



2009 Taiwan Trip

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Trip to Taiwan

- Our trip lasted from May 14 to 28.
- We were mostly in Taipei, with four days in Taichung.
- I was accompanied by Lee Copeland, and we were led by Wright Doyle, who was already in Taiwan.
- Purposes:
 - Survey religious situation in Taiwan
 - Speaking
 - Sightseeing

Companions

- Dr Wright Doyle
 - Director of China Institute and Global China Center
 - Fluent in Mandarin Chinese
 - Taught for many years in Taiwan
- Rev Lee Copeland
 - Member of Wright's board
 - Pastor of Faith Bible Fellowship, Farmville, VA

Taiwan

- Taiwan is an island in the Pacific Ocean some 80 mi off the SE coast of China.
- It is about 250 mi long and 90 mi wide, with a population of 22.9 million.
- Taipei, its capital, has a population of 2.6 million.

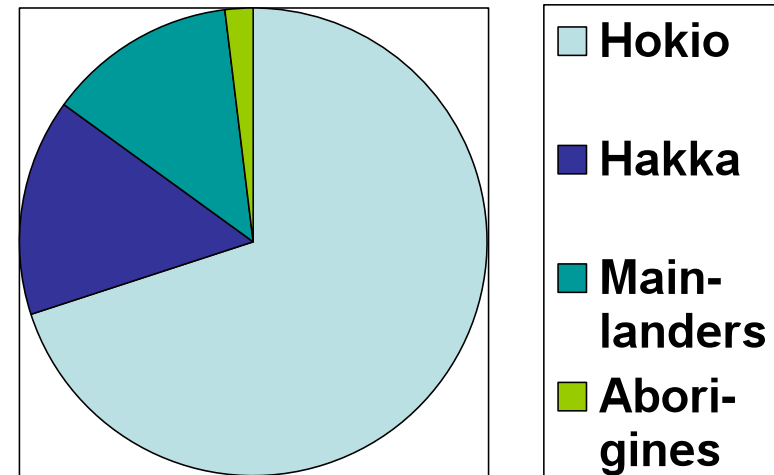


Taipei

Taichung

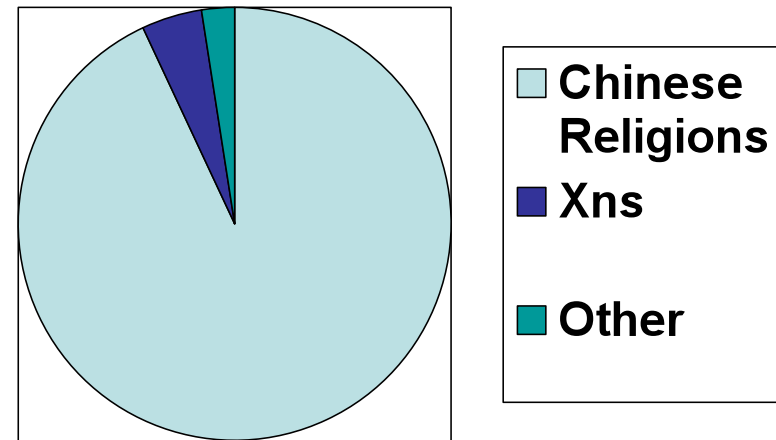
Taiwan Ethnic Groups

- The people of Taiwan are 98% Han Chinese and 2% Aborigines.
- The Han Chinese can be divided into two groups which have been there for centuries, and the Mainlanders who came over with Chang-kai Shek.



Taiwan Religion

- Most of the people on Taiwan (93%) follow a Chinese combination of Buddhism, Confucianism & Taoism.
- About 4.5% are Christians, of which 2.6% are Protestant.



The Trip Over

- Thursday, May 14:
 - Depart Charlottesville, VA 11:22 am
 - Depart Washington Dulles 1:10 pm
 - Cross International Date Line 8:10 pm
- Friday, May 15:
 - Arrive Tokyo 2:55 pm
 - Depart Tokyo 6:36 pm
 - Arrive Taipei 8:30 pm
 - Reach China Evangelical Seminary 11:05 pm, where we stayed May 15-21

The Trip Over







Saturday, May 16

- Breakfast at Starbucks near Taipei 101 with Ken & Lillian Huang & kids
- Up to top of Taipei 101, then the tallest building in the world
- To Taipei RR station to get tickets for Taichung trip next week
- Dinner at Cuckoo Café near seminary





Sunday, May 17

- To Xindian by rapid transit, then by car to Hua Cheng Covenant Church
- Wright preaches in Mandarin on Ephesians 5:20
- Lunch at church, speaking with various members
- Dinner in room at seminary with Jason & Christie Truell and children





Monday, May 18

- Tour of Far East Broadcasting Co Taiwan by Director Philip Chen
- Lunch at Cottonfields Restaurant with Michael & Hong Chao, recent grad of CES and former schoolteacher, now working at New Birth Church
- Time with David Wei, Prof of NT at CES
- Dinner at Peking Restaurant





Tuesday, May 19

- Meeting with Wesley Hu, Prof of OT and my translator for my talk on Thursday
- Out for walk
- Visit to Chang Kai-shek Memorial, walk thru park there
- Dinner in room
- Prayer time with Truells





Wednesday, May 20

- Wright preaching in Mandarin at CES chapel
- Lunch at CES with faculty
- Visit to Grand Hotel, fruit tea & cookies with live music
- Dinner in apartment
- Time of prayer with Truells







Thursday, May 21

- Meeting with Andrew Butler, CES faculty, former director of OMF
- I give my PP talk “Another Jesus” in CES chapel
- Afternoon free
- Depart Taipei 7:15 by rail
- Arrive Taichung 9:31
- Arrive Ren Meei Hotel 9:45 (for four nights)



Andrew
Butler, CES
Faculty,
former
director of
OMF

A photograph of a wolf standing in a field of dry grass and small plants. The wolf is wearing a bright yellow, shaggy sheepskin costume that covers its back and head, leaving only its face, legs, and tail visible. The wolf is looking down and to the right.

Another Jesus?

False Messiahs Then & Now

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Friday, May 22

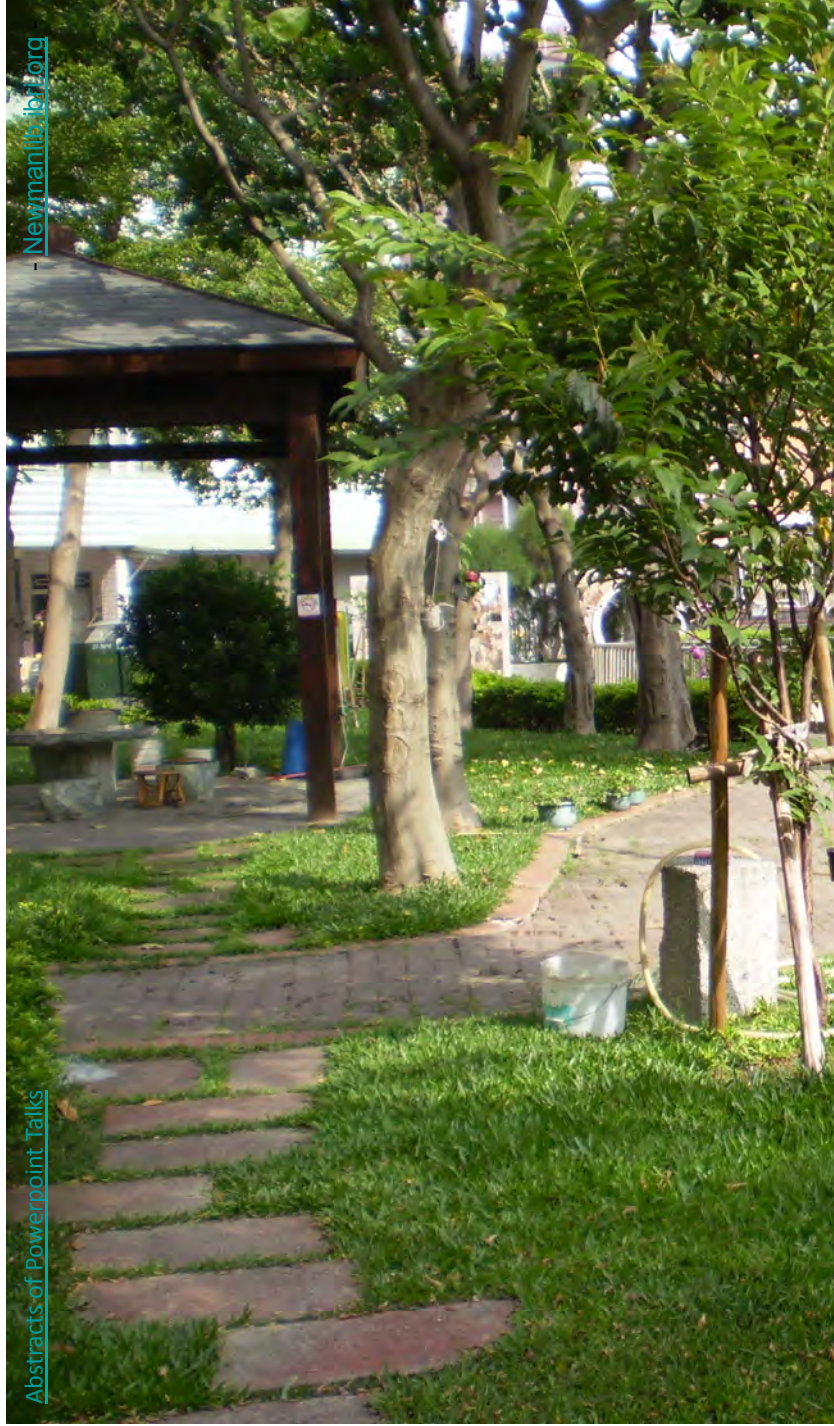
- Met Daniel Wu, Prof of NT at CTTS, and had tea with President Chen
- PP talk “Another Jesus” at CTTS chapel
- Lunch (an 8-course meal) at Lian Gin Japanese Restaurant w/ two faculty and student leader
- Walking in neighborhood
- Dinner w/ Cole Carnesecca at Gifts Cafe





Saturday, May 23

- Morning: meeting with Richard Chang
- Out walking, shopping
- Afternoon: meeting with Margaret Chen, a student at CTTS, though in her 50s
- Dinner at Ours Bagel & Pasta Restaurant with Cole Carnesecca, discussing church in Taiwan





Sunday, May 24

- To Luce Chapel at Tunghai University, for morning service
- At Christian Center after service with chapel speaker & university chaplain
- In office of David Newquist, prof of physics at Tunghai and IBRI member; got copies of *What's Darwin?* in Chinese
- Dinner at Ours Pasta & Bagel; gave them copy of *WD?* for their reading shelf







Monday, May 25

- Morning: back to Taipei by train
- Now staying at Howard Intl House Hotel
- Out walking in neighborhood
- Dinner at Chinese restaurant of right sort (cheap!)
- At Christian bookstore near National Taiwan University





Tuesday, May 26

- Time with Randy Adams cancelled, so out walking
- At Campus Bookstore (Christian, near Taiwan Natl Univ), bought Scripture wall scroll in Chinese
- Lunch at CES cafeteria w/ Dr Robert Chang, teaches counseling at CES
- Rest of day free



Wednesday, May 27

- At OMF prayer meeting; talk with Andrew Butler
- Lunch at CES with President Dr Paul Lai
- Train to Danshuei, touring Ft San Domingo and former British Consulate
- Dinner at McDonald's in Danshuei









Thursday, May 28

- 10:20 am – Depart Taipei
- 1:46 pm – Arrive Tokyo
- 4:16 – Depart Tokyo
- 3:28 pm – Arrive Washington Dulles
- 6:43 – Depart Dulles
- 7:04 – Arrive Charlottesville
- 8:15 – Home!





The End

Pray for Taiwan