

Dear friends of the work of the Reformation for the Gospel of the Glory of God among the Chinese People,
Greetings to you all in Jesus' name from Tim Yates

I am writing to ask a special favor in support of the work of the ministry of China Reformed Theological Seminary as the new acting Educational Dean.

First the good news . . .

We are seeing tremendous growth in both our educational programs and our student enrollment this past year. We added about 19 newly enrolled students across all our degrees this fall to make about 45 full time students total. We added a full time OT professor, Dr. Dean Ulrich, and a new M.A. in Old Testament degree. We added a new Master's of Theology degree (ThM, like 1/2 of a PhD) and started our first ThM class on October with 8 new students. We have expanded to providing oversight and teachers to two sister sites in China. We have two extension learning sites in south western Taipei County (HsinChuang and ShuLin). We have begun a new distance learning degree using our own combination of more professionally video recorded classes, and 2 or 3 live on-line classes per semester for distance students using a new system called X-Learn. We have extension students in other parts of Taiwan, Hong Kong, China and the USA. (see previews of our video classes on www.crtslive.net under videos tabs). With the on-going recommendations we are receiving from Dr. Stephen Tong and Dr. Samuel Ling, we are seeing new students enroll from other Asian countries (one from Hong Kong enrolled as extension learner, three full time students from Malaysia enrolled this fall).

Our facilities also saw some significant improvements over the past few months: the main classroom-library air conditioning system was redone at a cost of about \$10,000 US, some office and kitchen/dining room furniture was upgraded, we purchased a new DVD recorder/burner unit, video splitter & cables, video camera & video encoder hardware, stairs to the basement were repaired, new library shelving was installed, and we are working on a new seminary sign for the front of the building in cooperation with the next door Greater Grace Presbyterian Church.

Second, the great opportunity to fellowship with us in the harvest work of strengthening the Chinese churches in God's glorious gospel . . .

I'm writing specifically to you who are committed to advancing the Gospel of God among the Chinese while holding to our Reformed commitments. You have a chance to share with us in this important work through membership in our China Reformed Theology Association, a society-based non-profit in Taiwan specifically committed to

supporting the development and expansion of Reformed ministries among the Chinese. This includes the work of our CRTA sub-committees: the Family Counseling Center, headed by Lily Zheng, CRTS M.A. Biblical Counseling graduate, committed to influencing the churches with a vision for biblical counseling, our translation fellowship, and potentially working toward starting a Church Planting & Renewal Center within the next year through the help of several gifted pastors. I am asking you to prayerfully consider joining as a CRTA member, and/or joining as a church/organization member if you can also encourage your ministry group to join as well. Please fill out the attached form and email to Lu JianLi and pay the membership fee and annual dues appropriate to the category of membership you select to initiate your membership application to the CRTA. After the committee reviews your application at a regular meeting, you will be inducted into voting membership in the CRTA. All annual meetings are conducted in Chinese, but translation is possible if you sit next to me or someone else capable of translating. Because these are set as fees and dues by the Association, they are not considered tax deductible. All other additional gifts (non-membership fee or non-due related gifts) to the CRTA are tax deductible in Taiwan.

If you would rather not join as a voting member that gives direction to the overall direction of the support you give or attend annual CRTA meetings, you may express your fellowship with us in this ministry with a tax deductible offering in any amount using ATM direct transfer from your Taiwan bank (cannot exceed your maximum single withdrawal limit for a single transfer) or credit card. Your support this year and the in the future will allow you to share in our fruit that increases to your credit (Phil 4:17).

See attached forms (in two formats DOC or PDF) for details on joining CRTA as a member and the fees & dues for those different membership categories (individual or church), or giving an offering through the post office, ATM transfer or credit card transaction. Please consider what the Lord would have you do in this last year of the month and for the coming years.

Please forward this email to others who may desire to see the glorious gospel of the grace of God proclaimed through CRTS and invite them to share in this harvest with us.

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