

Sugg Mission Trip to Taiwan 4/16/2025

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[0 : 00] As I'm speaking tonight, there's some things we're going to be talking about that are kind of sensitive subjects, but I've changed them to be for little ears. So everything's little! ear friendly tonight. So some of the challenges that we met in Taiwan need to be handled delicately.

! So we'll be addressing that that way. Jeremiah 29 11 is a familiar verse to all of us, for I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope.

And this is echoed in the New Testament in Romans. We know that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord, who are called according to his purpose. He's got purposes, he's got plans, and he's got those purposes and plans for each of us. And as Christians, we know these things.

But in the daily work of life, where tires meet asphalt, what does that actually look like? So what's God calling us to do? What is he asking from us? What is he wanting us to do?

So thinking about that, I'd like for just for us to acknowledge as a group, something is happening here at our church. God's moving. God's doing something here. You've all seen it. Needs are being met. Lives are being changed. Hearts are being filled. It's wonderful to be a part of. It's just been astonishing to see what's going on here at War Trace Baptist Church. And my question in the midst of all this, and my question for you is also, where do I fit into this? Where do I fit into what God is doing in my life, in the life of the church? And what's he calling me to do? What's he calling you to do? This past year, as Billy Joe was praying for the church, he felt God leading him to five essentials for the church. Number one was to expand the kingdom of God. Number two was to equip the saints. Number three is to enhance the home. Four is to empower men. And five is to engage youth.

[2 : 33] And inside the church, there's a lot of opportunities to do that. In our own individual lives, there's opportunities to do that as we go outside the walls of the church. Sometimes, though, the opportunities that we have for ministry, we're not really aware of. So I want to take just a brief minute and tell you some of the opportunities that we do have. Nursery. We need people to take care, volunteer to take care of the babies during the service so that their exhausted parents can have a tiny bit of uninterrupted time to focus on worship and hearing the word of God without having to stop and take care of their little ones. Wednesday night, children's ministry. Our children's ministry is a vibrant part of this church. We see a lot of growth. There's a lot of amazing things happening here. And if you want to be involved in the area where we literally see the most salvations, the most life change in this church, the children's ministry is a wonderful place to be a part of. And that might be a good fit for you.

Greeters. When people visit the church for the first time, it would be wonderful for them to have just a friendly smile and a greeting and letting them know that they're welcome to come in. We've got people that have never been to church before in their lives. They're like, I feel like I should go, but I don't know anything about it. Or maybe there are people who've been out of church and they know they need to get back and they want to come back in, but maybe they're scared.

God welcomes the prodigals home. And if there's someone at the door to be that first meeting to them to say, hey, welcome. We are glad you're here. That's something that we can provide. So that's an opportunity. Maintaining landscaping outside the church. Ms. Shannon does an amazing job getting everything all set up and run, but we need to have some sort of a maintenance schedule to get that taken care of. If that's a gifting that you have or something that you feel you could contribute to, we could certainly use that at the church. Special events, the Easter egg hunt, the fall festival, a number of different special events throughout the year. Ideally, someone would say, hey, you know what? I think it's a fantastic way to reach the community. I've got some really great ideas.

I want to just kind of take over that if I can, just kind of take ownership of that. I'll get the volunteers together. I'll run the stuff. And I just, I want to see this impact the community. That's, that would be an amazing benefit to the church. There's volunteer opportunities at Blue Monarch.

Blue Monarch, they have, they have, there's teaching for skills classes. There's mentoring, helping with needs. There's a lot of needs at Blue Monarch. If that's something that resonates with you and you're like, hey, I can really, I think God's leading me in this direction and just pay attention to the Lord. He'll put that on your heart and just obey that and get in touch with Trisha and she can get you plugged in. The crisis pregnancy center. That's another big need that we have. There's, there's classes that can be taught there. There's, again, mentoring. There's, again, some of the skills training. Some of the, some of these young women and young families don't necessarily have this skills training. So that's another need. Park City Church in Utah, Anand Baptist Church, they're, they've got prayer needs. There's going to be more physical needs as we go throughout the year that we're going to have the opportunity to partnership with them in.

[6 : 02] And then this Taiwan mission trip that we're reporting on tonight, as well as others, this, the Taiwan mission trip has now fallen under the leadership of the New Duck River Baptist Association, Dr. Tim Key, the Lisey Association. We're going to be partnering with them, probably doing a lot more with this trip. So that's another opportunity. In addition to all these church-based ministries, God may be moving in your heart just where you are. Vicki, where are you, Vicki? Here you are. Ms. Vicki and I have something in common. We both work retail.

And Vicki is the, is a face of welcome for people that are moving to the community. And she sees people on a weekly basis. And she has the opportunity to speak into people's lives. And maybe God's calling you to be engaged, more engaged at your work, whether you work at, at Nissan or, or, or, or, or Justin's or wherever it is. Maybe you're a teacher. Maybe God's calling you to be more involved in your work. Maybe God's calling you to be more involved in your home. He's saying, look, you've, you've got all these little ones around you. I want you to be more engaged and be more intentional about how you interact with them. All this to say, God's doing something in War Trace Baptist Church.

What you're going to see tonight is a bit of what he's doing. So as all this is going, think about how can God use me? How is God using me? How can I press in more to what he wants me to do? We do have a special guest with us today. This is my father, Rob Sugg. I'm third. This is the fourth. This is junior right here. Um, and I'm going to talk about him for a little bit. Uh, not something he really likes for me to do, but I'm going to do it anyway. Um, he was a missionary for 20 years to Taiwan and my parents, Rob and Nan Sugg left to be church planters, um, left the United States to be church planters in Taiwan. Um, as part of the work there, he conducted a nationwide for the, for the country of Taiwan, um, church growth study encompassing the efforts of the Taiwan Baptist mission and the Chinese Baptist convention that resulted in the strategies that they use today. Um, he's written a commentary on the book of Acts. He has written a book on his experiences as a missionary in Taiwan and, um, started a church in Tainan, uh, Living Water Baptist Church. That's at the glass front there that has been itself started several other churches and sends ministry, sends missionaries overseas. The reason that daddy doesn't really like to be recognized only for what he's done is he says, well, that that's not really who I am. Um, he says, I'm just a country boy from Eupora, Mississippi. And he's got a lot more in common with Rodney and Jeremy and Billy Joe then, um, then, um, then a lot of the erudite learned philosophers out there. And he says, I just listened to what God asked me to do. And I said, yes, I would do it.

[9 : 35] Sorry, I got to stick to my notes or we're going to be here till midnight. Taiwan is a country filled with beautiful, gracious, lovely people, but it is a country that is lost. Only 3% of the country is Christians and only 10% have ever heard the true story about Jesus. Nominally Buddhist, Taiwan's religious landscape is a mixture of Taoism, Buddhism, and Confucianism that manifests itself in animism, which is essentially the worship of false gods like you read about in the Bible. And it's everywhere. This is a, um, festival that you would see on a street scene on a worship day. Um, this is people praying, uh, incense. They, they pray with incense and burn offerings, believing that, uh, burning these offerings, send their prayers up to God.

This is a pile of money that has been approved by the, and blessed by the temple that you can buy and then burn to send your, uh, blessings up to heaven to a false God.

And the temples are everywhere from little roadside temples like this to vast sprawling complexes that cover city blocks or entire mountainsides. And this is the backdrop against which Christianity is

being preached into. I just kind of want to set that stage for you to let you know this is where all this, uh, is happening. And so I'm going to ask Robert to come and give you a little bit more information about the Taiwan mission trip. But first off, I want to thank the church.

Thank you for, for sending us. Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for interceding for the students and the people that we interacted with and we ministered to, um, such a blessing to be able to go and such a blessing for our church to have hands extended to the opposite side of the world.

Robert. God is doing some exciting things in War Trace Baptist Church. And I was excited to be a part of this church's foreign ministry affairs. I'd like to start off by answering some questions that were asked by Sarah Schmied's class. Keegan wanted to know, why did they go? Thank you for that question, Keegan. Um, we wanted to go because in Taiwan, very few people know about Jesus and we wanted to tell them about Jesus. And the place that we went to tell people about Jesus is very special. It was in schools.

[12:24] Now in Taiwanese schools, just like in most American schools, teachers are not allowed to tell their students about Jesus. But in Taiwan, there is a big push to teach English across the curriculum.

People in Taiwan don't speak English. They speak Mandarin, Chinese, Hakka, or an Aboriginal dialect. But since the Taiwanese schools all have English classes, we are allowed to go into these schools and teach an English language and culture class.

And when we teach it, we tell them about an important American holiday that's celebrated, and it is Easter. And that's the story that we teach them through, which is really all about Jesus.

So we have the opportunity to give a full gospel presentation from creation through the birth, through the birth, crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And for the majority of the children, this is the first time that most of them have ever heard the gospel. Now Jack wanted to know, how many children did they teach? Thank you for that question, Jack. The truth is, I don't know.

We lost count somewhere through the week, so I don't have the exact numbers. Last year, we taught about 730. This year was less, but I don't know the exact number. Archer asked, did they teach adults?

[14:02] Thank you, Archer. Yes, we did teach adults. In every class, there was at least one teacher. And sometimes the other teachers and other school administrators would come into the class and they'd listen in. Most of these teachers are not Christians. And for many of them, it is the first time that they've ever heard the gospel, too. Last year, when we had finished teaching one class, we were gathering our equipment to leave, and the teacher came and she asked if she could have a copy of the material that we were teaching, so that way she could keep it for reviewing the vocabulary words with the rest of her class. So God is using someone who's not a Christian to teach the gospel to a classroom, which is, that's just amazing. Lauren Kate wants to know, did the kids like this story?

Thank you, Lauren Kate. I think some of the kids like the story, and some of the kids were just squirrely and rambunctious, the way kids can be. I had props for the story, like a palm branch to wave for the triumphal entry and nails to show for the crucifixion. But I want to tell you about a specific moment in the story. Remember, they have never heard of Jesus before.

I started by telling them about Jesus' birth, about the miracles that he did, how he healed people, and how he fed the 5,000. And they began to really like Jesus. And then I told them about the last supper. For the last supper, I held up a piece of bread and quoted Jesus, Jesus, this is my body, which will be broken for you. And I tore the piece of bread.

And when I did that, the whole class gasped. Because, because they realized for the first time that Jesus, who was this amazing person who they had seen do all these things, and they were beginning to fall in love with, this was the first time they had the thought something bad is going to happen to this man. Because they didn't know he was going to be crucified.

They didn't know that he was going to die. And just, that was just mind-boggling to me because they, it was the very first time that they were hearing about it. And to be able to have that gift to tell others is just, it's, it's amazing. Now, Nolan asked, how many people gave their life to Christ?

[16:49] And the truth is, I don't know. Since this was a classroom and a secular school, we are not allowed to ask people if they want to come up and ask Jesus into their heart. They did allow us to offer copies of the Bible to anyone who wanted one. And almost every student took a Bible home

with them.

It is probably the first time that a Bible has ever been in their house. The week after we came home, we learned that two people did give their life to Christ, but we don't know who they were or if there were people that we saw or if we talked to them.

Last year, my dad, my dad had a mother come up to him and thank him for sharing the gospel with the kids. She heard the gospel one time when she was six years old and she became a Christian based on that one time of hearing the gospel so many years ago. So there is hope that some of these kids will give their life to Christ.

So one of the things that we did not get the opportunity to do last year that I really wanted to do was to spend some time with the local leadership, spend some time with the local pastors, talk to them about their work, kind of brainstorm with them, get ideas and see where they were, pray with them, maybe prayer walk through their communities.

It's something I really just really wanted to do that and didn't get the chance to. And before we went, they asked, well, what are some of the things you want to do while you're here?

[18 : 22] And I thought about bringing that up, but I was like, you know what? The volunteers and missionaries there are doing so much work and their schedules are so packed already. I'm not going to bring it up. If it happens, it happens.

And as we were in the plane flying over there, Robert said, Daddy, you know, I've been praying a lot about this trip. And I kind of feel like this trip is going to be a little bit different than last year, but I feel like wherever he has us and whatever we're doing, we're going to be doing exactly what he wants us to do.

So shortly after we landed, we were talking to one of our key ministry volunteers, volunteers, and she came up to us and said, I'm so sorry, but we've had a couple of schools cancel on us.

So during that time, if it's okay, we're going to take some time and go visit with the local pastors and prayer walk with them and talk to them about their ministries.

So God did really provide exactly what he wanted us to do. One of the additional things that we did was to speak to several different groups of students.

[19 : 35] We spoke to a group of high schoolers in a church and to groups of university students on their campuses. I have to pause and say a special thank you to Women on Mission.

At the beginning of my first semester at college, I received a note from Women on Mission that had a small gift in it and a message that said that they would be praying for me during my time at school.

And boy, did I need it. One class I had a teacher who was trying to convince myself and the whole class that Christianity was a myth. And I and one other student were the only ones that stood up to him.

There were other Christians in the in the class, I think. But we were the only ones that that stood up and said anything about it. And it was a it was it was a really hard time.

But it was a blessing knowing that I had the prayer support of my family and Women on Mission. That was a strength that I that God gave me that I could carry with me.

[20 : 46] It was truly a special strength from the Lord. When we spoke to the youth group in Taiwan, I was able to share with them some of the challenges that I faced when I was going to college.

And I could help them try. I could I helped them. I helped equip them for success by letting them know of my experiences and how to keep your faith in the midst of a hostile environment.

Another great experience we had was an English language practice class that was facilitated by some local missionaries. They invited us as special guests to the class and were able to help facilitate their discussions as we went over the curriculum, which was in English.

But it was also Christian material. And when we walked into the room and discovered that the material that they were using was produced in part by members of the Wartrease Baptist Church, I was very surprised.

The work of Wartrease Baptist Church members had beat us to the other side of the world. And they were already using it in their classes to teach people about Christianity.

[22 : 00] The curriculum that they were using was the Christian movie The Forge, which Crimson Rose and Colt worked on. So that was another very special full circle moment for me.

Robert was quite popular on the college campuses. All the students wanted to speak to him, and it was great for me to see him leading them in prayer.

One of the challenges for this specific ministry going forward is continuing to be allowed into the schools. There began to be some pushback from teachers and administrators, not necessarily or not as much from the religious nature of the material, but because some American groups have begun to call Christianity intolerant and bigoted due to Christian teachings affirming marriages as between a man and a woman, and that men are men and that women are women.

And this is actually the reason that two of the schools canceled this year. If there's a hint of controversy, they just don't want to be involved. Thankfully, I just got news like three days ago that they have since added in a whole raft of new schools, and now they're trying to get enough volunteers to get into these schools.

So it's actually God's blessing is there. So as a result, we made a very specific effort to be very gracious and thankful to the teachers and administrators who led us into their schools.

[23 : 34] One of the school principals was very glad to have us. She gave a special reception and a lunch for us. And after school, she took us on a walking tour of the school's special programs and the attractions in the local area.

And she's not a Christian. She's not a Christian at all. She's heard the gospel, but she has not yet received it. She's not a believer at this time. So we want to be very sensitive to her level of interest in the gospel and also very thankful of her allowing us to come back and teach at her school.

So as the tour drew to an end, the local missionary who was with us pulled me aside and said, I know you've already walked about six miles today.

She wants to take us on a walk up the mountain to a Shinto shrine from the period of Japanese colonization. Are you up for that?

And I said, if it's going to improve the relationship here, let's do it. So we were in for another mile and a half up the side of a mountain. But it did help deepen that relationship with that school principal.

[24 : 43] This is a picture of Pastor Ming Da Chen. You wouldn't know it by looking at him, but he's a graduate of UAB. And he has degrees in physics and computer science there.

And God called him to preach in Taiwan. And so he felt led to go back to church, go back to Taiwan, start a church there. He prayed extensively about where to start a church.

And God led him to the blue collar area of Yinka, which is outside Taipei, which is the largest city in Taiwan. It has a population of 80,000 people.

And in that area of 80,000 people, there was not one church. There's just over 50,000 people in Bedford County.

So if you take Bedford County, you add in Fayetteville, Lynchburg, and Tullahoma, no church. That's what it looks like over there.

[25 : 49] That's how lost the country of Taiwan is. Pastor Ming's church, this is it right here. It has now been open for about eight years. After eight years of hard work, he has 30 members, 30 Christians, and a community of 80,000 people.

One of the ways he conducts outreach is through volunteering to teach at local schools. Since he has graduate degrees from American University, the local schools are begging him to come and teach, and to teach anything.

And so he has used that platform as an open door to reach out and to minister there in the schools. This is one of the schools that he teaches at. It has about 1,000 students and 75 teachers and administrators.

We spent some time prayer walking and praying for their ministry there at this school. He's been working there for eight years. His current prayer is for one Christian, one student, one teacher, one administrator, one parent to come to the Lord.

Because if he gets one, that's an open door, and he can start with that. This is another school nearby that we spent some time praying there as well. And nine months ago, one grandmother became a Christian, and she is currently being disciplined.

[27 : 11] So he's very happy to have one person in the school who is also a Christian, and he believes that God is going to provide a great harvest from his work in Yinka. Many of you know that there was an opportunity on this trip that was a bit unique, not something we would have expected.

And it involved helping a ministry assisting human trafficking victims. When my parents served in Taiwan, one day a lady walked into the church and asked my mother if she would come to her house and teach her about the Bible.

So my mother readily agreed, and when the time came around, she showed her at the apartment building. The lady began calling up the stairs, and the doors opened, and a number of ladies came down to be a part of the Bible study.

And that was when my mother realized that she was leading a Bible study in a brothel, and the lady who had approached her was the madam. And she taught as long as they would let her teach. They wouldn't come to the church, but they would allow her to come and teach there. So when my son and I had the opportunity to visit Pearl Family Garden last year, it was another of those full circle moments for me.

[28 : 26] It's a multi-campus ministry ministering to the ladies that work in the red light districts in Taiwan. And they work in the tea houses, we'll say.

That's what they're nominally listed as, that are up and down the strip. And they have a, they bought a building right in the middle of it. So they're right smack dab in the middle of it. And seeing the type of ministry that my mother was participating in when she was in Taiwan, and other missionaries, Angie Goldman, Susan Thompson, who my father met with last week.

She lives up in Knoxville. Seeing this type of ministry still going on was quite a poignant moment for me, in that I was glad the work was still going on, but I was saddened to see that it was still so needed.

At the end of last fiscal year, there were some funds available in War Trace Baptist Church that were available for designation for missions.

And the church voted to give a portion of these funds to Pearl Family Garden to support their outreach and their rescue mission in Taiwan. In preparation for this year's trip, when I was speaking with one of the key volunteers, she mentioned there was a need for a new type of outreach.

[29 : 45] Pearl Family Garden does a good job of reaching the older ladies, but their traditional methods are not able to reach the younger ladies, specifically the underage. The idea is to reach them where they are, which is on social media.

And when she mentioned that to me, I just kind of felt that tug in my spirit, that little push in my spirit, just a little nudge from the Lord. Lord, you should help out with that. Have you ever heard the saying, God doesn't need your ability, he needs your availability?

Well, that was true in my case. I have zero expertise in this area in social media, marketing, computers, cell phones, anything like that. So the first thing I did was talk to Steve Monroe.

So I said, hey, here's this need, what can we do? And it was at a fellowship meal on Wednesday night, and Steve and I were chatting away about the issue, and Christy piped up.

She's like, oh, my sister. My sister was a missionary in China. She used to do some of that type of work in ministry. Let me get the two of you in touch with one another. She put the two of us in touch with one another. I got some info from her, from some of her mission contacts.

[30 : 48] And my idea was pretty simple. This is a big need.

So certainly some ministry somewhere knows how to do this. They've pioneered this. They've got it down. They've got it figured out. And we can ask them for help.

They can come alongside. I can deliver the resources to Pearl Family Garden. And we're good to go. So I reached out to BAM Global in Chicago, Businesses Mission Global.

And this is run by a group of ladies who have come out of the human trafficking. And now they are responsible for leading this ministry. I was like, this is going to be a fantastic resource. They're going to be the ones to really help us get the ball rolling on this.

I reached out to them, explained the situation. They said, you know what? We have identified the very same issue. We don't really have any of these resources.

[31 : 48] We love the idea. We'd love to do it. If you come across it, please let us know. We'd love that as well. My next phone call was to Susan Thompson, who started Ray of Hope Ministries with locations in Taiwan, Tibet, Nepal.

And she said, well, we also have a need for this. We've just added a staff member to hopefully begin the process of beginning a social media outreach. But if you come up with any resources, please let us know.

And then everywhere I turned, it seemed like I was getting the same answer. We know this is a need. We don't have it. Please help us if you can. All of a sudden, the situation had changed, and the stakes seemed a little bit higher than when I first started chatting with a friend about this over Facebook.

I prayed about it some more and felt the best way to proceed was to back up and prepare a situation analysis, a needs assessment, and a feasibility study for a digital outreach ministry for Pearl Family Garden, present my findings to them, and to see where things could go from there. Many of you in the congregation were aware of this, prayed for this whole process. I thank you again so much for praying for this. And I'm here to tell you the results far surpassed my expectations, far surpassed.

[33 : 14] We met at Pearl Family Garden's main campus, and it was a small meeting. We did have an added participant from a ministry in Hong Kong who had similar needs. I asked everyone to go around the table and briefly share their role with Pearl Family Garden and how they first came to be involved.

And then I asked Dr. Tim Key, who was with us, to share a success story from Florida where a red light district was completely shut down in the course of about 10 to 15 years through ministry efforts.

And then I presented my findings. I had contacted several social media professionals and church social media directors who were well-versed in using that medium for outreach.

I briefly explained what I'd found about the needs of their ministry in Taiwan and how a plan could be put together to reach those goals. It's rather in-depth, so I'm not going to go through it all here, but I proposed a multi-step plan with one-year, three-year, and five-year deliverables, all predicated on a successful trial run of a social media outreach, which I proposed as a 90-day trial period to gauge the success of the program.

Everyone was very enthusiastic, readily agreed that this was the proper approach, and was eager to get started. They asked me to lay out an organizational chart with role responsibilities, which I began to work on that evening and finished up a couple weeks later.

[34 : 29] And it is with a profound and deep feeling of gratitude to the Lord that I can report they have now filled these roles with a combination of people from different organizations.

They've got Overseas Missionary Fellowship. They have IMB, which is, of course, the Southern Baptist Missions arm. They've got other volunteers. Their project coordinator is a former Navy officer.

She's really, really sharp. She knows her stuff. They've got a social media director who has extensive background. She actually has come to them from the ministry in Hong Kong to help out.

They've got a content creation team. They have an administrative assistant.

They've got a lot of volunteers to help out. And the director of Pearl Family Garden was speaking to one of the key volunteers, and she said, I can't believe this is happening so fast.

It's something we've been praying out for years, and it's happening so fast. God just put it all together. It was very humbling to be asked to help, and I was grateful to be War Trace Baptist Church's hands extended to the other side of the world.

[35 : 36] This is a church in Shenzhou. We had a great time here meeting with the pastor and praying for the ministry needs. We did have the opportunity to conduct an informal strategy session, seeing what other resources might be available to be brought to bear for that church, with the primary goal of bringing on another full-time staffer.

It was an excellent meeting. I believe we were able to make some good connections with the pastor there. While we were speaking, Tim looked over and said, wait a second, is that experiencing God in Chinese?

And the pastor confirmed that it was. They got to talking about the curriculum, and the pastor expressed the need for additional resources. Tim said, hold on. He got on his phone.

He started typing on his phone, and he said, yeah, that'll do it. I was in school with Claude King, one of the authors of Experiencing God. I just told him what you're doing here.

I'm going to get you all the resources you need. There are some more manuals, workbooks, and studies that will really help your church. They're on the way. In Shenzhou, Taiwan, Silicon Valley, there's many migrant workers that come from other countries to work construction or hospitality like you see here in the United States.

[36 : 53] As a result, organized crime can hide trafficking by getting girls in on tourist visas, and then they can just keep rotating them in every three months on tourist visas, then returning them to the trafficking industry in their home country or other countries.

Many of them don't actually know what they're going to be doing. They think they're going to be working in high-end hotels, be entertainers, work in nail salons, doing food service, and they end up behind closed doors in trafficking situations in a country where they don't speak the language, where there's no help available.

This is much like what has been going on in the United States with the Venezuelan nationals who are being trafficked into this country, if you've seen that on the news. And the thing is, no one there really knows that it's going on.

These are all criminal, illegal activities, just like they are in the U.S., and most locals don't know what is happening. The church that I showed you earlier is right around the corner from the Red Light District in Shinju.

If you go a couple blocks down and turn right, you're there. Over the years, Pearl Family Garden has, their field teams have learned the signs of what these tea houses and other places look like, and these brave ladies will just walk straight up to the guards outside and say, Hi there, it's Christmas time. I have a little gift for you.

[38 : 16] Oh, and can we come back with gifts for the girls inside? How many are there? What countries are there from? So now they know how many there are, what language to present the information in, so they come back with gifts in the girls' native languages.

Last week, the first of some of these materials were received from the printer. These materials are all about reaching those who need to hear. This is an English translation.

This one is in Thai, letting them know that they have value as a person, as an individual, letting them know that Jesus loves them, and letting them know that there is a way out. Now you can see there's an obvious problem with the situation of directly approaching the tea houses.

The field workers can't let the guards know the actual purpose of Pearl Family Garden, and they're rather limited on what they can deliver and have almost no actual contact with the girls.

So that is where the digital ministry comes in, because if it's online, they can reach them as easily as they want to.

[39 : 24] If the girls are primarily Vietnamese or Thai, they can tailor their messages to these languages and include those resources in the target language. This is the first, this is just a copy of one of the first pieces of a draft of what's already coming out of the digital outreach team.

On the 9th, the team was created. What's today's the, what is today? 16th. This team was just created on the 9th.

They're already producing materials that they're going to be able to use in digital outreach there. They are hitting the ground running. One of the things they're working on is a website as a landing page for anyone who needs this will be able to encounter it, and then they can spread that out to the different organizations.

So if they encounter, if they chat with a girl who's from Thailand, they know she's going to be going back to Thailand, they can send the resources back to Pattaya, Thailand, where they know she's going to be, where they can then work on getting her out of that, getting her some help.

So it's more than just this one organization. It's, when we started, when we started this, I was thinking, okay, so BAM Global and Ray of Hope are two others that could use this.

[40 : 51] Here's a list of who all has requested resources. The Azalea Foundation, Precious Women Organization, Orphan's Promise, My Children's House of Hope, Free Reign International, Rohe Foundation, Generations Home, Joint International, a Joint Learning Initiative on Faith in Local Communities, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Shechem Home Incorporated, Samaritana Transformation Ministries, New Life Center Foundation, Nightlight International, Tamar Center, Rise Foundation, Pernata, a lot of organizations.

So if they can all get together and work together on this, they can really start to make a difference. So we're really, really excited to be a part of that. As I've been praying about it, I really feel like my work with them is done.

They've asked me, they'll call me back and ask me a few questions. Hey, what do you think about this? Can you work on this for us? I'll be glad, I'll work something up and send it to them. We'll see where God goes with it.

