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The Rev. Lim Sek-iông  
Chair, Committee of Retired Missionary from Taiwan  
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Dear Rev. Lim, and members of TCCCNA:

What a marvelous joy to receive your letter of 5 December, with the update about Taiwanese ministry in both North America and Taiwan, and news generally about Taiwan. I must say I was saddened by your mention of Marlin Wogstad's death. He was my close partner when I was teaching regularly, though not full-time, at Tainan Seminary.

Thank you also for the \$250 check you sent, given through the kindness of TCCCNA. Such touches of grace help keep memories alive and pleasant. As it happens, two of my three children are presently living in Hong Kong, just a next-door neighbor of Taiwan, and a granddaughter has had several years of service in Taiwan with Youth With a Mission (YWAM). She has developed a strong affection for Taiwan, and hopes to return there for service after more training.


As is true of everyone else, I have continued to age, with aches and pains that seem to come more easily and take longer to get over. Thankfully, I have been able to continue teaching and serving at China Lutheran Seminary in Hsin Chu. Though the primary language there is Mandarin, being in Taiwan does allow many opportunities to enjoy speaking Taiwanese. Since that was my first language in Taiwan, that always brings special pleasure...and a few smiles as well.

Being in Taiwan and in the China region allows me to appreciate the pressures that China continues to place on Taiwan, with adverse impact on the economic and financial life of Taiwan, from major industry to ordinary families. This understandably and regrettably has major implications for political life as well.

Please convey my prayer for God's continued blessings on you, on all the members of TCCCNA, and on the ministry of Taiwanese churches around the world, that we all may know justice and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I wish all a joyous Festival, under the gracious promise of Immanuel.

Your brother in Christ,

  
(Rev.) Henry Rowold, 羅恒理

P.S. If you have a contact for the Wogstad family, I would appreciate your sharing that with me.