

## Music Evangelism



### Pastor Paul's Call

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Our mission congregation recently held its second “community music recital.” The primary goal of these recitals is to share God’s Word in an informal, non-threatening way with our non-Christian neighbors. In this latest recital, six unchurched families came. For some of these families, the moms played in Irene’s ukulele ensemble. For the other families, it was the young children who played piano. Aside from our neighbors performing, our Church members, and two other Taiwan missionaries, Deaconess Sandra Rhein and Teacher Becky Bartelt, also performed. Three Christian pieces were sung, and the words were printed in the recital program. I especially liked the singing of “If God be for us who can be against us?” from Handel’s Messiah, sung by Becky Bartelt (shown above). For other pieces, Irene played ukulele, viola and flute, and I played cello and tenor recorder, and sang in a quartet. Everyone enjoyed the music in a relaxed atmosphere, and most importantly, God’s Word

was shared even with some who had probably never been in a Christian Church before.



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.  
Colossians 3:16 ESV





## What can you pray for?

### Thanks for:

- the wonderful opportunity to share God's Word with music at our music recital
- good progress on hymn editing
- the publication of *Of Good Comfort* in Chinese

### Petitions for:

- continued progress on hymn translating
- good distribution and usage of the newly published counseling books
- our home service preparation

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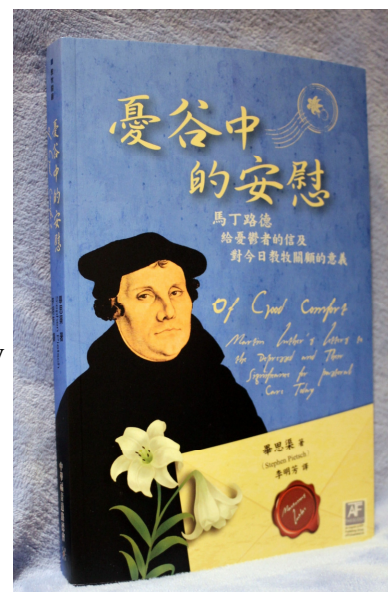
## A Hymnal Boost



The Chinese Lutheran Service Book project got a great boost over the past several weeks as I met with three different groups of volunteers to edit hymn translations. Translating hymns from English into Chinese is very challenging and time-consuming work. Since at this point we only have "final" translations for about 80 of our desired 250 hymns, we still have plenty of work ahead of us. Especially encouraging from these recent efforts, though, was that about ten new people got involved---and very interested---in this project, so we have hopes for quicker progress in the future.

## Another New Book!

What a blessing that we have a new great Lutheran book available in Chinese now. Rev. Dr. Stephen Pietsch's *Of Good Comfort: Martin Luther's Letters to the Depressed and their Significance for Pastoral Care Today* was just published by the China Evangelical Lutheran Church here in Taiwan. This book is a scholarly work delving into the details of how Luther's pastoral care for the depressed can be a helpful model even today, amidst the backdrop of current secular counseling approaches. With the more "entry-level" book *Counseling at the Cross* having been published in Chinese just a few months earlier, and now this academic work appearing, the Chinese Church has truly received a huge boost in helping her to apply God's Word of Law and Gospel to those suffering from depression and related mental and emotional difficulties.



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