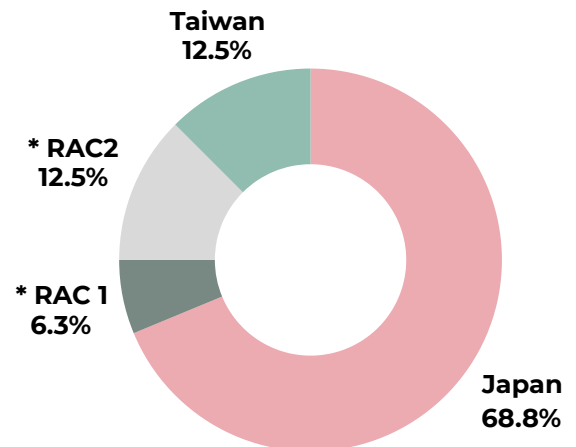




Southeast Asia

In this summer edition of the 18.26 Network Newsletter, we will feature a family who lives in Taiwan, a country with numerous Buddhist and pagan temples, where Christianity accounts for only a small portion of the population. Taiwan* is part of our **Southeast Asia region** (see map). This region has the second largest number of 18.26 Network missionaries with Japan accounting for nearly 70% of our vocational missionaries in Southeast Asia.



*RAC=Restricted Access Country

Our 18.26 Network Southeast Asia COO, *Andrew Duncan*, praises God for the growth seen in Japan in the last years and asks that God would send new workers to the other countries of this region. Your prayers for this and for the opposition to the gospel faced in this region are appreciated.

Member Highlight | John and Irene in Taiwan

John and Irene are rooted in Taiwan with their three kids where they help publish a Christian magazine and video series, assist a local church and teach English. Because part of their work involves Christian media broadcast into closed countries, they have been asked not to share details about their employer. Below, John shares their diverse ministry updates as well as some of their personal ones, followed by prayer requests.

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When Irene and I met, we were both seminary students at Westminster Seminary California, and after getting married five years ago and having our first kid (Elijah, 4), we moved to Taiwan three years ago, where we've had two more kids! Hope (3) and Micaiah (1).

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Local Church and Work Outreach

Baptisms! A mother and her two sons were baptized just before Easter! Praise the Lord! The church continues to rebuild and extend love to the local community. Through a coffee ministry and multiple English classes on the weekends, lives are brought into the orbit and love of Christ's body here. As a side note, we are the closest church (proximity-wise) to the Military headquarters, and we pray to have a gospel impact on the members of the Armed Services here.

"We are really praying that as para-church missionaries, we can help the church in Taiwan heal internally and be knit together in the love of Jesus."

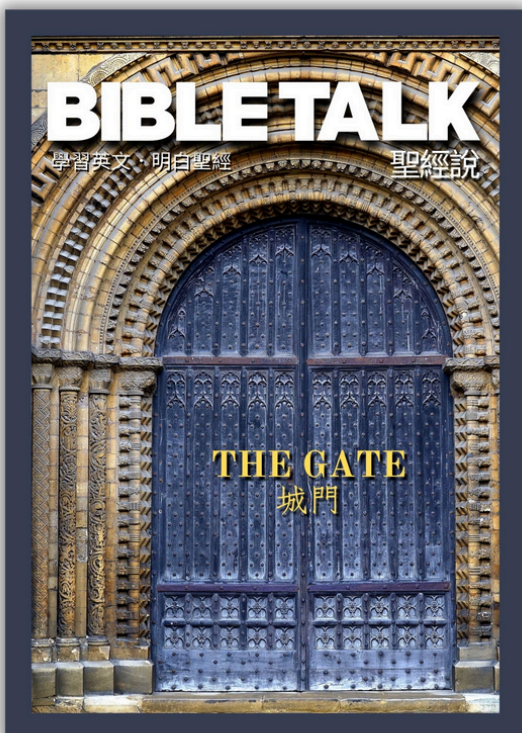
We've also started a little Sunday school/preschool time for the kids during the main sermon. We are covering the essential Bible stories during the main sermon, and returning to worship together with the adults. Our class is tiny, with our tiny three and two other boys (who were just baptized!)



"English and the Bible have been partners since the time of William Tyndale, and serve as the bait and hook (respectively) of much of our gospel outreach."

At the work front, I teach three weekly English Bible studies that seek to upbuild and to evangelize students of all ages and walks of life. It is a joy to "dine" on God's Word and watch it renew hearts! In our media ministry, we continue to dedicate time to running a small YouTube channel designed to use English learning to teach the Bible. The season has also begun where we prepare a theater show for Christmas outreach and run several kids camps.

New Print Ministry



Irene and I have finished a new English-learning gospel magazine. It is a "coffee table" magazine designed to draw Chinese-speaking English students into contact with the Word of God! So far we have distributed around 6,000 free copies throughout Taiwan, and the demand keeps growing! The goal is to provide an outreach devotional magazine that is BOLD about Christ and full of joy, beauty AND English learning! This may sound odd, but the response has been quite positive.

"Taiwanese people are highly educated, and well aware of the advantage of being bilingual, and we hope this opens doors to talk about Jesus!"

If you want to support **Bible Talk** in print, each copy costs less than forty cents, and every penny will go directly to printing and shipping! To arm Taiwanese Churches with Bible Talk, earmark donations here:

<https://www.1826network.com/team/t1%26t2>



Personal updates

It's been great adjusting to Taiwan, since it's like a homecoming for Irene, who has seen several friends turn to Christ. She's currently also revising an international children's ministry curriculum. Obviously, plenty of culture shock seasons for me, but God keeps helping me with my Chinese, to the point where I can convey the basics of the gospel (while full-time work from day one in Taiwan has kept me out of the classroom). Grateful to God! As for our children, every day is a joyful, stressful, beautiful battle! They have brought so much joy to the elderly congregation of which we are part! Grandma Rhonda, my mom, lives with us and is a daily blessing to our family. She is learning Chinese, teaching English, and leading college kids to the Lord! All that while working with the Christian broadcast organization, helping the whole team reorient around gospel proclamation, a real answer to your prayers for Taiwan!

Prayer Requests | *John and Irene*



- *Focus on Christ! Let no busy-ness turn us from Mary into Martha.*
- Knowledge from the Holy Spirit. Let God be sovereign AND un-resisted in all our planning!
- *Mission cohesion. May the Christian broadcasts' team (and various church teams we work with) be of one accord and labor side-by-side and of one mind in all we do by God's help!*
- Pray for Christ to be glorified in the kids' summer camps we are running, and for strength and unity in the Holy Spirit for our team!

News | *Jud Lamos on the 2025 General Assembly*



Tom Nachtergaele, COO for the 18.26 Network/Europe and Roland Matthews, Senior Pastor at Drapers Valley PCA

We were blessed to have a very high traffic area for our booth at the PCA's General Assembly. We were right across from the Crossway Books booth and diagonally across from the Greenville Seminary booth. Just beyond that booth was Geneva's booth and MTW's booth. All great company for us.

General Assembly, by the nature of its business, is a very different event than the Global Missions Conference and we typically see a different kind of interest in what we do. Each year, however, we see more and more exposure turning into more and more interest. Thank you Lord!

As well as walk by contacts, we were able to connect with people who went out of their way to meet, reconnect and strategize about greater levels of partnership. Eight new people joined our prayer ministry for our members for which we are very grateful. Thanks for your prayers for this important time at GA.

