

Testimony of 2023 Taitung Mission

· Joanna Peng



What a magical mission trip it has been. I never expected to lead the mission team to Taitung. I had no prior experience in doing something like this. We had twelve members, with five of them being youth and four being first-time participants in a mission trip. Did I suddenly become a mother, taking a trip with these kids and have fun? I am wondering about God's purpose for me and this team. From responding to God's call and attending training meetings to being ready to go and seeing it through to the end, this ex-perience was far more than just a physical adventure; it was a spiritual challenge.

“ The motto of this VBS was “Facing Fear, Trusting God.” I shared this message with the children, but where was my own faith? “Dear Heavenly Father, You are my creator and you know me better than I do.

Please give me enough wisdom and patience to deal with those unknow situations and to communicate well with others.” This prayer was frequently repeated before and during the mission. God's word came as a comfort: “It is the Lord who goes before you; he will be with you, he will not take away his help from you or give you up: so have no fear.---Deuteronomy 31:8” Such a gracious promise from God which makes me more than I can be. I am finite, but God is infinite.

By the end of this mission trip, I realized that the youth are more great than I expected and those who participated for the first time were well prepared. “We are the clay, You are the potter, we are all the work of your hand.”--- Isaiah 64:8. Only God knows what we are and what we can do.

This mission trip taught me that true fulfillment comes from serving others, embracing diversity, and opening your heart to the beauty of the world. I am incredibly grateful for the chance to be a part of this journey.

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· Michelle Cheng

Several years ago, when I watched the video of Taitung VBS mission trip in

GBC. I saw a lots of kids with smiling face and participating the activities. I made up my mind that one day I will join this mission to share the Gospel with kids in the east coast. Thanks God! This summer I have no travel plans. When I knew the Taitung mission team was recruiting members. I filled the application form right away. After interviewing, I be-came the team member of 2023 Taitung Mission.

I had participated several times of Taipei VBS mission which is well organized and has a lot of co-works. But Taitung VBS mission is different, we are small group and some of team members are youth. This year I am in charge of craft site. I am not skillful in craft and don't have much experience in making craft. Thanks God again! Just like the Bi-ble said: I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

Through 5 training meeting, all the team members worked together and supported each other. We were ready to go. In the beginning, the kids in Taitung were very

shy. After three days intensive activities, kids really enjoyed all the activities. They were very aggressive to memorize verses to get stickers. In the closing time, they were



moving their bodies with music and singing very loudly. They were eager to answer questions. When the teachers shared "ABC" and asked for their responses. Most of kids raised their hands and willing to believe in Jesus. Look at those pure faces, I was so touched. Thanks God to pick me up to be his servant to share the Gospel with these kids in Taitung. I really enjoyed this mission trip.

May all the glory to GOD!

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· Megan Yang

This year's mission trip was my very first mission trip. Before the mission trip, I was very excited but also a little bit nervous about the trip. I learned so much throughout the whole camp such as relying on God, knowing that He is always with us and that He controls everything. I am so grateful to be able to join. Although there may be highs and lows throughout the whole trip, I still learned a lot.

My best moment was when all the kids started to open up. I was afraid that the kids won't listen to me, I would forget what to

say, and lots of other worries. But once I got on stage, I realized that it wasn't that hard. I saw how the kids enjoyed every moment of the classes. I saw how they worked hard to memorize the Bible verses. God is always in control!

Although it's tiring, it was worth it. I saw how God used each different team member to successfully complete this mission trip. Thank God for giving me this opportunity to serve Him !



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· Rylie Lim

Hello everyone! My name is Rylie, today I will be sharing my testimony about this year's Taitung VBS mission trip. This is actually my third time serving with the Taitung VBS mission trip, one thing that is different is that this year I went by myself without my family. The past two mission trips, I wasn't an official GBC member yet, I just accompanied my parents who were the team leaders that time and assisted in crafts site. This year, since the pandemic has ended and restrictions related to Covid are no longer imposed, by God's grace, we were able to send a team to Taitung again and hold a bilingual camp for the local kids.

This year's theme is Colossal Coaster World, which is also the theme for this year's VBS in GBC. Along the theme, the Bible story site talked about Paul's life as a Christian, how Paul obeyed God, and how he changed his heart, and the challenges he faced. These stories convey an important message, no matter how big a storm or a wave is, through God, we can face our fears, have courage, put our trust in Him and He will take care of the rest.

This is my first mission trip without my parents, and my first as an official GBC

member. This mission taught me how to be independent, no parents to wake you up in the morning, no parents to help you socialize with other people, no parents to sort out your problems...Being independent keeps me motivated, being able to do something on your own makes me proud of myself and motivates me to continue until I've reached the goal.

Well, this mission trip's goal is to share God's word and the stories of Jesus to the children in Taitung. Being able to accomplish that goal makes me thrilled and joyful, makes me have the desire to continue doing God's work. I've built a lot of friendships and relationships during this mission trip, with the Taitung kids, with the coworkers in Taitung, or with our team members. These people taught me how to love one another, taught me to be kind to one another, taught me to be patient with one another. Not only that, my relationship with God grew too, I've grown a bit, physically and spiritually. These experiences made me grow as a teenager and grow as a believer of Christ. Thus, one thing I greatly realize is that when you focus your attention and efforts to serve others, when you gladly give your time to others,



not only do you grow and mature, but you also feel wonderful. There is a sense of fulfillment that comes with serving and making other people smile.

God greatly helped us during this mission trip. He was with us every step of the journey, from the numerous training meetings until the very end of the VBS camp. I'm very thankful for our team leaders, for their hard work and their faithful example. I'm also very thankful for our team members, each and every one of you did an excellent job! We may have some disagreements or discouragements along

the way, but God is good, God was with us during those times. I thank God for giving me this opportunity to participate in this mission trip.

The feeling of serving God is truly indescribable. The things I learned, the people I worked with, the memories I've made, are all very special to me, I pray that next year, I'll be able to go back to Taitung to do God's work once again and continue to grow more and more in my walk with the Lord. Thank you!