

This content include one report from pastor Sheng-Tung Wu as well as three letters from a young lady who traveled with pastor Joy Wu prayer walking the City of Taipei in May of 2003.

Dear Partners,

I've talked to Joy once or twice a day since she arrived Tuesday (13th) morning our time. Following is a summery about what has happened in the past few days. Thanks for your prayer and please continue to pray. The war has been going on... .

1. Joy and Beth has walked and prayed over many hospitals and Government buildings. Wednesday afternoon, a few hours after they prayed, a man drove a suicidal truck carried 15 barrels of gasoline ran into the Ministry of Transportation & Communications building, caused explosion and fire. What's the effect of the prayer? Today, (Friday) the report said only one of the barrels of the gas. has exploded and no one in the building has injured.

2. They met one of our connections, a Mary-Kay direct-sell lady who has evangelized and disciple at least 35 women, found 'Light of Hope' helping single mothers and crisis pregnant women through power of the Gospel. After meeting with Joy, she decided to pull together some connections and write to 3 medias urging the Government not to play political games blaming one another but to fight as one for the chaotic situations. (Joy and I decided on the phone that we'll support this waking action with \$2000. US from China fund and they will raise the rest of whatever needed.)

3. There are other fruitful meetings have been going on. Masks Joy brought have sent to the school Joy is related to;/ a youth leader of the biggest church in Taiwan is hired by GCD (God's Corner Stone interior designer) which we have covering relationship with, connected with Beth. Beth had attended their meetings couple times; Joy met CRC (City Revival Church) core leader families. One of the leader George told me on the phone that "now we're ready to take the world..." obviously they were en-couraged.

As I'm writing, things are still going on everyday.

God is at work, let's catch up!!

Following are letters sent by Bethany Peters to her parents while she was traveling and prayer walking with Joy Wu. The letters reflect the excitement, a foreign perspective of Taiwan as a first visitor, they also reflect the move of God during the period of SARS in Taiwan.

Letter #1

Hi Mom,

You should see the keyboard I am typing on. It has at least 3 characters per key. I am really having a blast. Breakfast was sushi and some excellent fruit from an incredible buffet. The tea I drank was wonderful. Last night we ordered room service. I had some rice and fish soup which looked like it came right out of Iron chef. I am doing pretty well with chopsticks, although there is always a fork whenever I would want one. My goal is to become as skilled as I can with chopsticks while I am here. We took a walk around the block after breakfast. I was amazed! It looked a lot like the older places of New York, but still really upper class. Joy said that this was the older "less modern" part of the city and that she would take me to the newer districts later. It looked a lot like I had expected, with a lot of shops and bright signs advertising food electronics and everything else one could imagine, but what knocked me off my feet was the smell. Not in a bad way, but a wonderful one. Every place has a smell I have never smelled before. All the breakfast shops frying eggs and sausages with very different spices and all sorts of things I have never tried. There are all kinds of fruits I have never seen or imagined. Also, Joy is going to take me to an authentic afternoon tea at the hotel. I can't wait. I am having a wonderful time. I will Email you again soon

Bethany Joy Peters

Letter #2

from: "Bethany Peters"

Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 21:54:05 -0400

Hi mom and all the peters family and friends.

I love you so much

The past few days have been amazing. Yesterday was one of the best I have had so far. We started by getting up at 6:30 and prayer walking parts of the city. We went by the president's hall and went by several hospitals. There was some powerful prayer. After the hospitals we went to an older part of the city. It was really run down, a dirty and sad place. There were a lot of vendors along the alleys selling fruit, noodles and other items but despite that, it was a poor place. We found a small church and prayed for it a little, but we mostly cried out for the area and the people. Then we came home and took a shower. Man, was it hot that day, and those itchy masks were no help. Most of the time we wear them only on the public transportation but it was a good idea to wear them where we walked yesterday.

Then we went to a sort of cell group lead by the kindest, most wonderful woman I think I have ever met. I doubt that I could spell her name correctly, but it sounded like Jin Co. She leads a group of women leaders in the area. Her strength and beauty come from a wonderful confidence in who she is and in the Lord. It is this confidence that she imparts to the women under her and it is a wonderful thing to see. I had a ball listening to Joy share with these ladies. Most of them were able to speak pretty good English, (If they couldn't speak it they could understand it. I have found that to be the case with a lot of people here and I can communicate very well if I can pick up what they are saying.) Most of Joy's word and the conversation was in Chinese but Joy kept switching between Chinese and English so I could follow along really well. After Joy shared, we prayed for a few of the women. There were tears and laughing ect. It was wonderful to see. Then we

had lunch. Do you want to know what I had? Probably not, but I will tell you anyway. We had pork Dumplings (Ok) Noodle soup, (not bad) beef, the meat taken from right next to the liver (??) and small intestine (YUM!!!!) Actually it was pretty good (Thanks for the stomach prayers Carla) I enjoyed it all. I am getting really good with chopsticks. That evening I went to a youth prayer meeting with a friend I met that afternoon. (No I didn't see The Matrix last night. You saw it first. We will see it this afternoon, right after I finish this email.) All I can say is wow. I have found a group who moves in the same things we do. They pray in tongues for each other and lay hands on each other and pray in the spirit with a "take over the world" mentality for their country. They worship in spirit and in truth and freely express their hearts before the Lord. I really want to get to know these students better. I am going to a meeting this Saturday night. Pray for relationships and divine appointments for me. Before going to the meeting we visited a place where 24/7 prayer has been going on for over 2 years!!!!!! I am running out of time so ask me about it when I get back.

Joy wanted an early start this morning so we were up at 5:30! Our prayer walking today was focused on the presidential palace and the area around which is filled with government buildings. (We both believe that we should keep prayer walking every morning) It was really good, and it was not so hot today. Praise the lord! There was also some wind and a sprinkling of rain so it was quite pleasant.

Well, that is a pretty loose rundown of my last day and a half. Thanks for the patience in reading this monster e-mail. I love you all and will be praying for you. Please, keep praying for me. God is good and powerful. I will keep the reports coming as often as I can.

Bethany Joy Peters
Ambassador

Letter #3

From: "Bethany Peters"

Subject: The Kingdom is working

Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 22:26:45 -0400

Hi Mom, family and friends.

We are in our last days in Taiwan and they have gotten better and more amazing as they have progressed. Yesterday we went to an English school for children. They were all between the ages of 9 and 12 years old. They are beautiful kids, so full of life. Most of them come from poor and broken families. They are all so hungry to learn and jump at the opportunity to speak English. I was asked to speak simple sentences to the class and Joy would have them try to guess what I had said. I had been given a list of words and subjects they had studied, so I had a good idea of what they could understand. They knew family members, numbers, colors, and animals. I was really nervous, but it went well. I also read them a book in English. I was amazed at how well they followed. We also taught them responses to three questions: What is your name? How old are you? What is your favorite color? The children all got it really fast. As a prize for being able to answer all three questions Joy gave each child some of the hand sanitizer and a couple of the masks we had brought to donate to the kids. Many of their families cannot afford facemasks or sanitary supplies. The kids were ecstatic.

After that we went back to the motel and watched the news for a bit. Joy has had me read the newspaper every morning and watch the news as much as possible. She says the best way to learn about a society is to watch TV, and that we must understand what is going on in the nation to pray effectively. I agree. We had planned to go to a place called hot springs, I think it is a spa, after lunch, but while we were watching the news Joy sat that there was a Buddhist prayer meeting outside the city hall all day from about 5 that morning to 8 that night. There was no question about it. We both knew we wanted to be there. We took a cab to the city hall, and got out in front of the rather impressive building. It was not hard to find the meeting. There was a column of smoke from a large offering fire rising from a park across the street. It was quite a sight. Large crimson tents hung with trinkets, prayer flags hung from ropes all around, the deceitfully beautiful chanting of the Buddhist monks, and a fire for burning offerings of paper money and incense. As we walked across the park I prayed. I just said the name Jesus over and over. I guess it fits. After all, what are we there to do but proclaim the name of Jesus? What is the only thing that can set those people, this nation free? The name of Jesus. What else has the power to break the lie of the enemy in the eyes of the captives? Only His name. When we reached the other side of the park we sat down and I just started to weep. Maybe I could have stopped if I had relay tried, but I have learned that it is precious to God. I just cried and called out to God. I wept for a nation that is built on Buddha and other false gods, for a people who live in service to a lie of the enemy.

As we walked away God revealed to me that as I was weeping he was also weeping and that my crying and desire for change were but prophetic of His. I have faith that there was a change in the heavens and that the kingdom is indeed working.

We did some other fun things that day also but I need to go soon and will tell you about them later. Joy asked me to write you about what we will be doing today and ask you to pray. We will be meeting with Andrew, the prophetic head and pastor of one of the main churches we have ties with here in Taiwan. As background know that the Buddhist meeting was the first public religious response to the SARS epidemic. No one has been standing up and doing something about it, not even the church. Oh there have been more prayer meetings than you can count, but all from within the safety and privacy of the church's prayer rooms. This is a huge opportunity for the church to stand up and publicly pray, distinguish itself from the mass of other religions by going out in the midst of a terrified nation where no one else will go outside their temples. But they are not. This is a huge opportunity, which is being missed. Joy and I are met with surprise wherever we go. Several people have said that I was so brave for coming and they are deeply amazed that we would come. What a way to display the name of Jesus. And we are just two!! Do you see what a chance for the kingdom in Taiwan!!!

So, Joy is going to charge Andrew, in front of his team to do something and raise the kingdom in his own land. Joy wants people to be praying. Tonight at 6:00 pm (six am in us time) is when we meet for dinner. Please pray. This is a massive opportunity. So many people could have the chance to see the kingdom and the church acting and crying out for them in the name of Jesus!!! So pray, pray that Andrew accepts the word and is given wisdom to act on it along with his leadership team.

Thanks for reading. I know this was a long e-mail. I love you all and miss you so much. Ok, this just in. As I was wrapping up my e-mail God just worked a miracle, and Joy wants me to tell you. A woman with whom Joy is good friends is an interior designer.

She is trying to get a massive job for the motel in which we are staying. She has already done some work for them but the company is trying to worm their way out of giving her the job and is trying to get her work for free. That is darkness trying to rob the kingdom of its work, and its money! Well, she just got a call from a large company who will join with her to bid for the job! This company will provide her with personnel and finances and equipment. This is the kingdom competing for one of its own in one of the most competitive markets in the world. YES!! God is working where we are.

Ok, thank you so much for your patience. God is doing so much, and I have only begun to cover it all. May his peace and blessing be with you. I love you all so much and will be praying for you.

Bethany Joy Peters

Ambassador