Country Director's Update

Greetings from Taiwan!

As I write this, our children are on summer vacation – though we cooperate with the national school schedule which means that they still go to school for half days, five days a week. They might not get a complete vacation, but at least the pace slows down a bit. Fifteen of our children were invited by the Taiwan Hosanna Foundation to attend their summer camp in July, and this provides a good opportunity for them to be encouraged and to meet other children.

Some of the children in one of our homes have siblings who are being cared for at another home, and so we are creating an event, "Family Together Program", supervised by our social worker, to re-unite family members in a fun atmosphere. Kids Alive believes in the power of family, and even when families are separated by distance or because of dysfunctional histories, we do all we can to strengthen the connections.

We've also recently held our Career Orientation Day. When our children reach high school age, they need to decide whether to stay on a normal high school track or pursue a vocational high school. We provide counseling and interaction with area experts who introduce their career fields and experience to our students so they are informed to make the decisions that best suit their abilities.

Some of our students are being trained to lead worship, serving as an encouragement to other kids and equipping them to become leaders in their churches as adults. We are grateful for their willingness to take on these roles.

Looking forward, we are finishing the last steps of a new land purchase at the Nantou Home in Puli, which will be used for basketball courts, a computer classroom, and staff office space. And we are working to increase our Scholarship Program and our Complementary Education program in cooperation with two foundations and one university. God is at work, and we look forward in faith to the future.

Thank you for making it possible for hope to take hold in the lives of nearly 100 vulnerable children in Taiwan!

Daniel Lu Country Director, Taiwan

How can I pray for Kids Alive Taiwan?

Rejoice with us, and praise God for...

- The opportunity to purchase more land at Nantou in Puli to better serve our children with computer education and sports activities
- The older students being assisted by our Scholarship Program
- Partnerships with foundations and universities who share our vision for helping vulnerable children

Join with us in asking Him for...

- Final legal details to be approved for the land purchase
- Wise planning for use of space and facilities with the new land
- Favorable outcome in our sixth triennial overall assessment by the Social Welfare Department
- Willing hearts for our youth who are learning to lead worship
- Academic and career decisions being made by our older students, and for wisdom for our counselors as they provide guidance

Thank you for providing the cold water - and so much more - that means good news for vulnerable children of Taiwan!

"Like cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a distant land." Prov. 25:25 (NASB)

