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Dear friends,

The long summer holidays begin in July in Taiwan, and our family will be spending most of the month at various camps and conferences. Here's some of the key events & dates we'd appreciate your prayers for:

- July 6-10, Village gospel mission – sharing the gospel in rural Taiwan
- July 13-15, CEF national staff conference – meeting with CEF staff in Taipei
- July 20-24, Taiwan missionaries conference – connecting with other missionaries in Taiwan

Running a lunchtime group for high school students

This semester Shan-Shan has been helping at a lunchtime 'spiritual growth group' (心靈成長小組) group at a local high school. The group is run by a Christian teacher in the school who is keen to share the gospel. However, religion is prohibited in schools, so any Christians involved in activities that happen on school grounds and during school hours need to respect the law, and not directly evangelize or preach at students. So the CEF staff leading the group try and find opportunities to share faith indirectly, through testimony and conversation.

For example, the theme this semester has been **relationships** and how we use **words**. When discussing the ways we hurt one another with words, Shan-Shan shared examples from her own life, how others have hurt her, and the unhelpful ways she used to respond. Then she talked about briefly how her Christian faith has helped her: she could see that because her relationship with God was broken, this led to her relationships with other people also being broken. And restoring her relationship with God has helped her in turn to relate better to others. Then she asked students, "What kind of experiences have shaped your life & the way you relate to others?"

Despite the restrictions, it's a rare opportunity to connect with high school students. The number of students who come along varies, sometimes 30-odd at the beginning, but usually an average of 4-5 regulars. Most of those who come are not Christians, and haven't had any meaningful contact with Christians or the gospel.

Next year CEF have asked Shan-Shan to run the group, since the CEF staff member who runs the group is retiring. Thank God for this opportunity, but please pray for wisdom! Pray that Shan-Shan can plan content which is engaging and genuinely helpful for students, and creates opportunities for deeper conversations about life and faith.

Give thanks

- For a good end to the semester, at Uni and at school.
- Thank God for more opportunities to talk about faith and theology with interested students.
- Praise God for the connections Shan-Shan has been making with students at the lunchtime group.

Please pray

- Pray for wisdom for Shan-Shan as she plans the lunchtime group content for next year.
- Pray for Uni students to have energy and boldness as they share the gospel during the village gospel mission coming up at the beginning of July.
- Pray that our family has patience and love with one another as we face a busy July with many camps and conferences.