

**FAST FACTS**

**Population:** 23 million

**Language:** Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese

**Religious Make-up:** 35% Buddhist, 33% Taoist, 19% Atheist, 4% Christian

**Climate:** Tropical



**THE NEED**

Taiwan has strong ties to traditional religion and a temple on every street. At the same time, many young people in Taiwan are turning toward a secular, atheist view of the world. Taiwan has very few Christians and many Christians are the only believer in their family. The southwest part of the island where our mission partners serve is the least evangelized part of Taiwan.

**THE OPPORTUNITY**

Concordia Middle School was founded in 1967 by LCMS missionaries. It is a private Chinese Christian school including grades 7-12. This ministry of the China Evangelical Lutheran Church employs foreign teachers to instruct thematic English classes and Bible (in English) to over 2000 students, most of whom are not Christian.

Concordia English Language Academy (CELA) was started in 2000 by LCMS missionaries. CELA has elementary grade levels from first grade to sixth grade as well as a Kindergarten (ages 3-5). Foreign teachers instruct Bible, phonics, reading, writing, and conversational English two or three times a week.

In addition to teaching, mission partners reach out with the Gospel through campus fellowship activities, ministry with the local partner Lutheran church, and other community connections.



**IN A MISSION PARTNER'S WORDS**

"In each of my classes I can see the faces of those who can't understand, who don't want to hear, who can't trust, who don't believe. And some days I just want to weep for them. But Jesus wasn't content to simply weep with the pain of seeing the lost and perishing. He continued to preach the Word with reckless abandon and to scatter love and grace with a prodigal hand. And then He surrendered those same prodigal hands to Roman nails and let Himself be buried in hard, rocky Jerusalem soil out of love for all those who would believe – and those who would never come to faith."

*- Emily*

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