said that the Harvest training is a very strong encouragement to us and provoked us to strive deeper in each aspect of our lives. Thank you!” (Linda Huang, from JioChuTang FMC)



(Top, L-R) Jackson, Tim, Willie, Theo.
(Bottom, L-R) Cindy, Abbie, Justin, and Carmen.

“Pastor David, thank you so much for bringing Harvest Band to us.” (Pastor Ke, from the Rukai District of the Taiwan FM Conference)

“I visited the Harvest website to view some articles. It looked like a good mix of different age-groups and a variety of cross cultural ministries. What a great connection between so many churches. The ministry went from Morrison Academy teenagers to Chiku elementary school kids and to adults at the Worship Leadership Training—even to Filipino churches and Rukai tribal churches. I am so glad to have the chance to learn more about missions work to different places and different peoples.” (Sophia Chang, from Feng Shan FMC)

“A dream comes true. This is how I describe my feelings! It's a day of pure energy. I myself don't want to stop singing every time the band starts to lead us in worshipping God. I was really encouraged to pray more for others. We have the cross necklace from the band as our pledge! Their testimonies have proven that God's love never grow old. He is the same yesterday, today and forever! [Isaiah 54:10].” (Angela, from Nantze Higher Ground Community Church)

“It’s been amazing here so far! One episode here at Higher Ground church stood out among many! To see how the power of the Holy Spirit was moving last night and the night before in such a powerful way! At the altar call when we got to pray and lay hands on the young people, we saw the power of God come down! It was charged with an anointing of healing and miracles! So, blessed be the name of the Lord, and to God be all the glory! This is the reason and purpose in which we have come!” (Willie J., Harvest Band member)

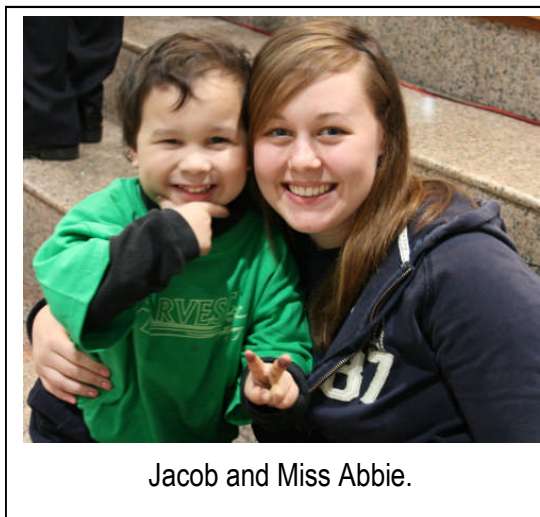
“We couldn't express exactly in words how happy we are to have you all guys [Harvest friends] and how sad we are to let you all go. . . .” (Aying, from Nantze Higher Ground Community Church)

“It is going to take a little time to process and think about all that happened and all we learned and experienced. But at first thought, I have grown in an understanding of God's power. I have experienced again how lives can be changed, how people are hungry for the Lord to work, and how the church does not need to merely exist but to be fully alive with super natural power! There was a lot of life packed into those fifteen days in Taiwan, and though I missed my family and our church back home, I was grateful for the time there. It makes me want to pack lots of life into each day here--living with a kingdom view and trusting that the Lord will work in people's hearts and lives, especially mine.” (Tim Price, leader of Harvest Ministry Teams) ** **

Clemente Prayer Requests

We will be returning to the United States for Partnership Building from mid-June through mid-December of this year. Please pray for us as we begin to make the necessary preparations. Two items we are specifically praying for are (1) someone to take care of the mission house here in Kaohsiung while we are away and (2) a vehicle that we can use during our six months in the States.

We are now in the process of scheduling visits to our supporting churches. Please contact Sarah at dsclemente@yahoo.com if your church would like to have us come and visit. We will be sure to include our updated schedule in upcoming newsletters.



Jacob and Miss Abbie.

David’s class at Holy Light seminary has been cancelled. He will start teaching in Feb. 2010, after coming back from the USA. At this point of time, he will be teaching short mission seminars at different local churches. Pray for

God’s inspiration ** **

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