2009
Taiwan Trip
Robert C. Newman
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.
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
Taipei 101

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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
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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
Another Jesus?
False Messiahs Then & Now
Robert C. Newman
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
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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