

August 2020 Prayer Letter

Our last few updates went out as email text. In case you missed those, let me review. We received our renewed residence visas in early June. Walter was born May 12 with no complications. But we did run into a delay. Covid-19 effects included backing up passport applications since February. When we applied in June (after receiving his birth certificate), there were about 1.9 million applications waiting to be processed! However, we have good reason to think his passport may arrive by the end of August. Once we have his passport, we can apply for his visa to enter Taiwan with us. We hope to return in late September.



Walter is almost 3 months old already!

In our last email I asked prayer specifically for the summer teen camp that Cornerstone participated in. A highlight for us was hearing how many teens worked hard at memorizing Bible passages ahead of time to earn points.

The best testimony we heard about was from a young man who had become disinterested in God and His Word. But for camp he memorized Psalm 139. The Lord used that Psalm to challenge him and renew his interest in the things of the Lord.

We spent most of July in New England visiting partner churches. Our time in the States has been longer than we first anticipated, but we have so much to be thankful for. Among the many blessings is the joy of visiting almost all our partner churches in person. Brothers and sisters in the Lord have encouraged us in so many ways. We've also delighted in spending time with family and reconnecting with friends in ministry.

After one more meeting in Michigan (August 9), our schedule includes last visits with family, a long list of tasks to complete before returning to Taiwan, and the start of our homeschool year.

Here are some ways you can pray for us as we lead up to our return home.

- Pray for the timely arrival of Walter's passport, and the timely approval of his visa.
- Pray for Spirit-filling and grace for our family during the stresses of finishing our time in the States and then international travel.
- Pray we can find appropriately-priced flights with straight-forward itineraries.
- Pray for us as we resettle in Taiwan. We expect a mandatory two-week quarantine in our apartment upon arrival. Following the quarantine, we'll be resuming daily routines, resetting our brains to function in Mandarin Chinese again, reconnecting with friends – many of them unsaved, and making plans to move and begin evangelistic efforts toward a church plant.

With many thanks for your prayers,

the Bollon family

Brian, Erin, Isabel, Emmett, Arthur, Owen, and Walter

