



Taipei Chapter Venue

I give thanks to God for the first baptism service and communion in Taipei Chapter. In February we planned for the baptism of Brother Ge-Wei and Marcos and the communion service during Pastor Ron's visit. And we used this opportunity to challenge bible students to receive baptism. There were many struggles for these 2 brothers. But God worked mightily in them through the prayer support of our UBF Headquarter. They personally encountered God before the Pastor's visit.

On 9 April evening Pastor Ron visited Taipei and led a group bible study for Roman Chapter 6 in his hotel room. We learn that even if we do not break any civic law, we are sinners in front of God. We all need His mercy and redemption. After we receive the forgiveness of sin, we must count ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Through deep bible bible and daily reflection, we can remind ourselves of our new identity in Christ. So we can offer our bodies as the instrument of righteousness, and stand firm in the unbelieving world.



Group Bible Study in Hotel

On 10 April morning, we visited the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall and learnt the history of Taiwan. Now we live under the threat of war, but many people are content with the present and live in a comfort zone. Pastor Ron gave us a direction to plant the vision in the Taiwanese students. Although we are not recognized as a nation, we can send missionaries to all nations.



Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall

In the afternoon of 10 April, Pastor Ron visited NTU campus and earnestly prayed for the campus and our ministry to raise missionaries and bible teachers for this generation. In our ministry we have a few international students. By bible studies, these international students can grow to be missionaries. Even though we are like 5 loaves and 2 fishes, we can send missionaries for campus ministry. For instance, Dr. Guru and his family have been sent to the City College of New York (Acts1:8). Dr. Guru is now working as a postdoctoral researcher in that university. We pray that Guru's family can co-work with NY UBF and serve campus ministry by 1:1 bible study. Through Guru's family in New York, I have a vision that Taiwan can become a Kingdom of Priest and Holy Nation sending missionaries for world campus ministry.



National Taiwan University Main Entrance

In the evening, Pastor Ward presided over the Baptism service. Ge-Wei firstly shared his testimony. He suffered from the same sex attraction since teenager. He received Jer 29:11, **“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”** And he made a decision to die to Christ and live with Him. He found new hope and meaning in Christ. Ge-Wei prayed that he would offer his gift of singing for the work of the Lord.

The other Baptism Candidate, Marcos, led a selfish life like Matthew (Mt9:9) before knowing Christ. In February Marcos’ wife gave birth to a daughter. Her wife started to give birth to the second daughter at midnight, but her labor time was very long. In the morning at 08:00, Marcos prayed that if God reduced her wife’s labor time till 08:20, he would receive the baptism. Miraculously her daughter was born at 08:20 exactly. Marcos humbly received God’s will and learnt to seek God’s Kingdom first.



Baptism Ceremony in Taipei Chapter

On 11 April morning, Pastor Ron’s couple traveled to Taichung and visited Dr. Yawen in Asia University. Dr. Yawen is a young and dynamic assistant professor in Asia University. During the brief visit, she shared her testimony with us. Before meeting Christ, she had a relationship problem with her ex-boyfriend. She was lost and hurt. Later she met Missionary Allison and the first bible passage that she studied was John Chapter 4. She cried a lot and found that she was a Samaritan woman, looking for living water. Through bible study, she accepted Jesus as Christ. And she was impressed by the dynamic life of Missionary Steve and Allison. She wanted to stay on the campus and shared the gospel to students. Dr. Yawen studied PhD for campus ministry and worked hard. Now she is a blessing among her students and colleagues in Asia University.



Shepherdess Yawen’s office in Asia University

In summary, we thank God for the visit of Pastor Ron’s couple in Taiwan. May God bless us to hold the world mission command (Mt 28:18-20). May God strengthen our vision to be a Kingdom of Priest and Holy Nation. Taiwan can send missionaries for world campus ministry.