

THE OC TAIWAN TEAM has been involved in reaching out to unreached people groups within Taiwan almost since its inception 60 years ago. The church in Taiwan is one of the most united in the world, with much cooperation among denominations around training and missions ministry. Yet, it is still one of the least reached of Chinese populations in the world, with just around 5% of the people having a saving faith in Christ. Read about the challenges and victories of the Taiwan Mobilization Center (MC) in the OC Global Alliance.

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With more than 24 million people in Taiwan's very small area, it is one of the world's most densely populated countries. The official national language is Mandarin Chinese, but 21 other languages are spoken on the island. *Operation World* reports 41 people groups in Taiwan, 32% of which are considered unreached. For this reason, the primary focus of the ministry work in Taiwan is national.

A HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP

The current team leader, Bea Chang, learned the Taiwanese dialect to minister among Taiwanese speakers in Taiwan, more than 20 years ago. The Taiwan team also partnered with several other agencies beginning in 1994 to reach out to a large unreached people group outside of the country, mainly through short-term impact teams. In 2008, one missionary began going to the Philippines to help train Filipino workers. Many Filipino workers have been coming to Taiwan to work with Filipino Overseas Contract Workers (OCWs). In 2011, another short-term missionary went to South Africa to work with Diaspora Chinese ministry there. At present, the Taiwan team has seven missionaries, and two associates, with two interns coming this year to tackle the tremendous ministry and partnership opportunities.

REACHING THE UNREACHED

The ministry in partnership with the Filipino OCWs has great potential. Large numbers of unreached people groups are employed as migrant workers in Taiwan within physical reach of Taiwanese who are trained in ministry—for example Buddhists from Thailand, and Muslims from Indonesia and Malaysia. While several Taiwan team members continue working with leaders in Taiwan to accomplish healthy church growth and leadership development, other members are working in missions mobilization and deployment with other groups. They are expanding their role in Diaspora Ministry among Chinese people worldwide, especially in Africa and Europe.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray

that the local church gains a heart for the unreached in Taiwan.

Pray

for more workers to send out in Diaspora Chinese ministries.

Pray

for effective ministry to address the revival of Buddhism in Taiwan.

Pray

for those being sent from the Taiwan Mobilization Center as they raise their ministry support funds. Most local churches cannot support someone entirely, so they need to go to several groups.



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