

*“Therefore pray earnestly
to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into
his harvest.”*

Matthew 9:38 ESV

PRAYERPOINTS

ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES

Believers in Taiwan seek to spread the light of Christ within their island nation and beyond. As the Taiwan Baptist Convention sets bold church planting and missions goals, emerging leaders receive biblical training to carry the torch. Strategic outreach penetrates spiritual strongholds like the idol-worshipping seaport of Lukang. At the same time, a renewed vision for global missions rallies the next generation to reach the nations from Lingtou, a strategic base. Join Taiwanese Christians in praying for the lost, for new leaders to arise, and for more laborers to engage God’s harvest.

TAIWANESE BAPTISTS STAND READY TO REACH THE NATIONS WITH THE GOSPEL

Taiwan sits as a small island off the coast of Southeast China. It is only slightly larger than the state of Maryland and is home to 23 million people, yet the church in Taiwan is increasingly seeing that it can play a pivotal role in the advance of God’s kingdom. Baptist work in Taiwan is over 70 years old, and that work has yielded churches all over the island. In 2020 that took a new turn outward, as Huayu International Missions was formed in partnership with the International Mission Board (IMB) to send Taiwanese to take the gospel to the nations. This vision has gathered momentum. The church in Taiwan is poised to be a hub for the future of global missions. A base for this movement sits on a mountain north of Taipei.

Lingtou is a Baptist retreat center once owned by the IMB and later donated to Taiwan Baptists. Dormant for many



Baptist leaders pray for Taiwanese who responded to God’s call for them to go. IMB Photo.

years, Lingtou is now being revitalized by a group of Taiwanese young people eager to see Taiwanese reached for the gospel and then sent out to impact the nations. Lingtou is seen as a missions base to gather, train, pray, and send, and is increasingly serving as a rallying point to unify Taiwan Baptists around a Great Commission vision. Recently hundreds of Taiwanese youth gathered at Lingtou to worship and be challenged to give their lives for the sake of the gospel. Many responded to this call. The Spirit is actively using Taiwanese to be a bright light to the nations. Pray that more and more will be sent to tell the nations the good news of Jesus Christ.

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Last year, we prayed for the Eternal Peace Primary Care Clinic in Southeast Asia to achieve accreditation and maintain cooperation with the national insurance agency. God graciously responded. Not only did they become accredited, but they also received a top score! The clinic staff was then invited to advise other clinics to pursue excellence and be a bold witness for Christ. Thank you for praying. Through cooperating with the national insurance, more patients can go to the clinic and be prayed for in the name of Jesus.

1 TAIWAN. May the church in Taiwan come together for a common cause in the Great Commission, unified in the Revelation 7:9 (ESV) vision of “a great multitude” “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.”

2 TAIWAN. Praise God for Taiwan missionaries who have already returned home from a 2-year term and are now working in local churches that are without a pastor. Pray that they will help instill a heart for missions in these small churches.

3 NEXT GENERATION. As mature church leaders in Taiwan near retirement, the next generation lacks those trained and ready to step up and lead. Ask God to call young people to enroll in 1-2-3 Next Generation programs to spend two years growing and maturing as church leaders for His glory.

4 LINGTOU BAPTIST RETREAT CENTER. Lingtou, a Baptist retreat center, is in significant need of revitalization after years of neglect and decline. Ask the Lord to provide the necessary resources to remodel the space so that it can continue being used for His kingdom purposes.

5 TAIWAN. Several Taiwanese missionaries attended Taiwan’s 2023 Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) annual meeting. What a blessing it was to see the commitment from the WMU to support them in giving and in praying. Pray that God will continue blessing the WMU and this collaboration.

6 LUKANG, TAIWAN. After church members in Lukang, Taiwan attended an evangelism training, they eagerly shared the gospel with many people. Six new believers came to faith. Pray the Holy Spirit will ground them in the faith, and they will in turn share the good news with others.

7 TAIWAN. Pray for Taiwan’s missionaries who have finished a term and are waiting for visas to return to the field. They are busy connecting and sharing while they are home, but their hearts long to be back on the mission field where the workers are extremely few.

8 TAIWAN. Several IMB teams have welcomed Global Missionary Partners (GMPs) from Taiwan. Pray for these relationships to be mutually beneficial and to greatly help in expanding God’s kingdom throughout the world.

9 NEXT GENERATION. Partnership is essential in seeing the nations come to Christ. Pray for good cooperation and unity between local churches and the 1-2-3 Next Generation program so that many in Taiwan and around the world will know and treasure Christ.

10 TAIWAN. Taiwan churches have a goal to send 200 short term teams in 2024, increase church membership by 10%, baptize 1,000 people soon, and to continue in planting 100 churches in 10 years. Please join them in praying for God’s direction and blessing. May He be glorified!

11 LUKANG, TAIWAN. Pray for the people of Lukang, Taiwan who seek prosperity from the sea goddess, Mazu. Pray that God would reveal to them that Mazu is a false god and that He is the one who gives good gifts and is their provider and sustainer.

12 TAIWAN. Huayu International Missions is the sending entity for Taiwan Baptists. Formed in 2020, it is still growing and maturing, and in need of more resources and people to commit to serving. May God provide for them and use this collaboration to send long-term missionaries.

13 NEXT GENERATION. Pray that mentors will encourage and be an example to 1-2-3 Next Generation students as they go out together and boldly share the gospel. Pray for them to find open hearts to share the gospel with.

14 LUKANG, TAIWAN. Praise God for what He is doing in Lukang, Taiwan. The church there is encouraged to see spiritual fruit such as salvation and discipleship. Pray that many more will come to Christ and that God will receive all the glory. May revival come to those in spiritual darkness.

15 TAIWAN. Pray Matthew 9:35-38 for the church in Taiwan to send more laborers into the harvest. May they see the need for laborers among unreached peoples and places and commit to sending more workers.

16 NEXT GENERATION. Four times a year volunteers go to Taiwan and teach a theological education class that impact students' lives as they prepare to serve the church and share the gospel. Pray for teachers to go and invest in the lives of the 1-2-3 Next Generation students.

17 TAIWAN. Most of the church work often falls to the pastor, which can be wearying. Pray for co-workers to be identified, trained, and empowered to help. Pray that more Taiwanese Christians will lead by teaching Bible study, leading small groups, or heading up evangelism efforts.

18 LUKANG, TAIWAN. Pray for Jeff, a Taiwanese believer, and his family. Ask that his wife and children will fully grasp the gospel as they attend weekly Bible studies. Pray that truth will penetrate the hearts of his parents, who sell idols in a shop that Jeff's grandfather opened years ago.

19 TAIWAN. Pray for Taiwanese churches to excel in making disciples. Pray that believers will hunger to know and obey the Bible and be willing to share what they know with the lost around them. May the excitement of sharing Christ deepen their understanding of their faith.

20 TAIWAN. As Taiwan presses forward to plant new churches, they will need help. Pray for people to see how they fit in to the bigger picture of this goal and be willing to use their talents to further God's kingdom.

21 NEXT GENERATION. As Taiwanese Christians go on cross-cultural trips, pray that they will model healthy missions and show cultural sensitivity to the host culture. Ask God to give them grace in understanding new languages and cultures.

22 TAIWAN. Missionaries serving in Taiwan have answered God's call, giving their lives for the gospel. Pray for them as they seek to support the local church, understand and adapt to their host culture, and abide in Christ.

23 TAIWAN. Praise God for the joy the gospel brings in the lives of those who have been transformed by Him. Pray for renewed fervor and joy for all believers in Taiwan.

24 LUKANG, TAIWAN. Pray encouragement for Pastor Wang and his family along with other members of Lukang Baptist Church in Taiwan. Pray that the church will stay focused on prayer and sharing the transforming hope of the gospel with others in Lukang.

25 NEXT GENERATION. Many students approach a crossroads as they near graduation from 1-2-3 Next Generation. Ask God to give them wisdom as they seek His will for their lives and the next steps that He has prepared for them.

26 TAIWAN. Pray for Taiwanese pastors and their wives who are nearing retirement. Thank God for their faithful leadership. Pray that God will lead them in continuing to invest in believers around them even when they are no longer serving in their former roles.

27 LINGTOU BAPTIST RETREAT CENTER. Praise God for how He stirs His people to gain a passion for His glorious global purposes. Ask Him to continue to use Lingtou, a Baptist retreat center, to advance the gospel, and ignite a passion in the Taiwanese church for His glory among the nations.

28 NEXT GENERATION. Students and mentors spend lots of time practicing ministry together in the 1-2-3 Next Generation program. Pray for them to be transparent and honest as they love unconditionally, forgive willingly, and follow Jesus together.

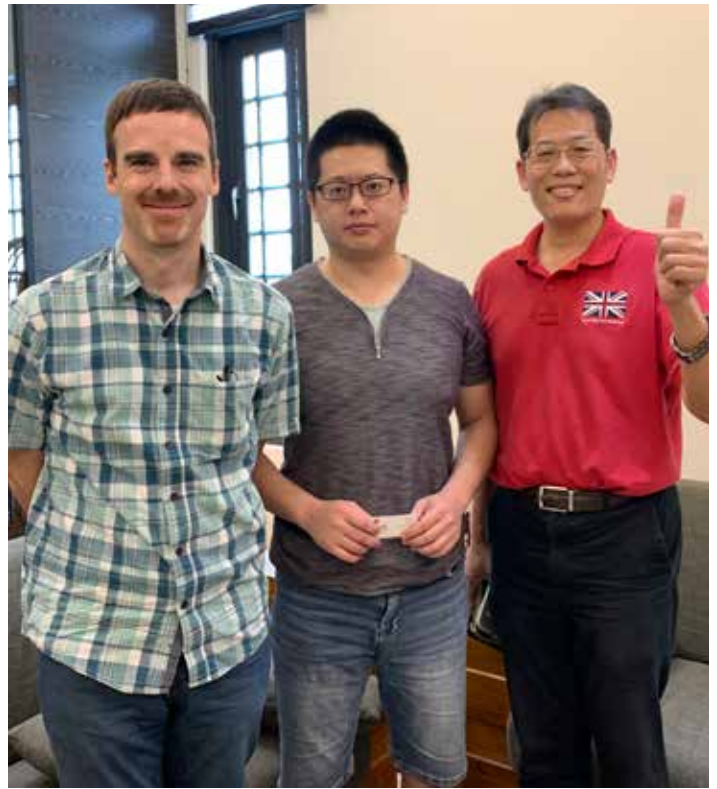
29 LUKANG, TAIWAN. Members of Lukang Baptist Church regularly join church leadership in prayerwalking. Praise God that 25 people joined in one prayerwalk near the Temple of Mazu, praying that light will penetrate the darkness.

30 TAIWAN. Praise God, and pray for Taiwan during this pivotal moment in its history. With a rich Christian heritage and believers poised for action, thank God for the desire and passion of Taiwanese believers to shine as a light among the nations.

31 TAIWAN. Some areas in Taiwan show great resistance to the gospel. Pray for God's glory to be revealed and for God's name to be glorified in every home and family in Taiwan.

MISSIONARIES AND BELIEVERS PRAYERWALK THROUGH TAIWANESE TOWN KNOWN FOR IDOL WORSHIP

Lukang (Deer Port), a seaport town on the west coast of Central Taiwan, is a city in spiritual darkness. People burn incense and bow to the sea goddess, Mazu, so that the local fishing industry might prosper. Temple workers carry idols through town accepting money and sometimes falling into trances. IMB missionaries, Matt and Carey Bandy, joined Pastor Wang and several members of Lukang (Deer Port) Baptist Church in prayerwalking this area. The group passed an idol shop as they prayed. The next week, the family that lives above that idol shop attended the Baptist church for the first time. Jeff's family had opened the idol shop generations ago. He had heard and believed the gospel while in college, but his wife, young children, and parents don't believe the gospel yet. His parents aren't even interested. Pray for Jeff's wife and children as they attend church with him. Pray for the church to continue being consistent in prayer, trainings, home visits, and evangelism, which have already led to dramatic church growth.



IMB missionary, Matt Bandy, and Pastor Wang sharing the gospel in Lukang homes. IMB Photo.

A NEW GENERATION OF TAIWANESE CHURCH PLANTERS, PASTORS, AND MISSIONARIES ARE ANSWERING THE CALL



Next Generation Taiwanese responding to the call to reach the nations. IMB Photo.

The Taiwan Baptist Convention is a light to the nations with church planting and missionary sending goals but with hundreds of Taiwanese pastors set to retire in the next 10 years, who will go? Answering the call, 1-2-3 Next Generation is a 2-year leadership development program in partnership with New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Laying a biblical foundation, participants attend several 3-day courses each quarter. They are mentored in hands-on ministry. After graduating they join a church planting team, become a pastoral intern, or apply for cross-cultural missions. Please pray for these students and that the light will continue to shine bright from Taiwan.

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