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### *The whole family working together in witness*



**The Ferry family visits with the owners of a tea shop in Eastern Taiwan who wanted to know all about us.**

while we've been living in Taiwan, simply to enable them to talk with the people around them, and to understand our neighbors. The Taiwanese people have been warm, friendly, and welcoming to us as we have settled in among them. And as we have been out among them, there have been wonderful reactions to our presence: including amazement, amusement, and curiosity.

That curiosity often gives us incredible opportunities to see our vocations as opportunities to interact with those neighbors, and to enjoy the relationships those vocations give us. Learning the Chinese language gives my family the chance to learn more about the neighbors we meet, to have a relationship with them, and to speak like Lutherans (Christians!). We speak, in Chinese or English or Indonesian, of the grace and forgiveness we have in Christ Jesus, and of the peace that we have because of that forgiveness.



**Charlotte does her part in her vocation, giving us an opportunity to bring a Chinese family into our home to play with their granddaughter.**

The Ferry family moved to Taiwan in May of 2018. We did so because my role as Regional Director needed to be located there. And because I needed to move there, the vocations of Cheryl and the kids brought them to Taiwan along with me. In those vocations (wife, mother, teacher / child, student, sibling), they live in Taiwan as faithful, forgiven Lutherans (Christians!). They go to the market, they find places to play, they ride bicycles around the park, and they take the bus to church.

They've all been taking full-time instruction in Mandarin Chinese



**Caleb engages a Chinese family while at the park: grandmother, mother, and young child.**

God grant us all, adults and children both, the opportunity to be faithful in our vocations, to graciously build up relationships with those placed around us, and to speak faithfully according to God's Word when the opportunities naturally arise. Can you talk to your neighbors like a Lutheran? They need to hear what you have to say!



**No sacrifice is too great: Charlotte accepts a snack from a worker at the veggie market.**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Cheryl and the Ferry kiddos as they use their God-given vocations to reach out to our neighbors.
- Upcoming presidential elections in Taiwan, that we might live in peace.
- Carissa, now seven years old, that she might grow in grace and wisdom.

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- Safe travels to & from the USA to be part of the LCMS Convention and share the news of what God is doing in Asia.
- The generous and faithful support given by our church so that we can continue to work and serve here in Asia.

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**Convention Snapshot**

Your LCMS met in convention from 20–25 July this year. For those days in Tampa, Florida, the delegates elected servants,



debated resolutions, and received reports. It was my honor to bring the report on the work of the Asia Region of LCMS.

We actually celebrated 125 years of LCMS mission work, which began with the Rev. Theodore Naether being deployed to India, one of the countries in our Asia Region! Thanks be to God that the work of LCMS missions continues yet to this day, and that He chooses to work through YOU in order to keep it going.

Check out the presentation for yourself online when they are posted at <https://international.lcms.org>

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday**

to our first blondie: Carissa! She turned seven years old in June, and celebrated by getting a cake from the local baker near our home in Chiayi. Carissa loves to play “mommy” and to be in the water whenever possible. She also likes to bang up her knees and elbows, giving Daddy plenty of chances to practice his first-aid skills! Happy birthday, dearie!



*God bless all of you for your continued friendship, support, and love.*

*- Your Servants and partners in Asia, **the Ferry Family**  
Charles, Cheryl, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, Cassandra, Chloe, and Charlotte*



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