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2009 Taiwan Trip Summary

On Saturday, May 16th, sixteen Multnomah University students, two coaches, one admissions counselor, and one wife (Melissa) left the Portland International airport for Taipei, Taiwan. We arrived in Taipei at 10:00 p.m. local time. We made it to the China Trust motel in Danshui.

Day 1 – Monday

We were introduced at the Christ's College chapel session, then went down to visit the Jue Whei Elementary school, where we handed out packs of basketball cards, invited kids to our Saturday clinic, and spent time on the playground with kids teaching us how to use spin tops. Our students went back to Christ's College and had a Chinese lunch with them. Our girls spent time with their girls that afternoon.

In the evening, we went back to Christ's College for some activities with their students followed by a basketball game with their team, which Multnomah won 99-48. Melissa Miller shared her testimony at halftime of that game.



Day 2 – Tuesday

We left the motel at 6:45 a.m. for a ride on the MRT to our destination at Bethany Academy, an English-speaking Christian school in Taipei. Courtney Templeton shared her testimony at the K-4 grade chapel followed by Coach Bickley telling the David and Goliath story with the help of Colin Henderson and a student named Ashish. Our students then split up for the next hour of school in small groups with the 9th graders, answering questions about college life and anything else the students wanted to know.

Mike Woodard led a basketball skills elective class with the help of his teammates. The last class of the morning was 6th -9th grade chapel. After singing, Seth Coleman shared his and his family's testimony followed by Coach Bickley telling a story about his two friends Don and Doug. It was a busy morning for sure; the students had the afternoon off.



Day 3 – Wednesday

Another early morning start, the team took a 2-hour bus ride to Morrison Academy in Taichung. Arriving just in time for junior high chapel, Matt Campbell did an excellent job in sharing his testimony, telling the kids about a heart warming story of his childhood stuffed animal named "Sparky." The kids really enjoyed the story. Next was an interview of Nick Kamlade by Coach Bickley. Nick shared with us his favorite verse, James 1:9, only to realize after one of the 8th grade girls read it that he meant James 4:7. He was asked questions by the students and did a great job.

We spent the afternoon on campus, and then went to work at 3:00 in the gym. We ran two clinics. Our girls volleyball team ran a volleyball clinic in one gym with 25 kids. Head Coach Hanna Duke and 5 of our players spent 3 hours with the girl's team from Morrison and did





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drills and played games. Our guys ran a clinic for 1st -8th graders with a total of 68 kids. It was a wild three hours as Mike Woodard ran the main gym and Coach Bickley took the younger kids to the outdoor courts. We finished together during the last hour, handing out ball cards and NBA jerseys to the winners.

We then played the Morrison High School basketball team, which was the Far East Champions this year. MU won the game easily, 100-60.

Day 4 – Thursday

We spent this day sightseeing during the morning and afternoon, spending most of our time downtown at the Taipei 101 – the tallest building in the world. We then made our way over to the Bethany youth group, where Sally Dubos shared her testimony and Eric Friedmann was the main speaker, giving his personal testimony and sharing the struggles of last summer after he lost sight in one eye after a surfing accident. The youth group then broke up for an hour of small groups led by the Multnomah students.

Day 5 – Friday

We led the 2-hour Christ's College chapel that morning. Colin Wyenberg spoke about his testimony and told the students he was available to talk about Multnomah's post graduate programs. Colin Henderson and Hanna Duke shared their testimonies. We showed a DVD of Multnomah that Brent Looyenga and Eric Friedmann created, which was really excellent. Coach Bickley then shared a salvation themed story about Jason Midla – a former student of his.

Day 6 – Saturday

This was clinic day at Christ's College. We ran a basketball/volleyball clinic for 25 1st-4th graders followed by a basketball clinic for 25 junior high students in the afternoon. There was a flea market and 3 on 3 tournament also going on. Nick, Jake, Tyler and Brent helped run the 3 on 3 tournament. Coach Bickley shared a testimony at the clinic.

We played a game against an all-star team that had a former professional player. MU got off to a very slow start, but was able to come back and win by a score of 96-92. Seth Coleman shared his testimony at halftime to a crowd of more than 300.



Day 7 and 8 – Sunday/Monday

We attended church at The International Church, then were treated to lunch at Mary Jane's Pizza Place by Brad Bickley. The afternoon was spent sight seeing and saying goodbye to the people we met. We left for the airport early Monday morning and arrived in Portland by 8:30 a.m.



Summary

God worked in many ways. Our students did a fabulous job of boldly sharing the gospel of Christ. They also did a great job of encouraging others. One project that they did as a team was to look for something that they could give of their spending money to be an encouragement. They decided they wanted to put money towards an electronic scoreboard at Christ's College. They were able to give a gift of over \$1000 USD.

We want to thank Scott Hovater, Rex Manu and Quentin Naantz for all the help in putting this trip together. We have many friends now at Christ's College, Bethany Academy, and Morrison Academy. Our students represented Multnomah University well in each of those places. We want to thank all of you for your financial support and your prayers. We are excited about the relationships that have been established in Taiwan and what God will do with those relationships in the future.