

To our prayer partners in Canada and beyond, a warm hello from Taiwan!

Just wanted to ask you for prayer, but first I'd like to give you a bit of an update on us. It is hard to believe that there are only two and a half weeks left of this, our second term. Our two days of final exams will be on February 11th and 12th. It seems like we just had midterms! We are looking forward to celebrating our first Chinese New Year which begins February 14th. I have finished leading the student group at the church for this semester as they are already on break. Chinese New Year is a fascinating time; since it is a break from work for many and school for all students and a time to get together with family.

Many of you know Pastor Germaine Coloumbe from Rice Road Community Church. His son, Stefan and his wife, Ailun, live in Jongli. Stefan teaches at Shengte Christian College. They invited us to come for the weekend. We left on Saturday morning, first getting to the MRT (subway), then taking a train the rest of the way (which cost only \$3.50 total for two adults!) It was interesting to see Shengte and good to connect with Stefan and Ailun again. Our kids really enjoyed having some little chums to play with, the Coloumbe children - Andy (4) and Aimee (2)!

As for Terri's health, she is doing better since she stopped drinking Taiwan coffee almost a month ago now. She still feels weak at times, but we praise the Lord for helping us to realize that the coffee here was part of the issue. Please continue to pray that the Lord would give us all strength and energy to complete the tasks He has called us to here.

As to a specific prayer request, over a year ago when we were still in Canada, Terri had a biopsy done on a large lump in her breast. It came back benign; however, since coming to Taiwan, it has gotten larger. She has been advised by two doctors to have it out. So this Thursday, January 28th, at 3 p.m. in the afternoon (your time - Thursday early morning 2 a.m.), she will be having a minor operation using a local anesthetic.

Terri is not so nervous about the surgery itself as her reaction afterward. Last year, when she had a minor operation on a spot on her back, when she stood up after the operation, she nearly passed out and had a BP of 80/31. This doctor is supposed to be the best in the hospital. Even though the operation is considered minor, we would like to ask you to pray that the doctor would be able to locate and remove all of the fibrocystic tumor and that the Lord would give Terri the strength that she needs both during and after this operation.

We are so grateful to you for your prayers, about requests we send you from time to time and regular remembering of us to our Father.

Please keep in touch,

In Christ,

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