

2009

Serving in Taiwan w/SEND International

CELEBRATION AND TRAGEDY

September 2009 will be remembered in Asia as a momentous month for several reasons. China geared up for the 60th anniversary of the founding of the communist republic with great fanfare, and not a little heightened security. But other places in Asia suffered catastrophic natural disasters. Manila and much of Luzon in the Philippines saw the worst flooding in over forty years, devastating many communities and leaving countless families destitute and homeless. SEND coworkers there have rolled up sleeves and assisted numerous families in clean-up measures, and even opened their homes for temporary shelter to those who have lost everything. SEND has established a Philippine Flood Relief account to assist churches in reaching out with practical aid in Christ's name at this critical time. We will be there Oct. 11-23.

We thank God for the opportunity to visit one of our teams in China for a week at the end of September. These faithful coworkers serve in a restricted setting, and yet are finding ways to reach out with the love of Christ and the message of Life. They are in desperate need of reinforcements, and we are asking the Lord of the harvest to raise up others who can help carry the load with them. Five others are seeking to raise funds to join them soon. We were also able to visit several open churches and to investigate opportunities for Taiwan churches to partner in establishing strong local churches in needy areas in the coming years. The spiritual needs of China can be overwhelming. Please join us in asking God for resources to meet the need!

KEY ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER

- 1 - 10 Taiwan ministry and preparation for upcoming travel and coursework
- 11-23 Visit to the Philippines, team visits and conference
- 24-28 Unpack, contact with Asia SEND leaders, Leslie speaks to women of the Shui Nan Baptist Church, and Scott completes prep for a course in leadership
- 29 Scott travels to U.S. for course, and mission leaders consultations

PRAYER CHALLENGES

Join us in prayer for:

- ◆ More workers for the "hub" team in China. Young professionals are needed.
- ◆ Vibrant and relevant witness to Christ among those who are suffering in the Philippines as flood relief efforts seek to meet their needs
- ◆ That we may be an encouragement, and that we may have God's wisdom as we make plans for the future of workers who serve in the Philippines.
- ◆ For concentration and profitable study as Scott takes a course Nov. 2-6.
- ◆ For health and protection for Leslie as she serves in many capacities this month. Especially remember her message to a womens' group Oct. 27.

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