



Dear CSS Families and Friends,

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”*




— Luke 2:14

Christmas music and decorations are everywhere and promotions of things to buy and do. Where is our heart when we celebrate the coming Christmas? What did 2022 brought you? Joy? Peace? Challenges? For most of us, it's maybe a little of all the above. But, we can trust with His love we have peace.

Christian Salvation Service's 2022 is one with challenges for sure but the blessings outnumbered any negative impact. I'd like to share some of our fruits of joy with you and hope they will brighten your days and bring you much hope in the coming 2023.

Our service for women and children in crisis is still a major effort as we reach out to clients facing physical/mental illness, joblessness due to the pandemic.... Our visits and continues phone counseling and support helped many single-parent families. Providing needed supplies to families with little or none outside resources became important when some parent/child was confirmed with the COVID-19 and not only lost income some can't even get a hot meal together. CSS' experienced care-givers are now making house calls to new parent/s who feels incompetent to care for a new born or fussy baby. The calm and reassuring nurse/care-givers help the parent/s to feel secured that they can be helped and learn. What is also very critical in situations like panicking parent/s is to make sure their living and caring environment is danger free for both the adults and the child.

The Nei-Hu Women and Families Service Center's been highly acknowledged by Social Affair Bureau of Taipei City. Their services include welfare and legal consultation, direct client service and different training programs. But, the most fun and rewarding event must be the field trip day that many mothers were able to go out to the children's farm with their child/ren. Several mothers commented how relaxing and enjoyable for them to have an outing with their child/ren without worries that they or their child will do something wrong and cause trouble.



It's a true blessing that CSS' foster care service was met with unexpected positive response. Foster families in Taiwan have grown older and harder to recruit but our workers prayerfully used many different channels and happily have most of our recruitment meetings filled before deadline. We even had to arrange for an unscheduled meeting to accommodate the additional applicants. But, it is still a path of many challenges and adjustments before one foster home is ready. We are grateful that within the past months CSS have placed 3 children into trained and approved foster families.

The roots journey of many of our adoptive families was made extra hard because of the pandemic for more than 2 years. But, all the correspondences became happy meetings for some before end of 2022. Happy tears shed with each meeting and the roots workers found it hard to cover their red eyes. I want to thank those of you who sent in your words of appreciation and photos. It is not too late to send something for CSS' 40th anniversary publication and we ARE working on possible celebration event while watching for this virus that has been unpredictable and cause changes of Government regulations day to day.

In the meantime, CSS is working towards providing early childhood intervention that is so important for children needing it, yet many rural areas cannot meet even half of the needy children. We took the first step by working with families with hearing impaired children through local medical university. The parents' feedback showed how through audiologists and therapists sharing they feel a lot more hopeful and prepared to support their children's development needs.

This letter turned into a report but a joyful one, I hope. CSS' mission of supporting women and children in crisis stays the same, but with God's help we try to meet the needs in their homes and provide the family counseling, supplies and trainings that can empower them to be responsible for their decisions and choices. Your support made it possible for us to provide these very vital services and we are grateful to you. We want to take this opportunity to thank you and wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and may 2023 bring you abundant joy with good health.

In His service,

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