



## New Orders



I've received my new orders to move to our Asia Mission Headquarters in Chiayi, Taiwan. It's **The Luther Building** (above)! We pray that this will be a great base of freedom for extending our work of spreading the Word throughout Asia - **Isaiah 55:11!** We plan to move at the end of July.

It's sad to leave China Lutheran Seminary, but I'm tremendously grateful to have served here and God has blessed CLS in many ways recently by our passing our recent accreditation inspection with flying colors (with comments that CLS and China Evangelical Seminary are model seminaries for Asia), and especially with the upcoming new CLS president, Dr. Erwin Chen, who will officially begin on July 1. He was a student in the first MDiv course I taught here 22 years ago. Let's pray for him and the seminary with a deep intercession for God's fullest and best blessings upon them!

# 22 Years Report

I'd like to report on what you have supported these past 22 years that I've been at China Lutheran Seminary. These are ways that God's Word has gone out. My estimates of serving these 22 years are:

**\*Preached to 26,600** people.

**\*Taught 1,350** people in **198** courses and 43 special lectures.

**\*375** of these students are **full-time church workers** (spreading and teaching the Word now).

**\*Served in 18 countries** (Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, China, Philippines, Macau, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, USA, Germany, and South Africa).

**THANKS FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT!**

Remember that **God's Word goes out and will not return void but will accomplish its saving purposes** (Isaiah 55:11).

## My New Work

God is nudging me to move over and let Him have more space to do His work. His ways and timing are often far different than ours or what we expect, but they're far far better! I'm now in expectant faith to see how He transforms things for His best purposes! I love what I've been doing here for 22 years, and now it's time to write it down. Yes, my new work for the near future will be putting these courses I've taught into usable textbooks (English & Chinese). This has actually been on my heart for the last few years, and now thankfully I will be able to focus on it.

# Taiwan War Fears

War easily worries the minds of many Taiwan people as they see the prolonged Ukraine war combined with the continuous approach of war planes from China. Amidst all the various things that can be discussed about it, the key thing for us is to turn to what God's Word says: "when you see these things happen, lift up your heads," "make disciples of all peoples," "I am with you always," and many other words of guidance and promise. God has it in His hands, and even though wars will be a reality until the end, He will not stop working through His people to "seek and save the lost" until Jesus comes again. Only then will peace be established as the true and enduring reality for us. Pray for all of us, that in times of fear and trouble many more will be brought to the Lord in repentance and faith.

## Family News



Ginny graduated from 6<sup>th</sup> grade and is looking forward to attending the small Morrison Academy in Chiayi (on the campus of Concordia Middle School).



Isaac played violin for Morrison's orchestra and also the play "Little Women" and he participated in soccer and track.

Maggie has been involved in designing and teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade Small Catechism class. Then, she taught a group of teachers at church how to teach it. She also has Mommy Fellowship Group, and a whole variety of activities.

Gary is happy to be accepted into 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Morrison Academy, Taichung. He will live in the dorm with big brother, Isaac (11<sup>th</sup> grade).



## Pray For:

1. Our big transition to Chiayi.
2. China Lutheran Seminary.
3. The Luther Building's Asia Mission.
4. Taiwan in threat of war.
5. Wisdom from God for writing.



The Luther Building in Chiayi, Taiwan



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