

Dear Prayer Partners,

Hello. Thank you in advance for all your prayers for us. We have really felt the Lord here with us, helping us set up our home so that we would be ready for ministry including the intense load of learning Chinese, beginning and studying hard in Chinese class, and building relationships with Taiwanese people and the international students at our language school.

We are emailing to ask for specific prayer for our family's health. On Saturday morning, I (Terri) experienced terrible diarrhea with near-fainting; Grace, a Mucha church member took me to the emergency at the hospital where they gave me several different kinds of meds including three days of antibiotics. They typically only give three days worth of antibiotics here, unlike our Canadian Dr.'s who usually give 10 days worth. The Taiwan gov't is concerned about creating "super bugs."

The next two days I continued to improve although I was still tired. I was even able to go to Chinese class on Monday. Monday afternoon Grace took me back to the hospital for a check-up but the regular physician (not emerg) did not want me to continue the antibiotics. He told me to stop all medications immediately, so I did.

Early this (Tuesday here) morning, I woke up at 5 a.m. Feeling incredible dizziness and feeling like I was going to faint. For the next three hours I felt wave after wave of this dizziness and that I was going to pass out, even though I was laying down! To tell you the truth, I really wondered if I was going to go to die. I've never felt that way before.

Our awesome nanny Mei Yun stayed longer this afternoon to watch the kids while Chris took me to our university clinic where the Dr. prescribed three more days of antibiotics. Perhaps the going off of the antibiotics so soon before 'did me in' so to speak. The Dr. didn't really know what was wrong - if it is virus or bacterial.

We are asking that you would pray for my health and that the Lord would keep Chris and the children from getting whatever I have. Chris has been so wonderful in taking good care of me and the children during these last few days. We came to Taiwan to partner with Mucha church in reaching Taiwanese people with the good news of Christ. When I can go to class to learn Chinese with which to be able to speak with our neighbors and when I can take care of our children so Chris can go out and build relationships with Taiwanese people, we are fulfilling the purpose for which He has called us here.

So thank you in advance for your prayers.

Love,  
Terri for the Payks