

Letters From Chia Yi

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37



One thing that really frustrates me about CELA is the decision to let students opt out of classes. Normally, I would say this is a good thing, kids need to be kids: They shouldn't be in school all day. But parents use this to pull their kids out of Bible class. I have 19 students in sixth grade, yet I now only have one student coming on the days there is Bible. This is so frustrating as many students have great questions about Christianity and while I can answer them, Bible class gives me an opportunity to go deeper into the topic they want to discuss.

With that being said, there is one benefit to my frustration. Since David is the only student that comes to Bible class, we spend a lot of time chatting. This semester he has brought up many good questions and thoughts about Christianity. One of his thoughts after we did a study on forgiveness was that if everyone forgave each other and meant it then there would be a lot less problems in the world. While David is not one of my harder working students and I usually have to remind him about homework or other things he needs to turn in (which reminds me of how I was of a student incidentally) it's times like these that I am amazed.



David and Michelle enjoying a card game in class.

This week we were talking about what we believe and David says "I believe in Jesus." I was elated when I heard this news. I knew he had questions and through Bible class he was actively seeking answers to the questions, but I did not know where he stood in his faith. Then he continued, but "I believe other gods too, if Jesus not real others can save me. I think all are the same." This quickly killed my enthusiasm. I tried to explain that other gods are not the same, yet David did not see it the same way.

In this modern world, where relativism is so prevalent it is difficult to combat even with facts from the Bible. I hope the Spirit will continue working on David's heart and he will see that Jesus is the only true savior and all these other gods are false hopes. I am grateful that I can talk with David one-on-one and have a more candid approach than the usual class discussion that comes up when there are more students in the class. Even in my frustration there is joy to be found. It's amazing what God can do!

I will be in America from June 27th to August 12th, if you would like me to speak at your church or other function please contact me via email or Skype. I would like to thank you all for your prayers and other forms of support you have given me throughout this year.

Prayer Requests

For my students as they graduate from E6 and move onto junior high that they continue seeking answers to their questions about God.

As funding for next year has increased greatly, that I receive the needed amount to continue my work here in Taiwan.

Strength for this last month before the end of the school year. I sure need it!

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