

April 24, 2024

**Letter of Thanksgiving from the Church in Hualien City
to the Churches Worldwide**

We would like to give our thanks to the saints and churches in the Body of Christ for your continual care, prayer, fellowship, and support for the church in Hualien City and the disaster-stricken saints in aftermath of the April 3 Hualien earthquake. As members of the Body of Christ, we truly sense the reality of all members suffering together when one member suffers.

Our present plans regarding the aid and support for the disaster-stricken saints and the repair and reconstruction of the damaged meeting hall can be summarized as follows:

The earthquake was the largest in twenty-five years. The disaster-stricken saints, having received temporary relief and shelter support from the government and charitable organizations, would need to seek appropriate long-term resettlement. Hall One of the church in Hualien City, situated on Ming-li Road, though having survived several strong earthquakes with its structure remaining intact, has parts of its furnishing damaged. Plans are currently under way to renovate this Ming-li Road meeting hall and to provide within it long-term accommodation for the saints.

The Hualien Tung-shuai Building adjacent to the Ming-li Road meeting hall, deemed dangerous after the April 3 earthquake, eventually collapsed during the aftershock in the early morning of April 22. The second floor of the collapsed building, with a floor space of about 660 square meters, is owned by the church in Hualien City, but is now no longer available for use. In the past, buildings damaged and demolished in Hualien City due to earthquake were never rebuilt on the same site. This is because such buildings were located on fault zones and opinions were much divided concerning their reconstruction plans. Therefore, the brothers in Hualien now plan to build a new meeting hall at the current location of Hall Two on Fu-chien Road, where approximately 680 square meters of land is owned by the church. The cost of construction is estimated to be 90 million NT dollars (approximately 3 million US dollars).

We are reminded of the September 21 earthquake twenty-five years ago, when the concerted efforts of the churches worldwide in disaster relief operations, gospel preaching, spiritual reconstruction, and material offering brought great blessings from the Lord. The churches in the disaster-affected areas eventually became a source of blessing. The meeting halls rebuilt through the support of the Body stand as a testimony of the churches' mutual care in the Body of Christ.

May we, in the body of Christ, be of the same mind toward one another and take forethought for things honorable in the sight of all men (Rom. 12:16-17).

In Christ,

Brothers of the church in Hualien City

Wiring Instructions for Donations from Overseas

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NB: It is suggested that the churches in North America send their donations through the church in Anaheim.