



July 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

I arrived back to my apartment in Chiayi around 11 p.m. on July 2nd. I was quite thoroughly out of sorts with jetlag and then missed my opportunity to get my medicine refilled prior to the visit of typhoon Danas, so the jetlag was compounded by withdrawal from some of my meds. I was quite nauseous and shaky. I finally walked over downed tree branches and electrical wires to the nearby ER on Monday to get some medicine, and by the time I got back to my doctor on Tuesday, I was feeling considerably better.

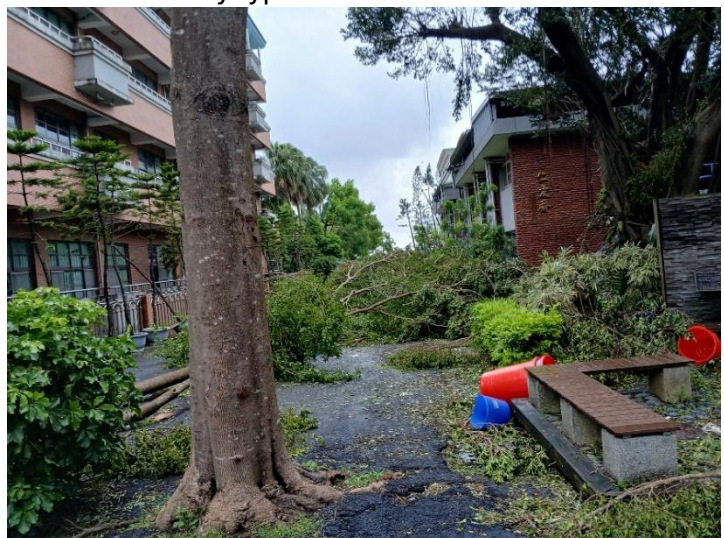
The typhoon was the first in over one hundred years to land on the west coast of Taiwan. It arrived directly west of Chiayi and hit our county and the county north of us the hardest.

Because Kass didn't have to go to the school, we spent the week watching Season 5 of the Chosen and reading Psalms together. We were also able to catch up with Haley for dinner, conversation, and card games.

The first photo shows roofing that blew off Concordia Middle School's (CMS) junior high classroom building.



The photo below shows some of the CMS trees that were downed by typhoon Danas.



A CMS worker cuts up a fallen tree.



The stripped trees make the sky look much larger.



A week later: big piles of tree limbs alongside roads awaiting large trucks to take them away



I asked Principal Mark Huang how interested people could support the school in its recovery. He said, prayers for wisdom and safety, and estimated that the cost of repairs will exceed USD \$150,000 in repairs.

Because Concordia Middle School was built before the insurance industry came to Taiwan, many of the structures were uninsurable. If God moves you to donate, the school's account information is below:

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Address: **NO.31, CHIEN KUO RD. SEC.2, MIN-HSIUNG, CHIA-YI COUNTY
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*With you in serving Jesus,
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Pastor David Bush arrived back to Taiwan on the 14th of July, and I was able to pick him up from the train and take him shopping for his bride. I was glad to have recovered from jetlag in time to help Pastor Bush with most of the things he needed to accomplish in Taiwan and take him back to the train for his flight back to Hong Kong this evening.



And above, for comic relief, is this old white lady (right) in a Saturday morning exercise class with a bunch of older, healthier Taiwanese.

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