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Scott and Leslie Powell

Rev. Scott Powell

I was born in Columbia, SC, and raised in Royal Oak, MI for 9 years and then in Pennsauken, NJ until my college years. My father served as a Director of Christian Education in two churches and then as an elementary school teacher before his death in 1978. My mother is retired and living in Myrtle Beach, SC. My older sister passed away in March 1996, leaving a husband and two daughters. Debbie, my younger sister, lives in the Chicago area with her husband, two sons and a daughter.

I received Jesus Christ as my Savior at the age of five through a Bible lesson taught by my mother in our home. Two years later I recall committing my life to the Lord for full time Christian service at a children's rally held in our church. The Lord continued to lead in this direction throughout high school and I attended Bible college to further prepare for foreign missions service. Philippians 3:10: "I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, being like Him in His death," is my guiding verse.

I graduated from Columbia Bible College (B.A. in Bible) in 1978, and completed graduate study at Columbia Biblical Seminary (M.A. in Missions) in 1985.

We have four children. Trevor, is now 18 and a freshman at Wheaton College pursuing a degree in archaeology. Aimee, who is 16, is a junior in a public high school and is actively involved in a Bible club at the school. Daniel, 14, is in eighth grade in a small Christian school and enjoys playing soccer and the trombone. Allison, 11, is in sixth grade at this same school and is presently enjoying the opportunity to play field hockey on the school team. We thank God for the children He has given us and the joy they bring to our home.

Mrs. Leslie Powell, R.N.

I was born in Philadelphia, PA and raised in Pennsauken, NJ. My father worked as an insurance investigator for over 35 years until his retirement. My mother is a full time homemaker. They have remained active in their church, serving as coordinators for the JOY ("Just Old Youth") small group. My younger brother, Brian, lives in Salinas, CA with his wife and four children.

I received Jesus Christ as Savior when I was six years old during family devotions with my parents. My dream as a child was to become a missionary nurse. It was not until my final year of nursing school that my dream began to become reality. After attending several missions conferences and spending three weeks with a missionary family in Haiti, I committed my life to the Lord for full time Christian service. My life verse is Psalm 16:8, "I have set the Lord always before me, because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved."

I graduated from Helene Fuld School of Nursing at West Jersey Hospital, Camden, NJ in 1980. After Scott and I were married, I supplemented my nursing education with four quarters of Bible and missions courses at Columbia Bible College until June 1982.

We were appointed by SEND International for church planting ministry in Taiwan in 1984 and arrived in Taiwan in 1985. We have served as part of a team planting a church among the unreached Hakka Chinese in the city of Chungli in northern Taiwan. In 1996, the church called their first national pastor and, over a period of two years, the leadership responsibilities were transferred to him. In 1996, SEND International entered into a formal partnership with the national Tsung Tsen Council of Hakka Churches in our church planting work. This association consists of eleven Hakka churches in the northern half of Taiwan, with a goal of 15 in the next few years. Scott has assisted in preaching in several of the smaller churches that have no pastor, in chairing the mission subcommittee of the association and in serving as mentor to young pastors and potential leaders in the association. Leslie has been involved in women's and children's ministries and piano accompaniment early on in both church plants. More recently, she has discipled several women, assisted with worship teams and in the cell group outreach. Within the mission, Scott has

served as assistant area director and a member of the area executive council. He has also been appointed by the general director to coordinate a task force to lay the groundwork for initiating a council to send missionaries from Taiwan to serve in other areas with SEND International. In May, 2000, he had the privilege of leading a team of Chinese church members and pastors to Far East Russia to work among Chinese market vendors, conducting evangelistic outreach and offering encouragement and training for the believers. In August, 2000, Scott was elected to serve a three year term as area director. Because we are presently on home service until July, 2001, the previous AD will continue in that position until our return to the field. During this year of home service, in addition to visiting all of our supporting churches and donors and sharing of God's work in Taiwan, Scott is attending classes at Westminster Seminary.

Our goals for the immediate future (2000-2001) include:

1. To visit with all of our individual donors and supporting churches throughout this year, updating them on the Lord's work in Taiwan and in our lives and learn of what God is doing in and through them.
2. To be involved in recruitment of missionaries and short-term workers with SEND International for ministry in Taiwan and other Chinese ministries.
3. To complete 21 hours of course work in a continuing education program (Scott).
4. To complete a Precept Upon Precept Bible study in the book of Hebrews, meeting with ladies in our community (Leslie).
5. To encourage and guide our children through their adolescent years with a positive attitude toward the work we do, a firm faith and vital walk with Christ to support them through the challenges facing them in the years ahead.

Where currently serving: Laurel Springs, NJ, returning to Taichung, Taiwan in July, 2001

Date of present assignment: October 1985

Date of next scheduled furlough: July 2005 – July 2006 (tentative)

Date of COD's beginning support: September 1985

Birthdates:	Scott	November 26, 1955
	Leslie	December 21, 1958
	Trevor	July 22, 1982
	Aimee	September 4, 1984
	Daniel	October 1, 1986
	Allison	April 11, 1989

Wedding Anniversary: July 26, 1980

Hobbies:

Scott - light carpentry, jogging, music and personal computer skills

Leslie - reading, biking, music, cooking

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