



## Taiwan Mission Trip 2013~2014

### About The Trip

#### *Introduction and Background*

In December 2012 and January 2013, eight young people from the Auckland Taiwanese Presbyterian Church and the Rev Dr Stuart Vogel spent a month in Taichung City, Taiwan on a mission trip focused on children, coordinated with the Rev Danny Chen, formerly the minister of Auckland Taiwanese Presbyterian Church.

In 2009, the Presbytery of Taichung of the PCT and the Northern Presbytery of the PCANZ established a partnership relationship and this mission trip was an expression of that. The mission was based at Wuri Church, which is a local Church in Taichung City.

The mission will take place again this year from around **15 December 2013** to the **15 January 2014**, exact dates to be confirmed.

#### *The Mission*

In 2012 we sent a team of young people to teach Basic English classes in 4 Public Elementary Schools in and around Taichung, which is a large city situated in the centre of Taiwan. The team had interactions with the children (aged 6 to 12) and staff of the schools. The team in 2012-2013 was generously welcomed and the mission was a great success.

This year we will be sending 2 teams into 4 Elementary Schools, with one school being an Indigenous School of the Bunun Tribe in the mountain area. The team will once again teach children about New Zealand life and culture. We will organize fun games and sports activities with the children, as well as share something about the Christian Faith and Virtues indirectly (as it is forbidden to talk about religion in public schools). Hopefully we could invite these children back to local churches in the area and give them the opportunity to hear the Gospel. On the weekends we will take part in Sunday services, Christmas services and other Church and youth activities. In our free time we will explore the Taiwanese culture and do some sightseeing.

#### *The Mission Team and Coordinators*

This year we are inviting 8 young people from any congregation in the Northern Presbytery who do not speak Mandarin and are not of Taiwanese background, and 8 young people from the Auckland Taiwanese Presbyterian Church (ATPC). This is so we can communicate in Mandarin as well as bringing more Kiwi diversity to Taiwan.

The Mission is administered by the Asian Council of the PCANZ on behalf of the Northern Presbytery.

The ATPC Coordinator is the Rev Mark Wen and the Taichung Presbytery Coordinator is the Rev Danny Chen.

The overall coordinator for the programme and for the non-Taiwanese participants is the Rev Dr. Stuart Vogel.

The Asian Council Representatives are Mr. Peter Lin and the Rev Han Kyoung Gyun



### *To Join the Team*

- You need to speak English
- Love children
- Be able to work in a team
- Be prepared serve Christ and share the Christian faith
- Consent and support from your Church Council

### *Orientation*

We anticipate having the team to get together on every Sunday afternoon in October 2013, for you to get to know the team, and to prepare you for this mission. This will involve preparing teaching material, activities and games for lessons. Learning and practicing praise and worship songs (some in simple Mandarin as well as English), and gathering presentation material in regards to New Zealand culture and the Christian faith which will be used in church services, activities as well as in classes.

### *Finance*

Accommodation and food will be prepared by the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan.

Current airfare to Taiwan is around \$1,500.

- The Asian Council will be funding 1/3 of your airfare.
- Your own congregation will need to fund 1/3 of your airfare.
- You will need to fund 1/3 of your airfare.

The Asian Council is committed and hopes that no young person who is selected to go will be prevented from doing so, because they and/or their congregation cannot fund this mission.

In any case if funding is an issue for you and/or your congregation, please apply anyway and raise the matter confidentially with Rev Dr Stuart Vogel, or ask your minister to do so.

To apply please first discuss with your minister first and then fill in the application form below and send by [post](#) to the Asian Ministries Centre or [email](#) to the Rev Dr Stuart Vogel.

Applications Due 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Applicants will be informed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2013.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact:

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### Application Form

Personal Details			
Name		Gender	Male / Female
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	
Mobile Phone		Home Phone	
Email Address			
Physical Address			

Emergency Contact Details			
Name		Relationship to You	
Mobile Phone		Home Phone	

Health and Dietary Details	
Do you have any medical conditions or allergies?	
Do you have any special dietary needs?	

Church Details			
Church Name		Church Contact No.	
Minister's Name		Minister's Phone No.	
Minister's Email			

Church Council's Consent and Finance				
Do you have the consent of your Church Council?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Will your church be funding 1/3 of your airfares?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Will you be funding 1/3 of your airfares?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No



**About Yourself**

What are your interests and hobby?

Do you play any musical instruments? If yes what are they and how long have you been playing it?

What is your passion for Jesus Christ our Lord?

Why do you want to be a part of this mission trip?