



# Word of Life Taiwan

It has been a while since we have been in touch. I hope that the congregation is doing well and still reaching the community for Christ! I wanted to give you an update on all that is going on here in Taiwan. First, thank you for being financial supporters and prayer warriors for my family. I am appreciative of all your prayers and financial support. As you know, I have been serving with Word of Life (WOL) in Taiwan for the past five years now. The Lord has grown me and shaped me greatly through my time here. After getting married last year, I transitioned into more of a tent-making role and did ministry part-time. I served as a youth leader and worked as a teacher in an international school here. As this past year progressed the leadership of Word of Life asked me if I would be willing to become the **director of the SYME**.

## **A reminder of what SYME is/does**

SYME stands for Student Youth Ministries in English. The Chinese translation most literally translates to **Bible, Friendship, Discipleship, and English**. Our program is designed for post-high-school-aged students to come and study the Bible and improve their English through immersion. Students come into class and are greeted by a loving staff of Christians who build relationships and teach them about Jesus. **Many of our students enter in with no knowledge of who Christ is and leave so fired up for God that they go to share with others. Others come lukewarm in faith and leave stronger and bolder in what they know.**

Vivian and I prayed about this decision and saw how God has uniquely shaped and called us to be able to lead this ministry effectively. **We want to invest our lives in this ministry because we have seen God work in mighty ways through it.**

## **Furlough Trip**

We have purchased our tickets back to the states and we will be in Indiana from April 17 until October 1st. My parents were able to line up a house for us in Lafayette where we can stay for the duration of our trip. This summer we will be heading to WOL to go through their missionary training program. We have two specific prayer requests for our support-raising trip.

1. **We are looking for a vehicle we could use while we are stateside.**
2. **We have a goal to raise \$5900 monthly support in around 5 months.** We are limited on our time in the states because Vivian only can only be in the country for 180 days. So our time will need to be very organized and intentional.

**I would love to schedule a time to come share again with the congregation and missions committee all that God is doing here in Taiwan.**

Please feel free to ask any questions! Looking forward to hearing back from you.

**With love,  
The Overly's**